



BUDGERIGAR COUNCIL
OF
VICTORIA INC.
SHOW RULES

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BCV JUDGES RULES & GUIDELINES

1. Judges Criterion

Judges who do not comply with the prerequisite listed immediately below will automatically be excluded from the judging panel. However a written application can be made to cover extenuating circumstances as they may from time to time arise.

- (a) Keep, breed and exhibit Budgerigars.
- (b) Officiate at a minimum of three shows per year.
- (c) Exhibit Budgerigars on no less than two occasions per year.
- (d) Attend at least one judges meeting within a two year period.
- (e) Maintain membership with the BCV.

2. Judges Creed

Judges must be fully conversant with and abide by the Judges Creed, as stated below,

- (a) To be honest in our endeavours at all times.
- (b) To judge to the best of our ability to the ANBC Standard.
- (c) To be suitably attired, presenting a reasonable professional image.
- (d) To act in accordance with the wishes of a Society or a Governing Body, provided the request is ethical.
- (e) Never be derogatory toward a colleague judge.
- (f) At no stage criticise your fellow judges' decision, as it will probably be you who is criticised next.
- (g) At all times foster the aims of the BCV i.e.. "To promote and stimulate the exhibition of Budgerigars."

3. General

- (a) Judges must be good ambassadors for the BCV.
- (b) Ensure that all birds showing signs of illness of any kind are removed from the show bench immediately.
- (c) Judges are authorised to disqualify exhibits when an infringement of BCV rules has occurred. In the event of this happening the BCV requires a written report from the officiating judge within seven days of the show.
- (d) If in doubt never be afraid to seek your fellow judges opinion.
- (e) Judges are NOT permitted to exhibit birds at shows where they are officiating.
- (f) A judge officiating at any show should not travel to the event with anyone exhibiting at that show nor carry any birds to be exhibited at that show.
- (g) Judges are permitted to exhibit birds at official BCV shows such as Shields or Classic Shows provided they do not have a proprietary interest in any birds that come before them.
- (h) Judges are not permitted to manhandle any exhibit.
- (i) Only approved BCV wooden Judging sticks/ Paddles are to be used.

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| <p align="center">Variety (cont)</p> | <p>Eyes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Varieties without a clearly visible iris ring where required in <i>The Standard</i> Varieties with a visible iris ring where the absence of an iris ring is required in <i>The Standard</i> <p>Penalty</p> <p>Birds of any variety with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Head Flecking - The heavier the flecking, the greater the penalty Incorrect coloured cheek patches, other than birds entered in the wrong class Ground colour spot on back of head or other part of the body other than as permitted in <i>The Standard</i>. Incorrect iris ring colour – not white Incorrect cere colour for the variety as described in <i>The Standard</i> Cleft, shallow or narrow masks Missing (or extra) spots where <i>The Standard</i> requires six. Spots where <i>The Standard</i> requires none. Spots incorrectly presented as required in <i>The Standard</i> Feather disturbances – ruffle in neck or chest area Wing colour and/or markings not as described in <i>The Standard</i> Long flighted and/or heavy secondary flight feather characteristics Incorrect tail feather or tail quill colour within the parameters of the variety other than the Disqualifiable characteristics Length of primary tail feathers not in proportion to the bird <p>Departure from varietal features as set out in <i>The Standard</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Red eyed self colours with markings on the head, back of neck and wings - the heavier the markings, the heavier the penalty Clearwings that do not have clear & pure ground colour on wings with absence of markings as described in <i>The Standard</i> - the heavier the markings the greater the penalty Greywings that have body colour and wing markings varying from that required in <i>The Standard</i> - the greater the departure the greater the penalty Self coloured birds, Spangle Double Factor and Lacewings with body colour suffusion Opalines not showing a clear 'V' effect in mantle or with inadequate wing markings Apart from Opalines, birds showing body colour on wings, back or neck Dominant Pieds showing incorrect markings as defined in <i>The Standard</i> for that variety of Pied. Danish Recessive Pieds with barring above the cere and / or wing markings greater or less than that as required in <i>The Standard</i> - the greater the departure the greater the penalty Crested – where a bird has multiple crests, crest off centre or has a crest or feather disturbance outside of the areas allowed for in <i>The Standard</i> Suffused that have body colour and wing markings greater or less than that required in <i>The Standard</i> – the greater the departure the greater the penalty |
| <p>Inappropriate or Illegal act by an exhibitor or team carer/s. Also refer Format & Rules for the ANBC Annual Championship Shows</p> | <p>Disqualification</p> <p>Any evidence of trimming (other than spots) or of dying or bleaching of feathers. Any practice that is deemed to be unfair including the tampering with rings. Double ringing, be it plastic or metal. Rings other than the correct coloured ring marked with the year & ANBC Secretary's nominated symbol.</p> |

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BCV SHOW RULES

NOTES TO THE BCV SHOW RULES

- All applications for Diploma Shows and Unbroken Cap Shows are considered by the Council to ensure that clubs are not disadvantaged by the allocation of too many shows on any weekend throughout the year.
- The approval of show dates will be as per the following order of preference or priority;
 - 1st preference is for Shield Competitions (or any other Council run show as determined from time to time).
 - 2nd preference is for Diploma Shows (or combined Diploma / Unbroken Cap Shows).
 - 3rd preference is for Unbroken Cap Shows.
- A list of approved Show dates will be published in the January issue of Budgie News.
- HEAT CLAUSE**
It is recommended that all clubs abide by the Heat Clause as introduced by the BCV with the welfare of the birds in mind, as follows;
 - If the weather forecast on the ABC Nightly News, on the night before any scheduled show is for 35 degrees or more for the locality of the show, No Diploma, Nor any Exhibitor Points will be available, or awarded.
 - Should the temperature forecast on the ABC Nightly News for the locality of the show be for less than 35 degrees, but on the day of the show exceeds 35 degrees, no penalty will apply.
 - Clubs affected in such manner shall be given the option of re-scheduling the show on any available, suitable and approved date in that same year.

DIPLOMA ALLOCATION REQUIREMENTS

The Budgerigar Council of Victoria may award Diplomas, trophies and exhibitor status points at its discretion for shows which it conducts and may, upon application award Diplomas, trophies and exhibitor status points for competition at shows to which its patronage is extended, with the proviso that not more than one Diploma may be awarded to each affiliated Society in any one year.

Before Council exercises its discretion as to the awarding of a Diploma, trophy or exhibitor status points for a show, the following requirements must be complied with:

- UBC Requirements**
 - A UBC certificate and exhibitor status points shall be awarded to the best UBC in an open show, carrying a previous or current year (or both) BCV or ANBC approved ring, and owner bred and rung by the exhibitor.
 - A minimum number of 80 birds (excluding pairs) must be benched in the UBC section for allocation of points. This number is to be verified by the officiating judge.
- Young Bird Requirements**
 - A Diploma Certificate and exhibitor status points for Diploma Shows, between 1st January to 31st December, shall be awarded to the Best Young Bird carrying a previous year or current year BCV or ANBC approved ring, and owner bred and rung by the exhibitor.
 - A minimum number of 120 birds (excluding pairs) must be benched in the Young Bird Section for allocation of points. This number is to be verified by the officiating judge.
- Adult Bird Requirements**
 - Exhibitor status points shall be awarded to the Best Adult Bird carrying a BCV or ANBC approved ring, and owner bred and rung by the exhibitor.
 - A minimum number of 80 Adult birds (excluding pairs) must be benched in the Adult Section for allocation of points. This number is to be verified by the officiating judge.
- Requests for Diploma Show dates must be in the hands of the BCV Secretary by 1st August of the preceding year.

- (e) The schedule of the show must conform with exhibitor status, classes and varieties as the Council may vary from time to time.
- (f) The judges appointed for the show must be current members of the BCV Judges Panel and eligible to judge Diploma Shows.
- (g) In the event of any interstate or overseas judges being appointed, the judge must be of the equivalent panel position in their home state or country. Formal BCV approval must be obtained.
- (h) At Diploma Shows, Senior Panel Judges are eligible to judge all birds, while Aspiring Judges may judge only Adult, UBC birds and colour classes.
- (i) The society holding the show must undertake to return the completed and signed BCV result sheet within 7 working days of the show to the officer nominated by the BCV. All ring numbers recorded must be verified by at least one official of the Affiliated Society conducting the Show.




2. EXHIBITOR STATUS POINTS SYSTEM

This performance based exhibitor status system was introduced in January 1st 1993. The elevation of a member through the various status levels is achieved by show results. The following are the details of exhibitor status and the elevation process.

- (a) A member when first joining the BCV must enter the Beginner Section, unless that person has already been allocated a status levels by a recognised interstate body, in which case the applicant will be accepted by the BCV at the equivalent level, but excluding Champion status.
- (b) A former member when rejoining the BCV within a 3 year period will return to his or her previous status except for a Champion member who will return to the Open section.
- (c) A member when rejoining the BCV after a period greater than 3 years may enter any section up to that of his/her previous status (excluding Champion), subject to formal BCV approval, or alternatively may enter at the Beginner Section.
- (d) Beginner Section: A member when first joining the BCV must show in the Beginner Section for 5 years or until such time as the member has gained 30 points at recognised shows. The member will be automatically elevated on January 1st of the following year into the Intermediate Section.
- (e) Intermediate Section: A member can enter this section from the Beginner Section or when rejoining the fancy (refer rule 2a, b, c & d) and will remain in this section until such time as the member has gained 30 points from the recognised shows within a 3 year period. Once the points have been achieved the member will be automatically elevated on January 1st of the following year into the Open Section.
- (f) Open Section: A member can enter this section from the Intermediate Section, the Champion Section or as a result of rule 2(a), (b) & (c). The member will remain in this section until such time as the member has gained 60 points from the recognised shows within a 3-year period. Once the points have been achieved the member will be automatically elevated into the Champion Section on January 1st of the following year.
- (g) Champion Section: A member can only enter this section from the Open Section and will remain in this section only if an aggregate of 20 points per year from recognised shows is maintained (i.e. 60 points in every 3 year period). If the member fails to maintain this criterion, the member will revert to the Open Section on January 1st of the following year.
- (h) After allocation at recognised shows, points will be assessed following the last Diploma show of the year. Members will:
 - (vii) Lose accumulated points when promoted, or
 - (viii) Maintain the previous two years points if reverting back to Open status.
- (i) Members are required to spend a minimum of 12 months in each section before progressing.
- (j) Movement through the exhibitor status will only be effective on January 1st each year (except in the case of dissolution of a partnership). Any resulting elevation or demotion will be communicated in writing by the BCV to both the member and the respective Club Secretary.
- (k) Points are allocated on the following basis:

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| Symptoms of Illness | <p>Disqualification Ruffled, huddled in appearance, sometimes with vomiting and/or diarrhoea (often described as 'dirty' vent but not to be confused with nervous wet vent) Remove from the bench</p> |
| Presence of Mites  | <p>Disqualification Scaly face - Encrustations visible on one or more of the cere, beak, legs, eyes and vent. Feather mite - Ragged black or brown markings on feathers, particularly on the side toward the vent area Remove from the bench</p> |
| Presence of Lice   | <p>Disqualification Visible usually on face, mask or neck as black 'dots' or fly shaped - flat & fast moving. Each disappear into the feather when disturbed Remove from the bench</p> |
| Deformity or Injury | <p>Disqualification Undershot beak, evidence of feather plucking, dislocated joints, obvious French moult, three or more toes 'permanently' facing forward, inability to grip the perch, missing toe/s or part thereof - not toe nails, more than two primary tail feathers, substantial bleeding Penalty</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Twisted primary tail feather/s Broken or missing or twisted toe nails [not toes] |
| Condition | <p>Disqualification Adult Birds - Cere colour not relating to the sex of the bird, i.e. hormonal change. Both primary tail feathers missing or neither below the secondary tail feathers Broken Nest Feather - Disqualification clauses as per adult birds apply plus solid iris ring where present in the variety coupled with adult coloured cere, pin feathers in the cap, visible adult feathers in cap, neck, body or wing Penalty</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presence of pin feathers in adult birds • Missing flight feathers • Missing one primary tail feather • Broken feathers. <p>The worse the condition the greater the penalty</p> |
| Variety | <p>Disqualification Birds entered in the wrong class:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Includes birds showing characteristics other than those described in <i>The Standard</i> for the variety they represent <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Combination of Cinnamon with Clearwing and Greywing. ○ Blackeyed Selfs with grey cheek patches <p>Entries in the Dominant Pied Class with ground colour spot only on back of head or other part of the body</p> |

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- membership is recorded)
7. Competing;
 - (a) Any Society affiliated with the Budgerigar Council of Victoria may compete in the Unbroken Cap Shield.
 - (b) For the Young Bird Shield any competing Society must be affiliated with the Budgerigar Council of Victoria, and any exhibitor not resident within Victoria must also comply with the following ANBC rule: "Exhibitors registered with one State or Zone must exhibit with that State or Zone. Exhibitors registered with more than one State or Zone must exhibit with the State or Zone in which they reside."
 - (c) All birds entered must carry a Budgerigar Council of Victoria issued ring.
 - (d) All birds entered in the Young Bird Shield must be eligible for selection to represent Victoria at the ANBC National Competition. The exception to this would be birds belonging to a judge that would be officiating at the ANBC National Competition the following weekend
 8. A member can only show with one club.
 9. The ring number of the competing birds and their owners' name must be notified to the Shield Secretary at least seventy-two hours before the time set for the competition by a club representative. Birds must be benched 30 minutes prior to commencement of judging. Failure to carry out these rules may result in the offending entries being rejected.
 10. Judges will be appointed by the Judges and Standards Committee.
 11. All rules relating to standard show cages will apply.
 12. Teams may enter three birds in each class; however points will only be allocated to the two highest placed birds from each team. Birds will be judged down to the 30th place.
 13. Shield Competition points will only be allocated for the 20 placed birds on the basis of 2 birds per team. Points allocated will be 20 for first place down to 1 for twentieth place.
 14. Trophies will be awarded as from time to time determined by the Budgerigar Council of Victoria.
 15. In the event of a tie, the winning team will be decided by a count back, i.e. the number of first placing's will be counted, the number of second places, etc., until one team has the advantage over the other.
 16. Variety Breeders Certificates will be awarded to exhibitors, who each year, accumulate the most points for a variety. It will be called the Variety Breeders Award and points are gained on the following basis:
 - (i) At the UBC, Young and Adult Bird Shield for the first 6 places, first is awarded 6 points down to 1 point for sixth.
 - (ii) At a National Show, Victorian birds in the top 6 will accumulate points as for the shields.
 - (iii) Or as Council may from time to time determine.
 17. Any matter not covered by these rules will be dealt with by the Council. Correspondence will be accepted and dealt with by council on any concerns regarding these rules.

MATTERS WHICH SHOULD BE REFERRED TO THE SHOW MANAGER

1. Cages which do not comply with the Standard
2. Marked cages eg:
 - (a) dirty cages,
 - (b) incorrect seed mixture,
 - (c) square door,
 - (d) incorrect tape on door,
 - (e) multiple cage stickers,
 - (f) paper or underlay on cage floor, and
 - (g) missing/incorrectly placed drinkers.
3. Any other item which will in the opinion of the Steward or Judge constitutes a marked cage.

| Section | Sectional Requirements | In Show requirements | Re-Requirements not met |
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| Award | (Best in Section) | (Best in Show) | (Best in Show) |
| Adult | | | |
| Points attained | 5 points | Max 10 points | 5 points |
| Minimum number of birds | 20 total | 80 total | 20 total |
| Minimum exhibitors | 3 total | 3 total | 3 total |
| Young | | | |
| Points attained | 5 points | Max 10 points | 5 points |
| Minimum number of birds | 20 total | 120 total | 20 total |
| Minimum exhibitors | 3 total | 3 total | 3 total |
| Unbroken Caps | | | |
| Points attained | 5 points | Max 10 points | 5 points |
| Minimum number of birds | 20 total | 80 total | 20 total |
| Minimum exhibitors | 3 total | 3 total | 3 total |
| Shield Competition | | | |
| 1 st Place | | | 10 Points |
| 2 nd Place | | | 7 Points |
| 3 rd Place | | | 3 Points |
| National Competition | | | |
| 1 st Place | | | 15 Points |
| 2 nd Place | | | 10 Points |
| 3 rd Place | | | 5 Points |

Refer notes 1 through 5b

NOTES:

1.
 - a. A National Show is hosted by each state or zone affiliated with the ANBC.
 - b. A Shield Competition is either the BCV Adult Bird shield, BCV Young Bird Shield or the BCV UBC Shield.
 - c. A Diploma Show is a show as defined in BCV Show Rules.
2. A Full Class is a class with a minimum of 20 birds benched by at least 3 exhibitors (excluding pairs). Council can at their discretion vary the number at designated shows.
 3. Council reserves the right to allocate points to any show from time to time, even if these points are in addition to the points listed above. A minimum of 3 months notice will be given to all exhibitors.
4. The points required to progress through the membership status must be accumulated by more one bird.

5. a. The Diploma Winner will receive **5 points** for the Diploma and an **additional 5 points** for winning the section from which it came, therefore **a maximum of 10 points** may be allocated, provided full class conditions are met..

b. The best Adult Bird in a Diploma Show will receive **5 points** for the best Adult Bird and an **additional 5 points** for winning the section from which it came, therefore **a maximum of 10 points** may be allocated, provided full class conditions are met.

c. The best UBC Bird in Show will receive **5 points** for the best UBC Bird and an **additional 5 points** for winning the section from which it came, therefore **a maximum of 10 points** may be allocated, provided full class conditions are met.

3. PARTNERSHIPS

- (a) The formation, dissolution or retirement from a partnership and the partnership name must be confirmed in writing within 7 days to the B.C.V. Secretary by all members of the partnership.
- (b) When a partnership is established, the partnership must exhibit in the section of the highest ranking member of the partnership, excepting Champion.
- (c) Each member must be a financial member of an Affiliated Society and a registered member of the Budgerigar Council of Victoria or a recognised Interstate Body, with the exception of immediate family partnerships.
- (d) All members of a partnership must at all time show as the partnership.
- (e) When a Champion partnership is dissolved the individual members will revert to one level lower of membership status. (Clarification: it is the partnership that has claim to the membership status and not the individual.)
- (f) In the event of a member of a Champion partnership dying, the remaining partner/s will retain their current membership status.
- (g) The Secretary will notify all Affiliated Societies of any change to partnerships [refer rule 3(c)] prior to January of each year.
- (h) Rings issued to a partnership may be either the individual's code or a single partnership code.
- (i) If a breach of rules is proven against any one member of a partnership, all members of that partnership will be held equally responsible.
- (j) In the event of an Interstate partnership being formed, the partnership shall be treated as an individual [refer rule 3(d)], subsequently birds can only be exhibited with one state at a National Competition.
- (k) A Widow or Widower of a member not being a member of the BCV may on applying for membership apply for their deceased spouse's code number. They shall then exhibit in their deceased spouse's status.

4. GUIDELINES FOR JUDGING MAJOR AWARDS

- (a) To decide the Best Young Bird in Show, assemble Best Young Cock and Best Young Hen from each of the Beginner, Intermediate, Open and Champion Sections. From this group select the Best Bird which becomes the Champion Young Bird in Show. Next select the Reserve Bird or Opposite Sex (whichever is stipulated by the Society conducting the show).
- (b) If there are Young and Adult Birds, the above procedure shall be used to select Champion Bird for each category. The Champion UBC Bird, Champion Young Bird and the Champion Adult Bird are then brought together to select the Grand Champion Bird in Show.
- (c) To decide the Best UBC in Show, assemble Best UBC from each of the Beginner, Intermediate, Open and Champion Sections. From this group select the Best Bird which becomes the Champion UBC in Show. Next select the Reserve Bird.
- (d) After the Grand Champion Bird has been selected, work back through each section to select the Best Adult Bird, the Best Young Bird in each of the sections (This is required in order to complete the Diploma Show Result Sheet).
- (e) Any other Specials, such as Best of Colour/Variety are selected now.

5. EXHIBITOR BEHAVIOUR

Exhibitors are asked to be extremely careful during "Open Judging" that they do not convey to the Judge, in any manner, or by any gesture, that they have an exhibit before the Judge. A first, or unintentional, offence will bring a warning from the Judge. However, any action deemed to be deliberate, or persistent can result in disqualification, via consultation with the Show Manager. Should an exhibit be disqualified, the Judge will provide a written report of the incident to Council, within 7 days of the Show. Council will then decide if further action should be taken.

6. SHOW OFFENCES

- (a) Any bird suspected by a judge of having been tampered with is to be called to the attention of the Show Manager and removed from the bench. As soon as practicable the Show Manager, the reporting judge and one other judge (or show official) are to assemble with the bird's owner or representative to conduct a thorough examination of the apparent misconduct.
- (b) Details (including the birds ring number) of any suspected show offence must be fully recorded by the Show Manager on the day of the show and posted to the BCV Secretary within 7 days.
- (c) The BCV, the show promoting society or any of the officials of the show promoting society concerned with the inspection of the bird in question shall not be responsible for any loss or damage to the bird.
- (d) All complaints received by the Secretary under this rule shall be dealt with in accordance with rules 12 and 13 of the General Rules.
- (e) Any **Adult or Young** bird exhibited with more than one ring will be disqualified. However a bird with no ring may be exhibited in Adult Class but is not eligible for exhibitor status points.

7. OTHER

- (a) Exhibitors living under the same roof will assume the highest level of member status held by one of the members.
- (b) A Junior Section may be included at the discretion of the society conducting the show. Exhibitor points shall not apply.
- (c) Any exhibitor not registered with the Budgerigar Council of Victoria must show in the equivalent section of the society they are registered with, or in the Open Section.
- (d) Any member who feels disadvantaged by the show rules as they apply to membership status may apply in writing to the BCV seeking an exemption.

RULES FOR SHIELD COMPETITIONS

1. The competition shall be conducted by the Budgerigar Council of Victoria, and shall be held between Societies affiliated with the Council, or collections of affiliated societies as approved by council.
2. Each competing team shall be liable for payment of a prescribed nomination fee payable to the Treasurer of the Budgerigar Council of Victoria at least one month before the date of the competition.
3. All expenses incurred will be met by the Council.
4. The Council will notify all affiliated Societies by mail, of the dates of the Harold Heath Unbroken Cap Shield, the Frank Gardiner Young Bird Shield and the Harry Eady Adult Bird Shield competitions at least three months prior to the competition.
5. Classes eligible for the competition will be reviewed by the Budgerigar Council of Victoria each year and affiliated Societies notified of changes at least twelve months prior to the competition.
6. Age Categories;
 - (a) An Unbroken Cap is a bird that has not commenced its first moult and carries a previous year or current year ring (**or both**).
 - (b) A Young Bird is one that has completed its first moult and carries the previous year's ring.
 - (c) An Adult Bird is one that carries a ring dated at least two years prior to the year of the shield.
 - (d) All birds competing must be owned, bred and rung by the exhibitor. (Clarification: - Bona fide property and in the keeping of the exhibitor at the address at which the