

Special Regulations

Melbourne Royal

All Breeds & Action Dogs

Championship Show

1. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

1.1 DEFINITIONS

The following definitions apply unless the context requires otherwise:

Agent includes any person, agent, association or corporation engaged by or on behalf of the Exhibitor and any person acting or purporting to act on the Exhibitor's behalf (including any person who is an invitee of the Exhibitor and regardless of whether the person is remunerated or not).

Assistant Chief Steward means the person occupying or acting in the position of Assistant Chief Steward of a section.

Body includes any society, organisation or body within or outside Australia having similar objects to Melbourne Royal and, without limitation, includes:

- Royal Agricultural Society of the Northern Territory Inc;
- Royal National Agricultural & Industrial Association of Queensland;
- Royal Agricultural & Horticultural Society of South Australia;
- Royal Agricultural Society of NSW;
- Royal Agricultural Society of Tasmania;
- Royal National Capital Agricultural Society;
- Royal Agricultural Society of WA;
- Dogs Victoria; and
- any breed association or society recognised by Melbourne Royal.

Business Day means a week day on which banks in Melbourne are open for business.

Chief Executive Officer means a person occupying or acting in the position of Chief Executive Officer of Melbourne Royal.

Chief Steward means the person occupying or acting in the position of Chief Steward of a section.

Closing Date means the date and time set out in the Relevant Schedule after which entries for the Event will not be accepted by Melbourne Royal.

Drug has the meaning set out in the Relevant Schedule.

Event includes competition and class and without limitation includes any event listed in a Schedule. Event also includes the period of bump-in and bump-out for the Event and the period of the Event competition.

Entry Form means an entry form (or online equivalent) supplied by Melbourne Royal for an Event.

Event Participant includes judges, stewards, contractors, spectators, Exhibitors and all persons present at the Venue during the Event.

Exhibit means the animal, person or item entered into an Event by an Exhibitor.

Exhibitor means the owner of the Exhibit, and if the owner is less than 18 years of age, the parent or guardian of the owner who signs the Entry Form.

The Exhibitor is the person showing the Exhibit and is responsible for the Exhibit entry. The Exhibitor may include the Owner, Lessee or Agent of the Owner or Lessee and may be an individual, syndicate or company.

Inspector means a person described as such in the Regulations.

Judge means a person appointed by Melbourne Royal to judge an Event.

Motor Vehicle includes a truck, trailer, horse float and stock transporter but does not include a caravan.

Melbourne Royal means The Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria Limited t/as Melbourne Royal (ACN 006 728 785).

Regulations means:

- Melbourne Royal Special Regulations for All Competitions;
- the rules, regulations and conditions of entry set out in the Relevant Schedule; and
- the rules, regulations and conditions of entry set out on the Entry Form for the Event.



Relevant Schedule means the Schedule which applies to the particular Event in which the Exhibitor has submitted or proposes to submit an entry in accordance with these Regulations.

Schedule means a Schedule of events and prizes issued by Melbourne Royal and without limitation, a reference to a Schedule includes a reference to the rules, regulations and conditions set out in the Schedule.

Show means the Melbourne Royal Show.

Showgrounds means the Melbourne Showgrounds, Epsom Road, Ascot Vale, Victoria and includes without limitation all areas owned, used, rented or leased by Melbourne Royal.

Steward means a person occupying or acting in the position of steward.

Venue means the site or location at which the Event is held.

Veterinary Surgeon means a veterinary surgeon appointed by Melbourne Royal.

1.2 INTERPRETATION

Headings are for convenience only and do not affect interpretation. The following rules apply unless the context requires otherwise.

- a. The singular includes the plural and conversely.
- b. A gender includes all genders.
- c. If a word or phrase is defined, its other grammatical forms have a corresponding meaning.
- d. A reference to a person, corporation, trust, partnership, unincorporated body or other entity includes any of them.
- e. A reference to a Regulation is a reference to a Regulation of these Regulations.
- f. A reference to a Regulation, rule or condition of entry is to the regulation, rule or condition of entry as amended, varied, supplemented, novated or replaced, except to the extent prohibited by these Regulations.
- g. A reference to a right or obligation of any two or more persons confers that right, or imposes that obligation, as the case may be, jointly and severally.

In the event of an inconsistency between the Special Regulations and a Schedule, the Special Regulations prevail to the extent of the inconsistency unless otherwise provided.

2. ENTRIES

2.1 ENTRY SUBMISSIONS

- a. Entries close on Tuesday 4 August 2026 at 5pm (excluding Baby Puppy Class which closes on Tuesday 18 August 2026 at 5pm).

- b. The entry fee set out in the Schedule shall be forwarded with each entry. Paper based entries for the Melbourne Royal Show Championship All Breeds Show must be mailed to:
Dog Event Manager
Melbourne Royal
Melbourne Showgrounds
Epsom Road, Ascot Vale VIC 3032
- c. Online entries can be submitted via Melbourne Royal's online entry facility:
www.melbourneroyal.com.au
- d. Any forms containing information about an Exhibitor or Dog must be signed by the Exhibitor or his authorised agent.
- e. The Exhibitor is responsible for the correctness of all information on the entry form.
- f. Where an Exhibitor is less than 18 years of age, the entry form must be signed by the Exhibitor's parent or guardian.
- g. Exhibitors and dogs participating at the Show do so at their own risk.
- h. Exhibitors will not be given permission to leave the Showgrounds before 5pm unless under extreme circumstances and must be accompanied by a Melbourne Royal employee or representative.

2.2 LIMITATIONS

Subject to the regulations in the relevant Schedule, no dog may be entered in more than one Ordinary Class. Action Dog and Sweepstakes classes do not count as Ordinary Classes.

2.3 CHANGES

Subject to regulations in the relevant Schedule, no entry may be changed by the Exhibitor after entries close unless otherwise permitted by Melbourne Royal.

2.4 ENTRY FEES

The entry fee becomes the property of Melbourne Royal upon its receipt by Melbourne Royal and, without limitation, the entry fee in respect of an entry which is withdrawn or does not satisfy the conditions of eligibility will not be refunded.

3. WITHDRAWALS AND NON-ATTENDANCE

3.1 WITHDRAWALS

- a. All withdrawals must be made in writing and submitted to the Melbourne Royal Dog Event Manager by 5:00pm on the nominated Withdrawal Date listed in the Information for Exhibitors.



3.2 NON-ATTENDANCE

- a. Every Exhibit (dog) entered must be exhibited unless a certificate signed by the owner is lodged with Melbourne Royal prior to the date of the Show, stating that the Exhibit is unable to compete for one or more of the following reasons:
 - The dog has died;
 - The dog is unfit for exhibition due to injury or disease;
 - The dog has become ineligible for the class entered;
 - Some other cause which Melbourne Royal considers reasonable; or
 - After arrival at the Showgrounds, an Exhibit (dog) may be withdrawn from an event or class if it has become unfit to compete.

4. EXHIBITS

4.1 OWNERSHIP OF EXHIBITS

- a. Unless Melbourne Royal otherwise permits, all Exhibits must be the bona fide property of the Exhibitor at the time of entry or be held by the Exhibitor under written lease in existence at the time of entry and Melbourne Royal shall have the power to recognise or reject such lease as it deems fit.
- b. If ownership/lessee of an Exhibit changes after the submission date, Melbourne Royal must be notified in writing of the ownership/lessee change no later than 14 days prior to the date of Exhibition
- c. Melbourne Royal may, if requested in writing by the purchaser/lessee, and at its absolute discretion, amend the entry by endorsing thereon the name of the purchaser as the owner of that Exhibit.
- d. An Exhibit which is not the property of the Exhibitor or held by the Exhibitor under a written lease in existence both at the time Melbourne Royal receives the entry and/or at the time of judging will be ineligible for the event.

4.2 STATE CONTROLLING BODY MEMBERSHIP NUMBER

The state controlling body membership number must be the same as recorded on Registration papers (i.e. if dogs are owned in different names they must have different membership numbers to reflect correct registration).

4.3 EXHIBIT NUMBERS

- a. Exhibit numbers will be collected at the Show prior to the commencement of judging each day. An information booklet will be distributed to Exhibitors before the Show.

- b. It is imperative to have the correct mailing and email address when entering. If you do not intend to be at your normal place of residence, a C/- address should be written on the entry form and highlighted.
- c. When dogs are being judged the handler must wear the Exhibit number of only the dog being handled.

4.4 CHECK-IN OF EXHIBITS

- **Conformation:** No dog will be admitted to the judging ring unless its Exhibit number is stamped. This will take place between 8am and 9am each day or at the discretion of the Show Manager.
- **Action Dog:** Refer to Action Dog pages for Check In times relating to these competitions.

4.5 EXERCISING EXHIBITS

- a. Exhibitors are advised that an exercise area will be made available between 9am and 5pm each day as signed and directed by the Dog Superintendent.
- b. Dogs must be on a lead at all times and are not permitted outside of the dog precinct. except as stated herein, no Exhibit may be absent from its bench unless for the purpose of being judged.

4.6 AGE OF EXHIBITS

The age of the Exhibit for the purpose of a Show, shall be calculated from the date of birth as recorded with a recognised controlling body (e.g. Dogs Victoria, Dogs NSW etc) as at 12am of the first day of Conformation Judging (i.e. 26 September 2026).

4.7 HEALTH OF EXHIBITS

- a. Melbourne Royal may in any circumstances it thinks fit, refuse to accept the entry of an Exhibit, or may at any time, cancel any entry already accepted and may disqualify the Exhibit from competing or exhibiting in any specific class or classes or events and without prejudice, to the generality of the foregoing, the Committee shall so act if a report of the Veterinary Surgeon discloses that he/she considers or finds that the Exhibit:
 - Is affected with any contagious or infectious disease or is known to have or is suspected of having been brought onto the Showground from a kennel in which an animal is affected by or suffering from a contagious or infectious disease or which an animal was affected by or suffering from a contagious or infectious disease within 30 days or the relevant incubation period thereof whichever is the shorter, prior to the date upon which the relevant Exhibit was brought on to the Showgrounds;

- Shows any signs of any surgical or other artificial interference which is calculated to deceive or is capable of deceiving either Judge or spectators.

4.8 BENCHING

- Exhibitors are advised to strictly observe the following conditions:
 - All Exhibits must be benched from 9am to 5pm on the day of exhibition.
 - A dog must not be placed on the bench or in a cage as to be away from the public view.
 - Every dog must be provided with a suitable collar and chain or a lead. Nothing may be adhered to crates/cages that will affect the view of the public.
 - Not more than one Exhibit may occupy any one bench or cage unless allocated by Melbourne Royal.
 - Dogs shall be placed where directed by Melbourne Royal.
 - Benches are for dogs and dogs in crates only. Exhibitors **must not** sit on the benches.
 - The position of Exhibit numbers on benches or cages must not be altered.

5. HEALTH OF EXHIBITS

5.1 GENERAL HEALTH OF EXHIBITS

- If the Exhibitor or any Agent of the Exhibitor detects or suspects any illness amongst any of their Exhibits whilst the Exhibits are at the Showgrounds, the Exhibitor must:
 - report this fact immediately to the representative of Melbourne Royal or Superintendent;
 - Ensure that the Exhibit(s) concerned is/are contained within its/their accommodation area/s unless advised otherwise by the Superintendent or a member of the Melbourne Royal veterinary on duty;
 - Where feasible to do so, contain soiled bedding from the Exhibit/s within its/their accommodation area.

5.2 TREATMENT UPON ILLNESS OR INJURY OF EXHIBIT

- If an Exhibit is ill or injured, a Veterinary Surgeon may in his or her discretion attend to or treat the Exhibit. The Veterinary Surgeon may do so even in the absence of authority from the Exhibitor, or contrary to that authority.
- Exhibits proved unsound by the attending Melbourne Royal Vet will be removed from all future competition and classes from the Show and/or the Showgrounds until presented fit for competition by the Melbourne Royal Vet at the expense of the Exhibitor.

5.3 VETERINARY SURGEONS

- Where an Exhibitor wishes to engage or consult a veterinary surgeon who is not appointed by Melbourne Royal, the Exhibitor must first inform the representative of Melbourne Royal responsible for the applicable livestock section.
- A Veterinary Surgeon, a Judge and Melbourne Royal itself is not required to have regard to or to consider any opinion of a veterinary surgeon so engaged or consulted by the Exhibitor, and a decision of a Veterinary Surgeon, a Judge or Melbourne Royal is final regardless of whether or not the Exhibitor has engaged or consulted a veterinary surgeon not appointed by Melbourne Royal.

6. DOCUMENTS FOR PRESENTATION WHILST ON THE SHOWGROUNDS

- Animal Registration papers, AAR microchip papers, and birth certificates, or certified photocopies thereof, are not required to be submitted to Melbourne Royal or to accompany an Application for Entry.
- Such documentation will be required to be on hand whilst the Exhibitor and the Exhibits are on the Showgrounds and must be produced upon request for perusal by the Melbourne Royal representative or other Melbourne Royal authorised person, or otherwise specified by Melbourne Royal.
- Failure to produce such documents if requested will result in the Exhibit being ineligible for the Event.

7. CONDUCT OF EXHIBITORS

7.1 GENERAL CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

All Exhibitors and/or persons entering the Showgrounds are required to adhere to the Conditions of Entry whilst on the Showgrounds.

7.2 COMPLIANCE WITH RULES AND REGULATIONS

- Where an Exhibitor fails to comply with any of the Regulations, Melbourne Royal may impose one or more of the following penalties on the Exhibit or Exhibitor or both of them:
 - Disqualification;
 - Suspension;
 - A fine;
 - Order the Exhibit, the Exhibitor or any associated Agents or invitees be removed from the Melbourne Showgrounds; or
 - Any other penalty.
- All penalties will be decided by Melbourne Royal's Executive General Manager of Agriculture or appointed representative.



- c. Without limiting the above, Melbourne Royal may forfeit an award, and upon the forfeiture, the Exhibitor must return any ribbon, money, prize card or other evidence of that award to Melbourne Royal immediately after receiving notification of the forfeiture.

7.3 COMPLIANCE WITH DIRECTIONS

- a. The Exhibitor must fully comply with the directions and requests of Melbourne Royal and any of its representatives.
- b. Without limitation, directions and request of Melbourne Royal may apply to the entry of the Exhibit, the Exhibitor, the conditions of the Event, the conduct of the Exhibitor, the decision of the Judge or the award of prizes.
- c. Exhibitors who fail and/or refuse to comply with directions may be liable for disqualification and for non-acceptance of entry at future Melbourne Royal Shows.

7.4 STATEMENTS

The Exhibitor must not make a statement regarding an Exhibit which, in the opinion of Melbourne Royal is fraudulent, false, erroneous, misleading or deceptive or likely to mislead or deceive.

7.5 UNACCEPTABLE CONDUCT & BEHAVIOUR

- a. Melbourne Royal is committed to providing a fair and equitable venue for all participants, free from all forms of harassment, bullying and violence. The following behaviour or conduct will not be tolerated and may result in the Exhibitor/ persons being removed from the Showgrounds and/or disqualified from the competition and formal procedures initiated:
 - i. Aggressive or abusive behaviour or language;
 - ii. Violence or unwanted physical contact;
 - iii. Intimidation or bullying;
 - iv. harassment;
 - v. sexual harassment;
 - vi. unlawful discrimination;
 - vii. victimization;
 - viii. defamation;
 - ix. vandalism or property damage;
 - x. any other form of unacceptable behaviour as deemed by Melbourne Royal.
- b. Persons breaching acceptable standards of behavior may be banned from entering future Melbourne Royal Events and/or the venue.

8. POWERS OF MELBOURNE ROYAL

8.1 POWER TO REFUSE TO ACCEPT AN ENTRY, EXHIBIT OR EXHIBITOR

- a. Melbourne Royal may refuse to accept an Entry, an Exhibit or Exhibitor or any of them at its absolute discretion, at any time, and for any reason.

8.2 POWER TO CANCEL OR ALTER

- a. Melbourne Royal may:
 - i. alter the Closing Date for an Event, or the Closing Date for receipt of any particular entry;
 - ii. remove, or cause to be removed, any Exhibit from the Melbourne Showgrounds;
 - iii. amend any entry for an Event to, without limitation, substitute an alternate competition or class for the competition or class in which the Exhibit is or was entered;
 - iv. alter the conditions of any Event;
 - v. refuse to display an Exhibit;
 - vi. rule that an Exhibit or Exhibitor may not compete or is ineligible to compete;
 - vii. alter the date, time or place on or at which any Event/Class is scheduled to take place or to be judged;
 - viii. alter the Judge scheduled to judge any Event;
 - ix. cancel any Event; or
 - x. cancel or merge classes if less than four Exhibits are entered.
 - xi. make any other determinations or directions on any matter in relation to the conduct of the Event.
- b. The rights set out above apply notwithstanding:
 - i. Melbourne Royal's acceptance of an entry for an Event;
 - ii. Inclusion of an entry for an Event in the Event Catalogue
 - iii. The issue of an exhibit ticket to an Exhibitor or in respect of an Exhibit or an Event; or
 - iv. The issue of any other document to an Exhibitor or in respect of an Exhibit or an Event.

8.3 REMOVAL OF INELIGIBLE ANIMALS

Melbourne Royal reserves the right to insist that ineligible animals be removed from the Showgrounds at the expense of the Exhibitor upon request.

8.4 MUTUAL RECOGNITION

- a. Melbourne Royal may recognise, act upon and enforce any penalty imposed by a Body on an Exhibit or Exhibitor at any time.
- b. Melbourne Royal may in its absolute discretion reject entries from Competitors or Exhibitors who, or whose Exhibits, are or have been subject to disqualification from any Royal or other Show or a breed society or similar body.



8.5 FURTHER PROCEEDINGS

Melbourne Royal may conduct further proceedings in relation to any matter concerning an Exhibitor, Exhibit, Agent or Owner or potential Exhibitor, Exhibit, Agent or Owner, and impose any suspension, fine, disqualification, withdrawal or forfeiture of an award, handicap, reprimand, warning or any other penalty, irrespective of whether a Body has already imposed a penalty on the Exhibitor, Exhibit, Agent or Owner.

8.6 RECIPROCAL ARRANGEMENTS

Melbourne Royal may enter into reciprocal arrangements with a Body in relation to any matter concerning an Exhibit, Exhibitor, Agent or Owner or potential Exhibit, Exhibitor, Agent or Owner.

8.7 MELBOURNE ROYAL MAY REMOVE EXHIBITOR

- a. Melbourne Royal may in its absolute discretion remove the Exhibitor, its Agent or any other persons from the Showgrounds who:
 - i. do not comply with any rules or directions made by Melbourne Royal or its Personnel;
 - ii. commits any other breach of or non-observance of any of the other Regulations.
- b. Melbourne Royal reserves the right in its direction to ban the Exhibitor, its Agent or any other persons from entering future Shows and/or the Showgrounds generally.
- c. The Exhibitor will have no claim against Melbourne Royal for any refund, loss or compensation, including loss of profit, by the exercise of the rights of Melbourne Royal under this Regulation 8.7

9. JUDGING

9.1 TIMETABLING OF JUDGING

Melbourne Royal may alter the order of breed judging, or the Judge for any particular class at any time if it deems fit.

9.2 ENTRY TICKETS

- a. Melbourne Royal will issue complimentary admittance for the day the Exhibit is required for judging on the following basis (subject to availability):
 - **CONFORMATION:** Two passes for up to two exhibits, then one pass per additional exhibit.
 - **ACTION DOG:** Two passes for up to two exhibits, then one pass per additional exhibit.

9.3 ASSEMBLY

- a. In view of the need to expedite judging, Exhibitors will be held wholly responsible for having their Exhibits in the assembly ring immediately as they are required for judging.

- b. After the Steward has given the word to the Judge to proceed with the judging of a competition, no Exhibit may enter the judging ring until after that competition has been completed.
- c. Exhibits which are not brought promptly to the rings when called, and the owners or Exhibitors of which omit to obey the order of the Stewards, or are wearing more than one Exhibit number, maybe refused admission to the rings.

9.4 NO INDICATION OF OWNERSHIP

No Exhibit or person in charge thereof shall be equipped with, wear or display anything, which indicates the ownership of the Exhibit before or during conformation judging unless this practice is expressly authorised in the regulation in the relevant prize schedule.

9.5 INTERFERENCE

No Competitor or Exhibitor or Agent of any Competitor or Exhibitor shall in any way influence, consult or interfere with or attempt to influence consult or interfere with the Judge or endeavour to interfere with his/her freedom of choice or judgement, unless it is expressly authorized.

9.6 DECISION

- a. The decision of the Judge as to the merits of the Exhibit, shall be final and binding whether or not such decision was made or purported to be made in accordance with these or any other relevant regulations and no appeal may be made or order for review or similar order sought there from to any court of law or other body on the question of merit of the Exhibit or on any matter arising out of or in connection with the manner in which the Judge's decision was made or purported to be made or otherwise.
- b. Judges are empowered and are requested not to award any prize, (including Special Prizes), to any Exhibit, which they consider, is not of sufficient merit. Where, in any class or competition a first place is not awarded by the Judge, there shall be no second or third placing awarded.
- c. The Judge may not place two or more separate Exhibits equal for any award, nor may he/she re-judge any competition because of the absence from the judging ring of any Exhibit at the time of judging that competition. The Judge may make a reserve number, by marking it as such, of the Exhibit next in order beyond those to which the prizes are awarded in every class where the number of the entries exceeds the number of prizes offered, if, in his/her opinion, the Exhibit is of sufficient merit with the exception of reserve challenge award, such emergency number does not carry any prize, or other reward.



- d. Certificates awarded at the Show shall be exhibited with the Exhibit for the duration of the period the Exhibit is required at the Show.

10. PRIZES AND AWARDS

10.1 PAYMENT OF PRIZES

Prize money will not be awarded in breed classes.

10.2 PLACE RIBBONS/CERTIFICATES ETC.

Ribbons/ rosettes will be issued in the judging ring as an indication to the spectators of the Judges' awards – blue for first, red for second and white for third, and in addition yellow for fourth and green for fifth ribbons will be awarded where there are at least ten dogs exhibited in the class. Best of Breed, Challenge and Reserve Challenge Certificates are offered at this Show, at the discretion of the Judge.

10.3 SPECIAL PRIZES FOR CLASSES AND CHALLENGE CERTIFICATE WINNERS

- a. Only first prize winners and where applicable, Challenge Certificate winners will receive special prizes.
- b. Only dogs which have been awarded a Challenge Certificate at a show shall be eligible to compete for Best of Breed at that show.
- c. Melbourne Royal rosettes/sashes will be awarded to each Challenge Certificate winner and each class winner.

11. PUPPY CLASS WINNERS

- a. All Best Puppy of Breed winners (puppies entered in Class 3 or Class 3A only) will be required to return for exhibition on Saturday 3 October 2026 from 9am to 5pm.
- b. Judging will commence at 9am.

12. BABY PUPPY WINNERS

- a. All Best Baby Puppy of Breeds for the day will compete for Best Baby Puppy of the Day. Only the Best Baby Puppy of each day will return to compete for Best Baby Puppy in Show on Saturday 3 October 2026

13. BEST OF BREED

- a. The judging of Best of Breed and Runner-up to Best of Breed will be conducted at the completion of judging of each breed daily.
- b. Only dogs which have been awarded a Challenge Certificate at this Show shall be eligible to compete for Best of Breed at this Show.
- c. Best of Breed winners are to be exhibited on Saturday 3 October 2026 from 9am to 5pm. Judging will commence at 9am.

14. ANIMALS AND LIVESTOCK RESTRICTION

14.1 ANIMALS STRICTLY PROHIBITED

- a. Unless Melbourne Royal gives prior written approval, dogs, pets, animals or livestock, other than Exhibits entered for Showing on that day, must not be brought onto or permitted to enter or remain on the Showgrounds.

14.2 ASSISTANCE DOGS

- a. Accredited assistance dogs are permitted but proof of status must be provided on request by any Melbourne Royal Official.

15. VETERINARY SERVICES

- a. Melbourne Royal will appoint a veterinary surgeon to provide a service to Exhibitors. If an animal becomes ill or suffers an injury, Melbourne Royal's appointed veterinary surgeon may attend to and treat such animal in the absence of or contrary to any authority from the owner.
- b. Exhibitors may employ a veterinary surgeon who is not Melbourne Royal appointed but, in such instances, must inform the Program Coordinator of the animal concerned. Melbourne Royal's appointed veterinary surgeon may refuse to attend and/or treat any animal.
- c. Melbourne Royal and appointed veterinary surgeon shall not be liable in any way for any damage caused directly or indirectly by loss arising out of (including without limitation the loss or death of or damage or injury to the animal) the refusal failure or neglect of Melbourne Royal's appointed veterinary surgeon to attend or treat any animal.

16. VEHICLE PARKING

- a. Vehicles ('vehicle' which includes motor vehicle, truck, stock transport and trailer), are not permitted to park within the Showgrounds.
- b. A parking fee for this Show is not included with the entry fee.
- c. Any vehicle entering or remaining on the Showgrounds, or any area under Melbourne Royal control, in contravention of this regulation or of any other parking rules or restrictions, may be removed from the Showgrounds, or any area under Melbourne Royal control, by Melbourne Royal and stored. Any costs incurred by Melbourne Royal pursuant to this Regulation must be paid by the Exhibitor.



17. SALE OF DOGS

- a. The sale of dogs, or signs indicating that dogs are for sale, is strictly prohibited.
- b. Any Exhibitor found to be displaying “for sale” signs may have their dogs disqualified from the competition.

18. CATALOGUES

- a. Exhibitors requiring a catalogue are requested to order when lodging entries. Only a limited number of catalogues will be made available for purchase during the Show.
- b. Pre-ordered catalogues are \$30.00.
- c. Catalogues purchased at the Show are \$30.00.
- d. Exhibitors will have access to a free PDF copy of the catalogue.

19. FIRE AND ELECTRICAL SAFETY REGULATIONS

- a. The Exhibitor must not smoke, cook or heat water by any means whatsoever or use any device involving naked flame in or near any animal pavilion, stall, pen or locker.
- b. The Exhibitor must not use mains powered electrical devices in or near any animal pavilion, stall, pen or locker of any Exhibit and/or alter or interfere with any electrical wiring, switch, plug or socket whatsoever on the Showgrounds.
- c. Nothing in Regulation 19(a) prohibits the use of main powered electrical appliances which are, in the opinion of Melbourne Royal, essential to animal care, or the use of a light-bulb in a locker if the light-bulb is fitted in the socket provided.
- d. Melbourne Showgrounds is a completely smoke-free venue. Smoking is at all times prohibited and any persons wanting to smoke will need to exit the grounds to do so.
- e. All electrical appliances and leads must carry a current safety tag. Any electrical appliance or lead without the appropriate tag will be confiscated by Melbourne Royal.
- f. Persons who breach this Regulation 19(a) to 19(e) may be required by notice from Melbourne Royal to forthwith remove themselves and their Exhibits from the Showgrounds. The Exhibitor and Exhibits concerned may be prohibited from entry to one or more future Shows. The determination of Melbourne Royal in this regard shall be final and not be called into question in any manner or in any proceedings whatsoever. An Exhibitor, upon receipt of a notice pursuant to this regulation, shall forthwith remove all his Exhibits and failing such removal by the Exhibitor within the time prescribed by Melbourne Royal, Melbourne Royal may remove or cause to be removed all the animals concerned and all costs

and expenses of such removal shall be borne by the Exhibitor and shall be refunded to Melbourne Royal.

20. CONSENT OF IMAGES

- a. Exhibitors, Owners and competitors agree to Melbourne Royal publishing or reproducing information and images associated with them and with their Exhibits at any time, in any medium, for any purpose. This includes live streaming of video, if utilized at the Show.

21. SURVEILLANCE

- a. Melbourne Royal operates surveillance cameras which are located in and around facilities requiring security monitoring for the safety and security of individuals and property.
- b. Please note that security camera monitoring is continuous and ongoing and it is deemed that a person, by entering the Showgrounds, consent to this photographing, filming or taping. Melbourne Royal strictly complies with the *Surveillance Devices Act 1999*.

22. CANCELLATION OF THE SHOW

- a. In the event that the Melbourne Royal Show is to be partially or fully cancelled for any reason whatsoever, the Exhibitor and/or owner of the Exhibit shall not pursue Melbourne Royal for the recovery of any loss or damages.
- b. It is acknowledged by the Exhibitor that the society has no duty to have a Show in any particular year and that this clause operates as a complete defence for Melbourne Royal to any such action.

23. INDEMNITY

The Exhibitor indemnifies and keeps indemnified Melbourne Royal and all of its Representatives ('Representatives' meaning relevant employees including volunteers, agents, members, officers, directors, auditors, advisors, partners, consultants, contractors and related entities) from and against all actions, claims, demands, losses, damages, costs, expenses and liabilities including without limitation, consequential loss and loss of profits (whether arising under statute, from negligence, personal injury, death, property damage or infringement of third party rights) for which Melbourne Royal or its Representatives is or may be or become liability in connection with the Exhibit, the Exhibitor or the relevant Event, including the Melbourne Royal Show.



24. INFORMATION HANDLING

Melbourne Royal is bound by the National Privacy Principles of the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth) and other applicable laws governing privacy. Please refer to the privacy policy which can be found at www.melbourneroyal.com.au/privacy/

24.1 COLLECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

- a. Without limiting Melbourne Royal's privacy policy, Melbourne Royal may collect, hold and use personal information about Exhibitor, their family members, invitees or Agents.
- b. The types of information that may be collected include names and contact details, credit card details, qualification, results of the Exhibitor's entry into the relevant Event and any reprimand, fine, disqualification, withdrawal of an award or penalty imposed on the Exhibitor in connection with the entry of the Exhibit in the relevant Event. Information may also be collected from other Bodies relating to the Exhibitor's entry into events held by that Body including, without limitation, reprimands, fines, disqualifications, withdrawals of awards or penalties imposed.
- c. Personal information is collected for the purpose of administration of Events and the Show, as well as related purposes including, without limitation, promoting the Events and the Show, maintenance of records of information relevant to qualifications for future events, maintenance of health and safety records in relation to Event, applicable insurance cover for Events and making claims under Melbourne Royal's insurance for incidents which involve an Exhibitor and occur during an Event.
- d. Personal information may also be used for the purpose of informing Exhibitors about other events and services. Melbourne Royal may send an Exhibitor publications and information about other events and services unless the Exhibitor indicated to Melbourne Royal that the Exhibitor does not want to receive such publications or information.

24.2 SHARING OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

- a. Without limiting Melbourne Royal's privacy policy, Melbourne Royal may share information which has been collected under Regulation 24.1 with other organisations and service providers to assist in administering the Events and the Show, including co-sponsors of Events and health service providers, indemnity or insurance providers or other Bodies, or any entity that may subsequently administer the Event.

- b. Melbourne Royal may also publish winners details on its websites or publications or disclose information about an Exhibit and Exhibitor to the media for the purposes of publishing articles on the Exhibit/Exhibitor's participation in the Event, unless the Exhibitor has requested that the Exhibitor's personal information not be published or disclosed for these purposes.
- c. Melbourne Royal may also disclose information if otherwise required by law.

25. GOVERNING LAW

These Regulations are governed by the law of the State of Victoria, Australia.

26. CONTACT DETAILS

All enquiries are to be directed to the Dog Section via post, facsimile or email.

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