

Melbourne Royal Beef Cattle Competition *Special Regulations 2026*

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).

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; and
- any breed association or society recognised by Melbourne Royal.

Breed Society means a society, organisation and body that defines their breed standards and records pedigrees.

Business Day means a weekday 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.

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.

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

Event means the Beef Carcase Competition. Event also includes the period of bump-in and bump-out for the Event and the period of the Event competition.

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

Executive General Manager of Agriculture means a person occupying or acting in the position of Executive General Manager of Agriculture of Melbourne Royal.

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.

Livestock Manager means the person occupying or acting in the position of Livestock Manager of Melbourne Royal.

Motor Vehicle includes a truck, trailer, 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 the rules, regulations and conditions of entry set out in the Relevant Schedule; these Special Regulations; 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 REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTERING AN EVENT

- a. Entries in the Beef Cattle competition must be received at Melbourne Royal's Administration Office, located at Melbourne Showgrounds, Epsom Rd, Ascot Vale, 3032 by no later than 5:00pm on the nominated Entry Close date. All fees must accompany entries, along with the National Cattle Health Statement.

- b. The onus is entirely on the Exhibitor to submit particulars on time.
- c. All Exhibits must be entered in the name of the owner(s) shown on the registration certificate.
- d. All animals entered in the Beef Cattle Section must be financial members of a recognized Australian Herd Book of their breed at the close of entries and have a background of at least five recorded generations of their breed.

2.2 RETURNING NEW BREED

- a. Breeds that have not exhibited at the Show for two or more consecutive years are required to have a minimum of ten breed exhibits (not including calves at foot) from three Exhibitors be entered to ensure adequate competition.
- b. In order for the Breed Society to be formerly recognised by Melbourne Royal, copies of the constitution, breed standards, registration papers and uniform regulations are required to be submitted.
- c. If entries are at capacity for the first year a breed is returning to or showing at the Show, these Exhibits can only be accommodated if final entry numbers permit. Exhibitors of such breeds will be notified at close of entry as to whether the breed can be accommodated. In this instance, in the event that entries cannot be accommodated, full refund will be provided.

2.3 ENTRY FEES

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

2.4 SUBSTITUTIONS

- a. Exhibitors will have the option of nominating substitute entries, of which all details must be completed in the space provided in the entry form. If an exhibitor wishes to exhibit a substitute animal in lieu of the original nomination, advice must be made using the
- b. Substitution Form and must be in the hands of Melbourne Royal no later than 5:00pm on the nominated Substitution Close Date.

3 WITHDRAWALS AND NON-ATTENDANCE

3.1 WITHDRAWALS

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

- b. Where any Exhibitor fails to show any Exhibit entered in the Show, and it has not been withdrawn in accordance with Regulation 3.1(a), the Exhibitor will be required to pay a fine of \$50.00 per Exhibit not shown. Any such late notification of withdrawal must be in writing, and delivered to the Cattle Superintendents Office on the day of arrival.

3.2 NON-ATTENDANCE

- a. Exhibitors unable to present an Exhibit for any reason must notify the Melbourne Royal's Livestock Section in writing of the withdrawal before 7:00am on the day each Class is scheduled to take place.
- b. If an Exhibitor fails to show any Exhibit entered in the Show without having given notice in accordance with Regulation 3.2(a), that Exhibitor may be prohibited from showing any further Exhibits.

4 EXHIBITS

4.1 OWNERSHIP OF EXHIBITS

- a. The Exhibit must at all times be the property of the Exhibitor or held by the Exhibitor under a written lease in existence at that time.
- b. Exhibits owned or leased under a lease agreement must be written and recorded with the breed society or association in which the Exhibit is recorded.
- c. If ownership/lessee of an Exhibit changes after the submission of the Entry Form, Melbourne Royal must be notified in writing of the ownership/lessee change no later than 14 days prior to the date of Exhibition. Melbourne Royal may, if requested in writing by the purchaser/lessee, and at its absolute discretion, amend the Entry Form 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 ELIGIBILITY OF EXHIBITS

- a. All females over two years of age entered must be either "in milk" or "in calf". Melbourne Royal may demand production of a Veterinary Surgeon's certification that a female has been pregnancy tested "in calf", failing which Melbourne Royal has the right to arrange a veterinary inspection on the Showgrounds at the expense of the Exhibitor.
- b. All females under 20 months of age entered are not permitted to show with a calf at foot.

- c. A bull or heifer entered in any class for an Exhibit of an age under 18 months shall be ineligible for exhibition in any such class if at the time of inspection of the Exhibit at the Showgrounds the bull or heifer has or shows, in the opinion of the Chief Steward or their nominee, evidence of having had a permanent tooth; or if entered in any class for an Exhibit of an age under 24 months the bull or heifer has, or shows evidence of having had more than two permanent teeth. A tooth which has erupted from the gum in whole or part shall be deemed to be a permanent tooth.
- d. An animal shall not be admitted to the Showgrounds unless it is entered for exhibition, with the exception of a calf at foot, as defined in these Special Regulations.

4.3 MINIMUM NUMBER OF EXHIBITS

- a. Breeds must have ten or more exhibits entered (not withdrawn) to ensure Breed judging.
- b. If a Breed has nine exhibits or less, they will be judged in the appropriate 'Any Other Breed Class'.

4.4 IDENTIFICATION OF EXHIBITS

- a. All Exhibitors must comply with the Property Identification Code and National Livestock Identification Scheme legislation of Victoria, and must provide the Property Identification Code (PIC) for the property/ properties where the cattle originate from on their Entry Form/s.
- b. Exhibits not appropriately identified by means of an electronic identification will be deemed ineligible.

4.5 NECK NUMBERS

- a. Neck numbers corresponding to the Exhibit numbers in the catalogue must be worn by the Exhibits when entering the ring to appear before the Judge or when otherwise required.
- b. Neck numbers must be obtained by the Exhibitor from the Cattle Superintendents Office.

4.6 WEIGHING AND SCANNING

- a. All bulls, irrespective of age, shall be weighed and scanned prior to judging at a time and place to be determined.
- b. Any bull not weighed will be ineligible for exhibition.
- c. A scanning fee will be applicable for each bull entered.
- d. Exhibitors shall attach the correct neck number to each animal at the time of weighing.

4.7 TINTING AND/OR COLOURING OF COAT

- a. Should Melbourne Royal or an appointed Inspector, be of the opinion that the coat of any Exhibit has been tinted and/or coloured in any way, then such an animal shall be deemed to be ineligible for exhibition at the Show.

4.8 STANDARD OF EXHIBITS AND INSPECTION

- a. The standard of Exhibits shall be subject to the Rules and Regulations pertaining to the Breed Standards as accepted by the relevant Breed Society or Association and as approved by Melbourne Royal.
- b. Every animal exhibited in the Beef Cattle section will be subject to an inspection, carried out by an Inspector appointed by Melbourne Royal.
- c. Each Breed Society or association shall put forward nominations for these appointments for their breed, and these nominations will be considered by Melbourne Royal.
- d. Exhibitors are required to have their stock attended and clean in readiness for inspection at the time and day as directed by the Livestock Manger and specified in the Livestock Exhibitor Information Booklet. The Inspectors shall on the relevant day submit their report to the Livestock Manager at an acceptable time as directed to them by Melbourne Royal.
- e. No cattle can be inspected unless the Exhibitor or a representative thereof is present to assist in handling the cattle.
- f. No Exhibitor shall be permitted to exhibit any cattle bearing marking brands or tattoos not consistent with those disclosed when entering or on Breed Society records.
- g. Exhibitors are strongly advised to inspect marking brands and tattoos prior to lodging entry forms and before departure for the Show.
- h. Without prejudice to any other applicable rules, if the relevant inspector determines that any animal entered for exhibition:
 - i. is not true to type; or
 - ii. is not of sufficient merit as to be worthy of exhibit in the class or classes for which it is entered; or
 - iii. has not been adequately prepared for the Show; or
 - iv. bears any marking brand or tattoo inconsistent with the markings brand or tattoo disclosed when entering or on Breed Society records or whose tattoo is not clearly legible; or
 - v. is in breach of the rules under the heading "Tampering of Exhibits"; or
 - vi. being a bull born prior to 1 January in the preceding year is not rung through the nose; or
 - vii. being entered in any class for an Exhibit of an age under 18 months has, or shows, evidence of having had a permanent tooth; or
 - viii. being entered in any class for an Exhibit of an age under 24 months has, or shows evidence of having had more than two permanent teeth; or
 - ix. has a calf at foot born prior to arrival at the Showgrounds, which is not tattooed with its permanent ink impregnated tattoo; or is found with a calf at foot born prior to 1 January in the preceding year, then such animal shall be deemed to be ineligible for exhibition at the Show.
- i. The Inspectors shall report any animal which they believe to be infected by ringworm or warts to Melbourne Royal's Veterinary Surgeon.
- j. Any animal found infected with ringworm prior to arriving at the Showgrounds must be accompanied by a veterinary certificate stating that the veterinarian has seen the animal treated in the last four days with an appropriate fungicide. If the infection is deemed to be so bad and/or unsightly that the showing of that animal is likely to detract from the spectacle of the Show, the animal may be deemed ineligible for competition at the discretion of the Melbourne Royal Beef Cattle Committee.
- k. Any animal infected with warts should generally have them removed prior to arriving at the Showgrounds. If the infection is deemed to be so bad and/or unsightly that the showing of that animal is likely to detract from the spectacle of the Show, the animal may be deemed ineligible for competition at the discretion of the Melbourne Royal Beef Cattle Committee.
- l. The determinations of the inspectors or of the Veterinary Surgeons on any matter shall be subject only to appeal to the Executive General Manager of Agriculture who shall make such determinations and directions as they think fit. Such appeal shall be accompanied with a deposit of \$50.00 which may be forfeited to Melbourne Royal if in the sole opinion of the Executive General Manager of Agriculture the appeal is unfounded, frivolous or vexatious.
- m. The Inspectors, Veterinary Surgeons or their assistants shall not be required to furnish to the Exhibitor any reasons for their determinations or directions nor to give the Exhibitor any right to be heard on any matter in question.
- n. Notwithstanding any other provision in the regulations, where Melbourne Royal determines that any animal entered in the Cattle Sections has received hormones, then such animal shall be deemed to be ineligible for exhibition at the Show. Any determination made by Melbourne Royal pursuant to this regulation shall be final.
- o. Melbourne Royal may make or cause to be made, at any time during the period of exhibition, an inspection or any test of an Exhibit to determine whether a breach of the regulations under the heading of Standard of Exhibits and Inspections has occurred. If, as a result of a breach of any of these regulations, an animal is deemed to be

ineligible for exhibition at the Show, Melbourne Royal may by notice to the Exhibitor require the animal be forthwith removed from the Showgrounds. The Exhibitor, upon receipt of such notice, shall forthwith remove such animal and, failing such removal within the time prescribed by Melbourne Royal, Melbourne Royal may remove the animal or cause the animal to be removed and all costs and expenses of removal shall be borne by the Exhibitor and shall be refunded to Melbourne Royal. Any determination made by Melbourne Royal pursuant to this regulation shall be final.

- p. If an award has been made to an Exhibit deemed to be ineligible under these regulations, any prize awarded will be forfeited and subject to the relevant General Regulations Exhibits in the next order may be promoted to that prize.

4.5 TAMPERING WITH EXHIBITS

- a. No Exhibitor shall be permitted to Exhibit any cattle which, in the opinion of Melbourne Royal, displays evidence of being tampered with or, in the definition of the class in which it is entered, an animal entered for exhibition or competition is not presented in its natural conformation and has no preparation other than normal feeding and fitting with the exception of normal dressing of hair, hoofs and horns.
- b. The following practices are strictly prohibited:
 - i. An operation or any kind of surgery materially altering the structure or the natural conformation of any part of the animal's body;
 - ii. The infusion or injection of any drugs or any other substance or the insertion of any object into the teats, blood vessels, muscles or under the skin of any animal to alter its natural physical attributes. This includes the transfer of milk between quarters; and
 - iii. The setting of the teats of an animal with any form of glue or other setting substance or any other action which alters the natural teat placement of an animal.
- c. Evidence of such practices renders an Exhibit liable to instant disqualification and the Exhibitor and/or agent liable to a suspension ranging from five years to lifetime.
- d. Teat sealing in order to create a physical barrier which assists to prevent environmental invasion and milk leakage is permitted, provided that:
 - i. the teat is disinfected and sterilised prior to application; and
 - ii. application is to the external teat end with an approved sealant or registered veterinary product to form the seal which must not enter or breach the teat sphincter; and
 - iii. the seal is removed prior to milking without damaging the tissue.

- e. It is the Exhibitor's responsibility to ensure the animal is not subject to prohibited practices, prior to and whilst on the Showgrounds.
- f. Melbourne Royal may make or cause to be made, any test of any Exhibit to determine whether any drug or other substance has been administered to the Exhibit and may take possession of any such Exhibit for any of the aforesaid purposes and detain such Exhibit for such period as Melbourne Royal deems necessary. Procedures for the testing of prohibited substances may include random tests on Exhibits.

4.6 ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE OF EXHIBITS

- a. All Exhibitors are to comply with the nominated arrival and departure timings, unless otherwise notified directly by the Melbourne Royal Event Coordinator.
- b. Priority may be given to Exhibitors that have considerable distance to travel.

5 HEALTH OF EXHIBITS

5.1 GENERAL HEALTH OF EXHIBITS

- a. An Exhibitor who detects or suspects any illness amongst any of his/her Exhibit/s whilst they are at the Showgrounds must:
 - i. report this fact immediately to the Livestock Manager;
 - ii. ensure that the Exhibit/s is/ are contained within its/their accommodation area/s unless advised otherwise by the Livestock Manager or a member of Melbourne Royal veterinary panel on duty.
 - iii. Where feasible to do so, contain soiled bedding from the Exhibit/s within its/ their accommodation area.
- b. The Exhibitor may consult a private veterinary surgeon in respect to the illness only after the above action has been taken.
- c. Exhibits proved unsound by the attending Melbourne Royal Vet will be removed from all future competition and classes for the Show until presented fit for competition by Melbourne Royal Vet at the expense of the Exhibitor.

5.2 HEALTH DECLARATION

- a. All Exhibits must be declared free of Brucellosis and other notifiable diseases defined under the *Victorian Livestock Disease Control Act (1994)*.
- b. As a condition of entry, all cattle Exhibitors are required to complete the National Cattle Health Declaration (NCHD) (Version 16/04/20). The NCHD must be signed by the owner or the person responsible for the cattle at the Show who in doing so, accept personal responsibility for its truth and accuracy.

- c. Cattle entered must not be subject to quarantine or restriction with respect to any other notifiable disease.

5.3 JOHNE'S DISEASE

- a. Only animals with a Johne's Beef Assurance Score (J-BAS) Score of 6, 7 or 8 will be eligible to compete. Exhibitors are required to complete the NCHD (Version 16/04/20) and submit this with entries.
 - i. All exhibitors must provide a correct J-BAS with their entries.
 - ii. Exhibits will be stalled based on the J-BAS provided.
 - iii. Exhibitors may also need additional certification to move between zones or between States. Please check with the local veterinary authority.

5.4 PESTIVIRUS (BOVINE DIARRHOEA VIRUS)

- a. All cattle entered in the Beef Cattle Competition, including calves at foot, must be tested for Pestivirus (Bovine Viral Diarrhoea Virus) and certified as non-PI (Persistently Infected).
- b. Certification of testing and proof of non-PI status is required in the form of a signed Veterinary Certificate or Laboratory Report, clearly listing animals and their identification.
- c. Animals previously tested and certified as non-PI animals are not required to be re-tested, however certification must be supplied with your entries.

6 SECURITY OF EXHIBITS

- a. All male Exhibits born prior to 1 January in the preceding year shall be rung through the nose and, at all times, shall be led by such ring. If the Stewards, Cattle Superintendent or Melbourne Royal officials determine that any bull is unsafe such bull shall be placed under such control as is directed by the Stewards, Cattle Superintendent or Melbourne Royal officials.
- b. All female exhibits must be provided with effective halters and be thoroughly broken to lead. All female exhibits must be fitted with a nose grip when being led.
- c. All calves must be securely tethered at all times.
- d. Each Exhibitor shall ensure that each of their Exhibits is securely tethered in its stall. All Exhibitors must provide neck straps or neck ropes, as well as halters for tethering their cattle and are required to tether left and right, and when not stalled, shall ensure that Exhibits are not left unattended.
- e. Every poll bull and every wholly or partially dehorned bull must be securely tethered by an effective headstall in addition to a nose ring or neck strap or neck rope.

- f. Neck chains are allowable, provided they are attached to the stall fixture by a rope. It is imperative that animals are not tethered directly to the stall fixture by means of chain and shackle.
- g. If in its absolute discretion Melbourne Royal determines any Exhibit or Exhibits of stock to be dangerous for any reason whatsoever, Melbourne Royal may by notice to the Exhibitor require the animal or animals concerned to be forthwith removed from the Showgrounds.
- h. The Exhibitor upon receipt of such notice shall forthwith remove such animal and failing such removal by the Exhibitor within the time prescribed by Melbourne Royal, Melbourne Royal may remove the animal or cause the animal to be removed and all costs and expenses of removal shall be borne by the Exhibitor and shall be refunded to Melbourne Royal.

7 DOCUMENTS FOR PRESENTATION WHILST AT THE SHOWGROUNDS

- a. 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.
- b. 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 authorised person, or otherwise specified by Melbourne Royal.
- c. Failure to produce such documents if requested will result in the Exhibit being ineligible for the Event.

8 CONDUCT OF EXHIBITORS

8.1 GENERAL CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

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

8.2 COMPLIANCE WITH RULES AND REGULATIONS

- a. 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:
 - i. Disqualification;
 - ii. Suspension;
 - iii. A fine;
 - iv. Order the Exhibit, the Exhibitor or any associated Agents or invitees be removed from the Melbourne Showgrounds; or
 - v. Any other penalty as deemed appropriate in Melbourne Royal's absolute discretion.

- b. All penalties will be decided by the Executive General Manager of Agriculture or appointed representative, and the Chair of the Cattle Committee, will be informed of the outcome.
- 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.

8.3 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.

8.4 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.

8.5 UNACCEPTABLE 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 behaviours 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. violence;
 - ii. bullying;
 - iii. harassment;
 - iv. sexual harassment;
 - v. unlawful discrimination;
 - vi. victimisation.
- b. Persons breaching acceptable standards of behavior may be banned from entering future Melbourne Royal Events and/or the venue.

8.6 ANIMALS AND LIVESTOCK RESTRICTION

- a. Unless Melbourne Royal gives prior written approval, pets animals or livestock other than Exhibits must not be brought onto or permitted to enter or remain on the Showgrounds.
- b. Registered assistance dogs are permitted but proof of status must be provided on request by any Melbourne Royal Official.

9 POWERS OF MELBOURNE ROYAL

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

Melbourne Royal may refuse to accept an Entry, an Exhibit or Exhibitor or any of them.

9.2 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 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, amend or merge classes if less than four Exhibits are entered.
- 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.

9.3 MUTUAL RECOGNITION

Melbourne Royal may recognise, act upon and enforce any penalty imposed by a Body on an Exhibit or Exhibitor at any time.

9.4 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.

9.5 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.

10 JUDGING

10.1 TIMETABLE OF JUDGING

- a. A timetable of judging of all Classes is available on the Melbourne Royal website and is subject to change at any time.
- b. Melbourne Royal accepts no responsibility if judging times conflict with one or more Classes or Events in which an Exhibitor may be entered. Where conflict does occur, it is the responsibility of the Exhibitor to notify a withdrawal from either Class.

10.2 JUDGING RING

- a. Exhibits shall be present at the appropriate judging ring and ready to enter the judging ring at the time specified in the Timetable for the event to take place.
- b. Exhibits shall enter the judging ring immediately upon request by the appropriate Steward.
- c. Persons in charge of Exhibits must in no circumstances leave their Exhibits unattended at or in the judging ring.
- d. All attendants leading stock in the judging ring or during the Grand Parade shall wear uniform white coats or approved breed uniform. Such white coat or uniform must in no way show any insignia or any descriptive markings indicating the Exhibitor's name and/or stud name or prefix.

10.3 BREEDPLAN

- a. The Code of Practice for the use of Breedplan data in Beef Cattle Judging at the Show is as follows:
 - i. Breedplan data is only available to be used in Beef Cattle Judging if the respective Breed Society agrees for Breedplan data to be utilised in the judging of their breed of Beef Cattle, and the respective Breed Judge desires to utilise Breedplan data in the breed judging.
 - ii. Subject to this agreement, Melbourne Royal is to be supplied with the most recent run of Breedplan data for the specified traits, in a format deemed by Melbourne Royal as suitable for publishing.
 - iii. Subject to this agreement, Breedplan data will also be made available for viewing by the general public located ringside.

- b. Breedplan data will then be utilised in accordance with the following:
 - i. The Judge is not to rely solely upon Breedplan data to arrive at judging decisions.
 - ii. The Judge is to be provided with the Breedplan data by Melbourne Royal on the day of Judging, no less than two hours prior to the published commencement time, and no earlier than 7.00am on the day of that breed being judged.
 - iii. The Judge is to assess each of the parading cattle in the judging ring only, utilising all available assessment tools including Breedplan data.
 - iv. Melbourne Royal reserves the right to withhold Breedplan data from the Judge, should Melbourne Royal, in its absolute discretion, determine that the data submitted is not current or is incomplete.

10.4 INTERFERENCE

- a. The Exhibitor, any Agent of the Exhibitor or persons in charge of the Exhibit must not consult, influence or interfere with a Judge or attempt to consult, influence or interfere with a Judge or do any other thing which may influence or interfere with a Judge's freedom of choice or judgement unless it is expressly authorised by the Relevant Schedule or the Judge themselves.

10.5 SUBSTITUTE JUDGE

Melbourne Royal reserves the right to substitute a Judge.

10.6 DECISIONS

- a. Judges shall have the right to order that a cow be milked dry before awarding a prize.
- b. Except as otherwise expressly provided in the Regulations, the decision of a Judge as to the merits of the Exhibit will be final. An Exhibitor may protest a decision on the grounds of a breach of Regulations or data entry.

11 PRIZES

11.1 PAYMENT OF PRIZE MONEY

- a. Prize money as stated in the relevant Schedule and Catalogue includes GST, when applicable. By indicating that you are GST registered you are agreeing to receive a Recipient Created Tax Invoice for any prize money won, and for prize money to include GST. No money is allocated unless otherwise stated.
- b. Prize money will be paid after the Show.
- c. Melbourne Royal reserves the right to increase, alter or delete special prizes or prize money.

11.2 PRIZE RIBBONS

- a. Ribbons will be awarded throughout the beef cattle classes for first, second and third places only.
- b. The distribution of ribbons will be contingent upon the number of Exhibits participating in the class. Where a class has 3 or less entries ribbons will be presented to all entrants.
- c. Further ribbons may be awarded for larger classes.

11.3 GRAND PARADE

- a. All Exhibitors of ribbon winning Exhibits, including Junior, Senior and Grand Champion Exhibits must participate in a Parade of Champions and/or a Grand Parade in accordance with the timetabled program.
- b. No ribbons will be permitted on Exhibits except those won during the Melbourne Royal Show of the current year.
- c. All Exhibits in the Parade of Champions and Grand Parade must wear leather halters and be led by suitably experienced persons wearing approved breed uniform.

12 PROTESTS

12.1 RESTRICTED TO CLASS

Protests may only be made by Exhibitors with Exhibits in the class to which the protest relates.

12.2 PROTEST TO LIVESTOCK MANAGER

- a. A protest must be made to the Livestock Manager in writing within two (2) hours of the latter of the Show's commencement or the completion of the applicable event.
- b. Such protest must be accompanied by a AUD\$250.00 (incl. GST) deposit which will be forfeited to Melbourne Royal if in the opinion of Melbourne Royal the protest is unfounded, frivolous or vexatious or not upheld. Melbourne Royal will determine in their absolute discretion the process to be adopted in considering any protest, sanction or other penalty.
- c. The decision of the Executive General Manager of Agriculture is final and the Exhibitor will not have any right of appeal in respect of the Executive General Manager of Agriculture's decision.
- d. No reasons for the decision shall be required.

13 DRUG TESTING

13.1 PROCEDURE

- a. At the conclusion of each individual breeds judging, the Melbourne Royal reserves the right to undertake drug tests on cattle entered in the competition.

- b. Drug means any substance capable of affecting the performance or behaviour of an Exhibit by its action upon the central or peripheral nervous system, the cardiovascular system, the respiratory system, the alimentary digestive system, the muscular-skeletal system, or the urogenital system including without limitation, analgesics, anti-histamines, anti-inflammatory agents, blood coagulants, diuretics, hormones and their synthetic counterparts, corticosteroids, anabolic steroids, local anaesthetics, muscle relaxants and tranquillisers.
- c. At the discretion of Melbourne Royal, there will be blood testing of Exhibits after they compete in their ordinary classes and/or blood testing at the end of the competition.
- d. The random selection of animals to be tested will be drawn using a random number generator with all beef cattle catalogue numbers included in this process.
- e. The test conducted will include a blood sample(s) of the animal(s).
- f. Where Exhibits are tested for Prohibited Substances, the Exhibitor or Agent will be required to sign sample labels and sample identity cards relating to any samples taken from the Exhibits. Where the Exhibitor or Agent refuses to sign the sample labels and/or sample identity cards, the Exhibitor and/or Agent and/or the Exhibit shall be automatically disqualified.
- g. Exhibitors who have administered a recent antibiotic treatment to their animal need to produce a veterinary certificate citing these treatments.

13.2 POSITIVE RESULTS

- a. Should an Exhibit test positive to a prohibited substance or practice result, any costs associated with testing will be borne by the Exhibitor.
- b. If an Exhibit tests positive for a prohibited substance or is found to have had any Drug administered to it, the Exhibit, Exhibitor, the Owner of the Exhibit and any other person who Melbourne Royal deems to be in charge of the Exhibit, may be subject to a penalty referred to in Regulation 8.2 at Melbourne Royal's absolute discretion. Melbourne Royal further reserves the right to forfeit an award.
- c. It is no defence for a person prosecuted for this offence to plead that they were unaware that a drug had been administered to the Exhibit. It is the sole responsibility of the Exhibitor to ensure that his/ her Exhibit is drug-free whilst on the Showgrounds.

13.3 NOTIFICATION OF RESULTS

- a. Melbourne Royal reserves the right to notify any Body and Breed Society of any Exhibit that produces a positive test. Melbourne Royal may share details as to the name of the Exhibit, the Exhibitor, the Owner, the nature of the test and result, the penalty imposed and any other information in Melbourne Royal's discretion.

14 MOST SUCCESSFUL EXHIBITOR AWARDS

- a. Points will be accrued by the Steward during the judging of each breed, based on the allocation below. Points are not accrued for Supreme Exhibit, or Group Classes.
- b. Ordinary Classes Point Allocation:
 - i. First Prize – 3 points
 - ii. Second Prize – 2 points
 - iii. Third Prize – 1 point
- c. Championship Point Allocation:
 - i. Grand Champion – 2 points
 - ii. Senior Champion – 3 points
 - iii. Reserve Senior Champion – 2 points
 - iv. Junior Champion – 3 points
 - v. Reserve Junior Champion – 2 points
- d. In the event of two or more Exhibitors securing an equal number of points, the Exhibitor gaining the greatest number of first prizes shall be the winner.

15 HANDLERS

- a. The minimum age of a handler is eight (8) years old.
- b. The minimum age for handling bulls in the ring is sixteen (16) years old.
- c. Melbourne Royal reserves the right to change the minimum age based on the nature of the class or activity.
- d. It will be at the discretion of Melbourne Royal staff or officials to determine if a handler is unfit for the judging ring.
- e. If a handler is deemed unfit for the judging ring, they will be disqualified and asked to leave the judging ring.
- f. Should a handler appear out of control of their Exhibit, the Exhibit will be removed by a Melbourne Royal official and removed from the judging ring.

16 CALVES AT FOOT

- a. A calf of an Exhibit may be admitted if born on or after 1 January of the current year and is being suckled by the Exhibit. Such a calf is to be the natural born progeny of the Exhibit and be tattooed with its full herd identity permanent ink impregnated tattoo if born prior to arrival at the Showgrounds.
- b. All calves at foot must be eligible for full registration in the Herd Book in which its dam is registered.
- c. Any cow found with a calf at foot born prior to 1 January of the current year or a calf not being the natural born progeny of the Exhibit nor tattooed as required above, shall be deemed to be ineligible for exhibition at the Show and Melbourne Royal may by notice to the Exhibitor require the animal to be forthwith removed from the Showgrounds. The Exhibitor, upon receipt of such notice, shall forthwith remove such animal and failing such removal by the Exhibitor within the time prescribed, Melbourne Royal may remove the animal or cause the animal to be removed and all costs and expenses of removal shall be borne by the Exhibitor and shall be refunded to Melbourne Royal.

17 BREED SPECIFIC REGULATIONS

- a. The following regulations are specific to individual breeds.
 - Beef Shorthorn: No heifer born twin or triplet with a bull will be eligible for exhibition until such time as she has produced a calf. Dehorned animals will be eligible for exhibition.
 - Hereford: All females not of age for adult registration must be the progeny of registered sires and dams and duly recorded as progeny.
 - Shorthorn: All cattle shown should be either naturally polled or dehorned at the time of entry.
 - Poll Hereford: All entries will be subjected to a six generation check for genital abnormalities known to the Breed Society and animals which do not meet the standards will be ineligible for exhibition. Animals with scurs will be eligible to compete provided the scurs are loose at hairline and recorded with the Breed Society. Horned animals will be eligible to compete provided they are dehorned and recorded with the Breed Society.
 - Belted Galloway: Only animals of at least 93.75% (15/16) breeding purity will be accepted for exhibition.
 - Santa Gertrudis: All females 22 months and over shall be certified in calf or have a calf at foot.

- Blonde d'Aquitaine: Only animals containing at least 93.75% of the original Blonde d'Aquitaine blood will be eligible to compete.

18 PAVILIONS AND CLEANING

- All cattle pavilions will be opened to the public from 8.30am to 7:30pm daily, unless closed by the Cattle Superintendent or Melbourne Royal staff.
- Exhibitors shall, to the satisfaction of the Cattle Superintendent or Melbourne Royal staff:
 - keep each stall allotted to them and their stock in a clean and proper condition throughout the Show;
 - clean out their stalls each day, no later than the times specified in circular advice to Exhibitors; and
 - clean their area regularly – refuse must be deposited in the manure bins provided.
- Manure must not be deposited in the alleyways or general purpose rubbish bins.
- General purpose rubbish must not be deposited in manure bins. To assist in the transfer of manure to the bins provided, please bring own cleaning tools.
- Cattle must not be left unattended outside pavilions at any time.
- Cattle must not be rugged during the hours of exhibition with the exception of Bos Indicus cattle which may be rugged after 6:30pm.

19 SALES AND NOTICES

- Exhibitors are permitted to display cards over the stalls stating that an animal is for sale provided such cards do not exceed 30cm x 25cm in size.
- No other advertisements or notices (except by permission of Melbourne Royal) are permitted on or in any stalls or buildings.

20 STUD IDENTIFICATION NOTICE

- Each Exhibitor is permitted to display one sign 60cm x 120cm in size provided that such sign carries only the stud name, address, telephone number, facsimile number, e-mail address and website address.

21 BEDDING

- The following regulations apply to bedding costs and bedding materials:
 - sawdust will be the only bedding for Beef Cattle on the Showgrounds;
 - Exhibitors are required to pay a bedding fee at the time of submitting entries; and
 - use of bedding straw is not permitted for cattle.

22 FODDER STORAGE

- Exhibitors are not permitted to stack feed in the pavilion except in the designated fodder aisles. Stock requisites can be obtained from the Fodder Merchant who will be situated on the Showgrounds.

23 CLIPPING OF EXHIBITS

- All clipping frames must have secure flooring.
- Clipping frames must only be kept in their designated area. Failure to adhere to this rule will result in automatic removal of the clipping frame.
- Clipping Frame Tags (distributed with Exhibitor Packs upon arrival) must be fixed to clipping frames for the duration of the Show. Any clipping frame not displaying a Tag will be required to be removed.

24 PROVISION OF EXHIBITION SPACE

- One space will be provided to each Exhibit. Due to space restrictions, a space cannot be booked for a calf at foot. Calf spaces will only be provided where space permits.

25 STORAGE AND ACCOMMODATION LOCKERS

25.1 STORAGE LOCKERS

- Storage Locker prices include a key deposit which will be refunded on return of locker key. Refunds will be issued on return of key.

25.2 ACCOMMODATION LOCKERS

- Limited accommodation lockers are available for Exhibitors at a fee during the Show for the occupancy period.
- Due to limited accommodation lockers, Melbourne Royal reserves the right to limit allocation in an effort to accommodate all Exhibitors.
- Exhibitors are required to pay a locker key bond \$25.00 (per Locker) as security prior to lockers being issued. Payment to be made at acceptance.

- d. It is the responsibility of the Exhibitor to return the locker key prior to departure. Lost or non-returned keys incur a \$25.00 replacement fee.
- e. Lockers must be vacated, and all gear removed as soon as possible but, in any case, not later than the end of departure times for the applicable group, or such earlier time advised by the Livestock Manager.
- f. The hiring of lockers will be subject to additional terms and conditions.

26 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 26(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 the Superintendent or Melbourne Royal staff.
- f. Persons who breach this Regulation 26(a) to 26(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.

27 VEHICLE PARKING

- a. With the prior consent of Melbourne Royal, vehicles ('vehicle' which includes motor vehicle, truck, stock transport, trailer, and float), of an Exhibitor may enter the Showgrounds or any area under Melbourne Royal control.
- b. Parking for vehicles will be available and Exhibitors must apply for parking by completing the relevant section when entering, and forward the fee with the competition entry fee.
- c. There is to be no camping on the Showgrounds, or any area leased by Melbourne Royal under any circumstances.
- d. Any vehicle, located on the Melbourne Showgrounds, or any area leased by Melbourne Royal, shall be at the sole risk of the owner.
- e. Melbourne Royal accepts no responsibility for any loss or damage, including loss or damage caused by negligence of Melbourne Royal, its officers, employees, or agents to any vehicle, or the contents of any vehicle, located on Melbourne Royal's property on the any area leased by Melbourne Royal.
- f. Any vehicle entering or remaining on the Showgrounds, or any area under Melbourne Royal control, in contravention of this Regulation 27 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.

28 CONSENT OF IMAGES

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.

29 SURVEILLANCE

Melbourne Royal operates surveillance cameras which are located in and around facilities requiring security monitoring for the safety and security of individuals and property. 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*.

30 CANCELLATION OF THE SHOW

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. 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 defense for the Event Organiser to any such action.

31 INDEMNITY

The Exhibitor indemnifies and keeps indemnified Melbourne Royal and 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.

32 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/

32.1 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.

32.2 SHARING OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

- a. Without limiting Melbourne Royal's privacy policy, Melbourne Royal may share information which has been collected under Regulation 32.1 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 will disclose information of the Exhibitor and Exhibit if an Exhibit is found to produce a positive test as per Regulation 13.3.
- d. Melbourne Royal may also disclose information if otherwise required by law.

33 GOVERNING LAW AND JURISDICTION

These Regulations are governed by the law of the State of Victoria, Australia. In the event of a dispute each party irrevocably submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of the State of Victoria and waive any right to claim that those courts are an inconvenient forum.