



General Regulations

Introduction

1. The General Regulations apply to all sections of all Agricultural Society events including exhibitors, competitors, commercial traders, officials, and volunteers participating in Agricultural Show events.
2. These regulations govern all aspects of participation, including exhibit entry, judging, safety, and compliance.
3. The Special Regulations (where applicable) apply only to the section of the Show to which they are expressed to relate. (for example, The Model Horse Regulations) Unless expressly stated in the General Regulations, if there is an inconsistency between the General Regulations and any Special Regulations, the Special Regulations prevail.

Document Hierarchy Clause

In the event of any inconsistency or conflict between the provisions of this Member Organisation's governance and operational documents, the following hierarchy shall apply in determining precedence:

1. Applicable legislation and statutory requirements;
2. The Constitution of this Member Organisation;
3. Any Special Regulations issued by this Member Organisation;
4. The General Regulations of this Member Organisation;
5. The Code of Conduct of this Member Organisation;
6. The Conditions of Entry to Showgrounds of this Member Organisation.

All documents should be read in conjunction with this hierarchy.

These regulations should be read alongside the [Code of Conduct](#), which applies to all attendees and participants, setting out behavioural expectations to ensure a respectful and inclusive environment for all attendees and participants.

General public and spectators must also follow the [Conditions of Entry for Showgrounds](#) which set out conditions for entering the Showground.

1. Who Must Comply

- All exhibitors, competitors, commercial traders, officials, and volunteers.
- Compliance with the [Code of Conduct](#) is mandatory.

2. Exhibit Entries

- Entries must be submitted correctly and by the date stated on the Show Schedule.
- Where applicable Waiver Forms must be signed and wrist bands worn.
- Exhibitors are responsible for the care and preparation of their exhibits.
- False or misleading entries are prohibited.

3. Judging and Awards

- Each Section has established judging criteria.
- Judges' decisions are final.
- Awards may be withdrawn if rules are breached.

4. Animal Welfare

- Exhibitors are required to adhere to all animal welfare and biosecurity regulations. This includes compliance with the *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979 (NSW)* and the *Biosecurity Act 2015 (NSW)*. Exhibitors may be required to submit Department of Primary Industries (DPI) animal health declarations prior to stock entering the grounds.
- Animals must be healthy and appropriate for competition/exhibition.
- The Show Committee has the right to remove unfit animals.

5. Safety & Risk

- Exhibitors must comply with current and relevant laws and regulation. This includes the *Work Health and Safety Act 2011 (NSW)*.
- All equipment and displays must be safe and secure. Hazards and incidents must be reported to officials immediately.

6. Conduct & Behaviour

- All participants must behave respectfully and ethically.
- Disruptive, offensive, or unsafe behaviour may result in disqualification or removal.
- Refer to the [Code of Conduct](#) for behavioural expectations.

7. Advertising & Sales

- All sales and promotions must be pre-approved by the Show Society. Approval will be assessed based on factors including public safety, compliance with the **Food Act 2003 (NSW)**, and product suitability. An internal review process is available for declined applications.
- No unauthorised advertising.

8. Disputes & Complaints

- Formal protests must be lodged in line with the Complaints Policy.
- The Show Committee's decision is final. Unless referred to the AgShows NSW Disciplinary Committee.
- A dispute may be referred to the AgShows NSW Disciplinary Committee by a competitor or official if not already resolved by the Member Organisation.

9. Penalties

- Breaches may result in:
 - Warnings
 - Fines
 - Disqualification
 - Removal from the Showground
 - Bans from future events