

These rules replace all other previous rules and motions
SOUTH QUEENSLAND BUDGERIGAR BREEDERS ASSOCIATION INC.
Nationals Zone Selection Show

(These rules for the conduct of the Zone Selection Show should be read in conjunction with the show rules of SQBBA affiliated Societies)

1. Aim

- 1.1 To enable SQBBA to select the best possible team to represent SQBBA at the ANBC National Competition held each year, from birds provided by exhibitors for selections.
- 1.2 The Zone Selection Show to be held at a date to be determined by SQBBA.

2. Title

- 2.1 The South Queensland Budgerigar Breeders Association Inc, Nationals Zone Selection Show.

3. Venue

- 3.1 The show will be conducted at a venue to be decided by the SQBBA Management Committee.
- 3.2 The venue should be booked at least two (2) years in advance if possible.

4. Format

- 4.1 Clubs are to hold a Team Selection, to select their individual club teams prior to the day of the SQBBA Zone Selection Show.

5. Volunteer Workers

- 5.1 All positions relating to the running of the Zone Selection Show will be appointed by the SQBBA Executive by the 1st March each year (catering, data input, tables etc). Expressions of interest will be called for.

6. Entries

- 6.1 All financial SQBBA affiliated clubs will be sent an invitation in February to participate in the SQBBA Zone Selection Show.
- 6.2 Replies of acceptance must be in the hands of the Show Manager by April 1st.
- 6.3 All clubs participating will be required to pay an entry fee which will be set by SQBBA.
- 6.4 Entry fee is payable at the time of acceptance of invitation.
- 6.5 No birds will be allowed on the show premises unless part of an affiliated club team.

7. Clubs

- 7.1 Club teams to consist of up to 4 birds in every colour class provided for the National Show Schedule, as set out in ANBC show rules.
- 7.2 All birds selected in Club teams must be available to represent the Zone at the National Competition.
- 7.3 The exhibitors must be prepared to place their bird/ birds in the care of the Zone show manager and team carers until such time as they are returned from the national competition.
- 7.4 An exhibitor can only present birds in one Club team for consideration for one Zone/State team.
- 7.5 Each Club is to nominate a representative's name to be included on the team entry form.
- 7.6 This representative is to supply the SQBBA Show Manager with the name and contact details of any of their club's exhibitors who have birds selected in the SQBBA team and to check with the owner/s if any of the birds have any habits or special requisites that carers need to be made aware of.

8. Rings

- 8.1 All birds entered in the show must bear the ANBC approved and nominated ring designation/ symbol for that particular year's National Championship.
- 8.2 Only one ring per bird. No plastic/metal split rings are permissible. (refer show rules of the SQBBA affiliated Clubs rule 2.5) at the discretion of the selectors and Show Manager and in consultation with the owner any plastic

split ring can be removed from any bird in contention of finishing in the top three.

8.3 Non adherence to this Rule means disqualification of the particular exhibit.

9. Cages

9.1 The recognized ANBC show cage to be used and must be clean and well presented.

Floor covering for show cages for SQBBA events (i.e., zone selection, Futures Show or any other SQ sponsored event will be Millet spray/ head ONLY (up to 3).

9.2 Refer rule (3) "show cages" from the show rules of the SQBBA affiliated Clubs.

10. Stewards

10.1 Each club is to nominate a minimum of 2 members to act as stewards on the day of the show.

10.2 These steward nominations should be given to SQBBA Show Manager at least one week before the Zone Selection.

10.3 It is a responsibility of Club Delegates to follow this up.

10.4 If no stewards are offered from a Club, the SQBBA Delegates from that Club will be called upon to steward on the day (A current list of Club Delegates be made available to SQBBA Show Manager)

10.5 The SQBBA Show Manager will supply vest/tabards to all stewards to identify them on the day.

11. Staging

11.1 All teams must be presented for staging on the day of the show by the nominated time.

11.2 The nominated time we'll be set by the SQBBA.

11.3 The team must be entered as a complete team; no late arrivals will be accepted, except in exceptional circumstances.

11.4 Clubs to ensure they bring their completed entry sheets on selection day.

12. Hall/Staging Setup

12.1 Show Manager to coordinate with local Clubs to assemble a team to set up and dismantle the staging and hall before and after the event.

12.2 Tables will be made available to club teams on their arrival to the show venue. This will be the area for the club teams to be assembled and then placed on the staging after confirmation from the club/team handler that all their respective birds are ready to be staged. Then a copy of the club's entries and absentees, if any will be handed to the Show Manager or one of his/her assistants.

12.3 The Holding Staging will be set up in an order at the discretion of the Show Manager.

12.4 The order in which classes are placed upon the judging staging will be at the discretion of the Show Manager.

12.5 The Show Manager or designated person to check that all birds are in their correct class before judging commences.

12.6 Sick or injured birds; a designated area to be labelled accordingly and are label to be affixed to the staging where the bird came from to indicate to where the bird has been relocated.

13. Selection Panel

13.1 The SQBBA to be asked to nominate a list of available Judges who could be appointed as Selectors.

13.2 The Selectors to be approved and appointed by 1st April each year by a majority written vote of SQBBA affiliated clubs.

13.3 The nominations will be sent out to all Clubs 30 days prior to the SQBBA March Meeting.

13.4 Each Club is to vote on Judges in preference.

13.5 This process will happen with the nominations from the affiliated clubs to establish the required number of judges.

14. Judging Format

14.1 The Selection Panel will consist of two teams of three (3) judges to select the team.

14.2 The teams will be made up as follows: Team A will consist of Selectors ranked 1 3 & 5, Team B will consist of Selectors ranked 2 4 & 6. Rankings are as voted by SQBBA affiliated Clubs.

14.3 The highest-ranking selector in each group will be considered the lead selector in that group. The highest ranked (Head) selector as voted by the affiliated clubs, will have overall jurisdiction during the show.

- 14.4 When a conflict of interest arises such as a selector having a bird in an upcoming class, that selector will be swapped with the appropriate ranked selector from the other group. If this swap is likely to cause conflict of interest, the makeup of each group will be at the discretion of the Show Manager and Head selector of the day.
- 14.5 Reserve selectors will be called upon at the discretion of the Show Manager and in consultation with the Head Selector.
- 14.6 No judge is to officiate over a class that contains their own or partners bird/birds.

15. Zone Team Selection

- 15.1 The Zone Team Selectors will be required to select 3 birds in each colour class to represent the zone.
- 15.2 Also in each class 1st and 2nd reserve birds to be nominated.
- 15.3 During the selection of the team the selectors makes consult with the team prepares as to the condition of a particular bird, and whether or not a bird can be prepared to an acceptable standard to be competitive at National level.
- 15.4 A safety cage/area to be provided for close inspections of birds by the Team Selectors & Preparers.

16. Judging

- 16.1 The judges/selectors decision will be final in all matters of merit at the Zone Selection Show and benching of birds at the ANBC Nationals.
- 16.2 The birds in the SQBBA Zone Selection Show will be placed down to 10th position (refer Trophies and awards) with the view to them meeting the required standard on the day of the ANBC national competition.

17. Reclassification

- 17.1 A bird wrong classed in the SQBBA National Zone Selection Show may be reclassified, and may be eligible for SQBBA team selection in its correct class at the discretion of the Show Manager and his/her committee in consultation with the Judges/Selectors.
- 17.2 Any bird reclassified will not be eligible to gain points for the inter club challenge shield.

18. Hens Class

- 18.1 The hens class to be judged first, with 3 hens to be put forward for selection for the Zone team.
- 18.2 After completion of judging/selection the selectors may at their discretion substitute any of the selected hens with a hen from any of the other colour classes.
- 18.3 The Judges/Selectors may also at their discretion substitute any exhibit that has been selected from the other classes with any unselected Hen. For example, our green hen that has not been selected in the hens team can be compared with the greens already selected.
- 18.4 Any substitution made is only eligible to gain points for the class in which it has originally been entered.
- 18.5 A bay of staging be made available to place hens not selected in the top three but worthy of consideration for colour classes. Once a colour class has been awarded placing, the other bird/s kept aside for consideration is/are placed beside the top five for consideration as a replacement with no extra club points being awarded.

19. Trophies and Awards

- 19.1 The three (3) birds selected from each class for the team will be awarded a 1st placing.
- 19.2 All 1st placings (3 birds) will be given a trophy and certificate, and 4th to 6th placed birds will receive a Certificate. Birds placed 3rd to 6th will receive a certificate. Birds that are placed in the respective classes where they have been entered will be the trophy recipients.
- 19.3 All birds in the top 10 places will receive points in descending order from 10,10,10,7,6,5,4,3,2,1 when three (3) are required for selection.
- 19.4 These points will be awarded to the Team that the bird represents and will go towards the Vic Andrews Memorial Shield, which will be won by the club obtaining the most accumulative points.
- 19.5 Any exhibitor of Novice or Intermediate status who has a bird selected in the SQBBA team (not a reserve bird) will receive one (1) point for each bird selected, towards exhibitor elevation at the club they represented at the SQBBA Zone Selection Show.

20. Team Display

- 20.1 On completion of class selection, the birds selected for the Zone Team will be placed on separate staging for viewing by the exhibitors and the public.

20.2 the public must remain at least 1 metre from the birds while viewing.

20.3 Exhibits can be watered at this time; water bottles will be made available for any exhibitor, who may wish to put water into the plastic bringer of their birds show cage. The standard drinker of the ANBC show cage must be used. The exhibitor must be accompanied by a steward and must show that the particular birds belong to them or are under their care.

21. Removal of Selected National Team

21.1 Approximately 30 minutes after completion of judging of the final class, the selected team will be removed from the viewing area to be transported to the holding aviary.

21.2 The timing is completely at the discretion of the Show Manager, but before trophy presentation.

22. Removal of Club Teams

22.1 Teams may be removed from the staging following presentation of trophies.

22.2 It is the responsibility of the Club Show Manager or nominated person to collect their Club Team and be satisfied that all of their club's birds are accounted for. **Teams will only be allowed to exit the show hall once ALL birds entered are accounted for and the staging has been pulled down and stacked away. No exhibits are to leave the hall until the OK has been announced by an SQBBA Show Manager.**

23. Show Conduct

23.1 Any person causing annoyance by comments on decisions of judges or other unseemly or insulting behaviour, after being cautioned by a member of the Show Committee, will be expelled from the show or otherwise dealt with by the committee as they shall think fit.

23.2 An exhibitor who speaks all comments within the judges hearing or makes an approach to a judge regarding exhibits in the class being judged will be dealt with by the Show Committee as they see fit.

24. Disputes

24.1 Any disputes must be referred to the Show Manager and his/her committee.

24.2 Any exhibitor may lodge a protest with the Show Manager at any time up to thirty (30) minutes upon completion of show judging against any exhibit or exhibitor on grounds of violation of any Show Rule.

24.3 This protest must be in **writing** signed by the protester, must specify particulars of the charge and must be accompanied by a **deposit \$50.00**.

24.4 This deposit shall be forfeited if the Show Committee decides the protest is deemed frivolous, vexatious or unjustified but otherwise may be returned to the protester if the protest is upheld. (Refer 6.4 Disqualification in show rules of SQBBA affiliated Societies.)

25. NO FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY ALLOWED within show annex.

26. Tea Preparers/Carers

26.1 At least three to be nominated and three (3) appointed.

26.2 Preparers/Carers will be selected (**no later than 30th November in the year preceding the Nationals**) by way of a majority written vote. The team carers must be available for the week prior to the Nationals and ideally at the national show.

27. Reserve Birds

27.1 The reserve birds must be made available for selection if required. Exhibitors are to be informed if their bird is a team reserve. Where a reserve bird is taken to the holding aviary the Club representative must be informed.

27.2 Those birds not taken are to be held by the exhibitor, unless an exhibitor who resides in excess of 80 kms from the holding aviary chooses to leave the reserve bird at the holding aviary.

27.3 If the exhibit or chooses to hold the reserve, he/ she must be prepared to bring the bird to the holding aviary if it is required.

27.4 All reserve birds not required in the team may be collected by their owner or representative on the day prior to the team leaving for the competition.

27.5 Exhibitors must arrange to pick up their own birds, or inform carers if another person is collecting on their behalf.

27.6 The reserve bird will only be considered for team selection if the team preparers feel that one of the three team birds is sick, badly out of condition, injured or dies.

28. Holding Aviary

28.1a The SQBBA shall arrange suitable accommodation for the birds while in their care.

28.1b The SQBBA to supply suitable supplements for the birds' wellbeing while in their care.

28.1c The SQBBA to have available a suitable hospital cage for emergencies.

28.2 The accommodation must be inspected by a Vet or SQBBA nominated representative within the week prior to the arrival of the Selected National Team birds.

28.3 The SQBBA shall arrange for and cover the cost of a Vet to check the team birds as soon as possible after this Zone Selection and then be available to treat any birds that may require attention.

28.4a The owner of any bird requiring treatment must be informed by the Show Manager or carers as soon as possible of the treatment, and any ongoing care required and if necessary, arrange immediate pick up of the bird/birds.

28.4b All other breeders with birds in the team to be notified if a team bird/birds become ill or dies.

28.5a In the unfortunate circumstance of a bird dying while in the SQBBA Team, SQBBA will cover the cost of an autopsy and only the Show Manager or carer will advise the owner as soon as possible and also forward a copy of the autopsy report.

28.5b If any bird is sick or dies up to four weeks after returning from the nationals the owner will investigate why it became ill or died and report all and any findings to SQBBA so other team exhibitors can be notified.

28.6 The owner of any birds selected in the team must arrange to collect the birds from the holding aviary after the Nationals.

28.7 The Show Manager will advise collection times.

28.8 SQBBA will take all necessary care of the birds but will not be held responsible for any loss, illness or injury to birds or equipment during or after the show or while the birds are in SQBBA care.

28.9 No person/s with the exceptions of SQBBA President, nominated Vet, Team Selectors, Carers/Preparers, Show Manager or aviary owner are permitted to enter the aviary that houses the National Show Team without prior approval of the SQBBA President.

29. Changes

29.1 The rules for the conducting of the SQBBA National Zone Selection Show will be reviewed annually by the Sub Committee and any changes will be on the recommendation of the Sub Committee. This review will be conducted within two (2) months after the Zone Selection show has been held.

29.2 Any changes to the format or rules for the conduct of the show must be in place by 31st December of the year prior to the show.

30. Reports to be tabled to the SQBBA

The following reports are required to be presented by the responsible listed party at the first SQBBA meeting directly following the ANBC Show:

30.1 Zone Selection Show report - Show Manager

30.2 Vet report and accounts - Show Manager

30.3 Zone Selection Team Selection by Judges - Judges (made available immediately after the judging of each class)

30.4 Team preparation - Team Preparers

30.5 Team report at Nationals - Carers

30.6 National Report - SQBBA Show Manager.