

OFFICIAL ABS SHOW RULES FOR AFFILIATED SOCIETIES

ABS HAS NEVER MADE ANY ATTEMPT TO TELL THE Affiliated clubs how to run their local shows and has no desire to do so now. These rules have been held to the barest minimum that can be expected to create some uniformity in the basic show rules. While each Affiliated club will be expected to incorporate these basic rules in their show rules, the adoption of these rules does not mean that the Affiliated societies are prohibited from adopting such further show rules as may be necessary to cope with local conditions or to assure the success of their show as long as such rules do not directly conflict with the official show rules.

1. All entries must be the bonafide property of the exhibitor. Beginning January, 1987, birds must be banded with an ABS band to win an ABS award. Year 2000 banded birds are exempt from the ABS banding requirement.
2. The Show Management will not be responsible for loss or damage to exhibits during the show. However, the best possible care will be provided while the exhibits are in the show hall.
3. Exhibitors will be allowed to observe the judging provided they do so in a non-disturbing manner from the area provided for spectators. Only the stewards and other designated personnel will be allowed in the vicinity of the Judge's Bench while entries are being judged.
4. Young classes are open only to budgerigars banded with traceable current year closed bands. All birds entered in the Novice, Intermediate, Champion, Junior and Rare Divisions must have been bred by the exhibitor and must wear a traceable leg band of standard size that has been issued to the exhibitor by an organization that keeps accurate permanent records of all bands issued. Bands that have been tampered with, (cut, stretched, etc.) will be cause for disqualification of the bird, and reprimanding of the exhibitor. Birds entered in the OLD CLASSES of Open or Champion-Open Divisions are not subject to any band restrictions. Any bird may be shown in these divisions. ABS allows for double banded birds by ABS members, with a second band, at ABS shows, providing one band is an ABS band and the

bird is bred and banded by the exhibitor and that both bands are traceable to the Exhibitor.

5. An exhibitor having earned advancement to a higher division prior to the end of the official show season, may continue to exhibit in the same division in which he began the current show season until the beginning of the next official show season. (The Official Show Season is defined as the period of time between January 1st and December 31 of the same year).
6. If one judge is engaged by an affiliate club, it must be an ABS Panel Judge; if two are engaged, one must be an ABS Panel Judge; if three or more are engaged, the majority must be ABS Panel Judges.

Only ABS Judges (with the exception of Foreign Guest Judges, who may judge along with ABS Judges) to judge ABS Sanctioned Shows.

If in the judgment of the Show Chairman, in concert with the show committee, a judging time of over 4 hours is anticipated, he may declare an "Emergency condition" and add additional judges to judge in divisions, which they are not exhibiting. The additional judge or judges will be covered by the rules pertaining to the "Emergency condition" in the judges' panel show rules.

7. Only birds entered in Champion, Intermediate, Novice, Junior, & Rare divisions be counted in the number of birds entered in a show. This specifically excludes all sale birds.
8. A bird shall only be considered for a single variety award.
9. All birds will be judged according to ABS standards. The Judge's decisions shall be final.
10. Partnership members of any partnership must exhibit solely in the division in which the highest ranking member of said partnership is qualified to exhibit. Where two or more exhibitors, including all members of one family, except Juniors, breed or keep their Budgerigars at one establishment, aviary or dwelling, such exhibitors must exhibit in the highest Division any one of said exhibitors is qualified to enter. This rule shall not be interpreted to include any

unrelated residents of an apartment house who maintain separate apartments and aviaries or to include unrelated subtenants of an exhibitor who maintain aviaries of their own.

11. All exhibits must be shown in the standard show cage. At, present, any budgie show cage is acceptable, but there will be no markings, tags or labels, other than the official show cage tags on the cage, and they will be stapled so that the exhibitor's name is hidden until the judging is completed.
12. Cage floors will be covered only with seed suitable for budgerigars.
13. All complaints must be in writing and be accompanied by a \$10.00 deposit and to receive any consideration they must be in the hands of the show secretary within a half hour after the judging is completed. If the complaint is not allowed, the deposit will be forfeited.
14. All exhibits in the Open Division of an Open Show shall have the name of the breeder (if it is known) written on the show cage tag below the name of the exhibitor.
15. In the event a bird should be entered in the wrong class, it will be transferred to the correct class provided the correct class has not been judged, or may be compared with the winner of its proper class, and if found to be worthy of further consideration, may be held for competition for higher awards.

16. TYPES OF SHOWS DEFINED:

Closed Show – A show that is restricted to the entries of the members of the sponsoring club or clubs only. Feather shows, parlor shows, baby shows, inter-club competitions, etc., generally come under the heading of closed shows and no ABS Patronage is granted to such shows.

All Breeder Show – A show where all exhibits have been bred, banded (with a traceable leg band issued to the exhibitor by an organization that keeps accurate permanent records of all bands issued) and are owned by the exhibitor. Any exhibitor may enter the birds he had bred and banded himself in such a show as long as he is willing to comply with the show rules of the sponsoring club. Novice, Intermediate, Champion, Junior

and Rare Divisions are usually scheduled, generally with classes for young birds separate from those for older birds.

Open Show – A show at which any breeder, exhibitor or owner may enter any or all of their birds as sections are provided for all. It is customary for an Open Show to schedule a Champion, Intermediate, Novice, Junior and Rare Division for birds bred and banded by the exhibitor, and an Open Division or perhaps a combined Open and Champion Division where there are no band restrictions and the only requirement is that the entry be the bonafide property of the exhibitor. In this Open or Open-Champion Division, it is not even necessary that the birds be banded, unless they are to be entered in young classes, in which case they would be required to be banded with a band of the current year.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

ABS encourages the viewing of the birds whenever possible.

ABS recommends the use of chrome show cage fronts by all exhibitors.

ABS recommends that a person not work as Chief Steward (Judge's Assistant) while his or her division is being judged, if at all possible.

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