

Melbourne Royal Beef Carcase 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.

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 Event must be received at Melbourne Royal Administration Office, located at Melbourne Showgrounds, Epsom Road, Ascot Vale 3032 by no later than the specified Entry Close date in the Important Information for Exhibitors section. Entries must be accompanied by all fees at this time.
- b. All Exhibitors must state with their entry:
 - i. breed, cross of breeds or mixture of breeds;
 - ii. birth date if known, otherwise the month born, of each animal entered so far as this is known;
 - iii. name and breed of the sire and registration ID if known; and
 - iv. name and breed of the dam and registration ID if known.
- c. Steers are Heifers are eligible to compete in the Event.

- d. All Exhibitors must be Meat Standards Australia (MSA) registered beef producers. A MSA Vendor Declaration must be provided to Melbourne Royal upon entry into the Showgrounds. Any Exhibit that is not MSA registered will be disqualified from the competition.

2.2 Entry Fees

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.

2.3 Substitutions

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 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 nominated Withdrawal Date listed in the Information for Exhibitors.

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 Exhibit

- 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 Identification of Exhibits

- a. All Exhibits must be either polled or dehorned so that no scurs or horns protrude from the head more than 3cm, with a maximum diameter of 5cm.
- b. 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. Exhibits not appropriately identified by means of an electronic identification will be deemed ineligible.

4.3 Standard of Exhibits

- a. All Exhibits shall be rung through the nose and at all times shall be led by such nose ring. This includes the unloading of livestock upon arrival at the Showgrounds.

- b. Exhibits that contain Hormone Growth Promotants are not permitted.
- c. A National Vendor Declaration must accompany livestock travelling to the Showgrounds for the purpose of the Event.
- d. All cattle entered into the Event must meet the minimum live weight of 400kg. Any animal that does not meet this requirement will be disqualified from the competition and will not be eligible for processing at the abattoir.
- e. Heifers are ineligible to compete for the Borthwick Trophy.
- f. Each Exhibit must be tractable, and shall be led for Judging.

4.4 Health of Animals

- 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.

4.5 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
- c. The National Cattle Health Declaration must be signed by the owner or the person responsible for the cattle who in doing so, accept personal responsibility for its truth and accuracy.
- d. Cattle entered must not be subject to quarantine or restriction with respect to any other notifiable disease.

4.6 Johne's Disease

- a. Unrestricted entry, with all exhibitors required to complete the National Cattle Health and submit with entries.
- b. Exhibitors may also need additional certification to move between zones or between States. Please check with the local veterinary authority.

4.7 Pestivirus (Bovine Viral Diarrhoea Virus)

- a. All cattle entered in the Beef Carcase Competition, 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 entries.

4.8 Arrival and Departure of Exhibits

- a. All Exhibitors are to comply with the arrival and departure timings allocated, unless otherwise notified directly by the Melbourne Royal Event Coordinator.
- b. Priority may be given to Exhibitors that have considerable distance to travel.
- c. All Exhibits will be weighed live, upon arrival at the Showgrounds. The live classes will be finalised once all Exhibits have been weighed and determined on manageable numbers as deemed by Melbourne Royal (approximately 20 Exhibits).

5 Arrangements for the event

- a. The live classes will be representative of the Three Market Categories for the carcass appraisal, as follows:

Market Category		Live Weight Range	HSCW	P8 (mm)	Rib (mm)
1	Domestic	400 to 480	220 to 270	6-15	4-8
2	Heavy Domestic	481 to 560	271 to 310	6-15	5-10
3	Export	561 and over	311 and over	6-22	5-15

- b. Weight penalty points will be applied to carcasses dressing under 220kgs or over 400kgs (at the rate of one carcass point per kg) as these are considered to have limited market suitability.
- c. Carcasses will not be penalised for higher yields & will be judged in live weight classes.
- d. To be eligible for participation in the Competition, Exhibits must participate in both the led and carcass judging.
- e. Only entries exhibited by a recognised School, College or TAFE (School) will be eligible for the Schools' competition and awards.
- f. School or College Exhibits denoted by (B&P) at the time of entry will be eligible for the Bred and Prepared trophy.
- g. A complete timetable of arrangements for the Competition will be available prior to the Show.
- h. The timetable that appears in this Schedule is subject to change and will be finalised once an indication of entry numbers for this competition is obtained.

6 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.

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

- 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:
- 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.
- b. 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 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.

7.6 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.

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.
- a. Accommodation for Beef Carcase Exhibits may be limited and if entries exceed the quantity that can be suitably accommodated, it may be necessary for Melbourne Royal to ballot entries.

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 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. In order for Exhibits to be slaughtered, and therefore eligible for competition, Exhibitors must provide a National Vendor Declaration.

8.4 Mutual Recognition

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

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 Acquisition of Carcasses

- a. Melbourne Royal reserves the right to arrange the sale of carcasses over the hooks using a grid system. Each carcass that is sold by this method will attract a commission of 3% which is payable to settling agent nominated by the Melbourne Royal.
- b. A carcass settling agent will receive payment directly from the processor(s). Once received, the settling agent will forward all funds as directed by the Exhibitor. The settling agent will deduct the 3% commission and any state duty, transportation costs, charges and levies payable to third parties.
- c. Payments for all carcasses will be made into the bank account nominated for prize money and carcass payments by the Exhibitor upon entry. By entering the competition, the Exhibitor agrees that their nominated bank account details will be provided to Melbourne Royal's nominated carcass settling agent to enable EFT payment.

9 Judging

9.1 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.

9.2 Criteria

- a. All Exhibits must be paraded live before the Judge to be eligible for judging on the hook.
- b. Carcasses will be judged within the general parameters of the MSA Carcass Competition System.
- c. To receive eating quality points all carcasses must meet MSA minimum standards.
- d. Carcasses will not be penalised for bruising should any occur.

9.3 Interference

The Exhibitor or any Agent of the Exhibitor 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.

9.3 Substitute Judge

Melbourne Royal reserves the right to substitute a Judge.

9.5 Decisions

Except as otherwise expressly provided in the Regulations, the decision of a Judge as to the merits of the Exhibit will be final and the Exhibitor may not protest such decision. An Exhibitor may protest a decision on the grounds of a breach of Regulations or data error.

10 Protests

10.1 Restricted to Class

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

10.2 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 \$250 (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.

11 Prizes and Awards

11.1 Judges Discretion

- a. Prizes are awarded at the direction of the Judge and entry into a Class does not guarantee a place.
- b. The Judge reserves the right to penalise, disqualify or make ineligible for an award any Exhibit in the Competition that is determined to be outside of acceptable specifications in regard to weight, eye muscle area, meat colour, fat depth, fat colour, fat distribution and marbling.
- c. An animal or carcass which, in the opinion of the Judge, shows secondary sex characteristics will be deemed to be a bull and will not be eligible for an award.

11.2 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 into the bank account nominated for prize money and carcass payments by the Exhibitor upon entry.
- c. Melbourne Royal reserves the right to increase, alter or delete special prizes or prize money.

11.3 Awards – Led Classes

- a. Ribbons will be awarded for each of the ordinary classes for 1st to 6th place winners.
- b. The highest placed School and College Exhibits from each ordinary class will then compete for the following awards:
 - i. Champion School and College Steer or Heifer; and
 - ii. Reserve Champion School and College Steer or Heifer.

- c. The highest placed School and College Exhibits will be drawn only from the top five Exhibits in each live class (i.e. 1st through to 5th place. If a class does not have a School or College exhibit amongst these top five, then no Exhibit from that class will compete for Champion or Reserve Champion School Steer or Heifer awards.

12 School and College Paraders Competition

- a. Students from each School or College entering steers or heifers in the Carcase Competition may also enter the School and College Paraders Competition.
- b. Paraders must be an enrolled student at a School or College and, if not participating as part of a School or College program, the student must provide written permission from their School or College to exhibit on their behalf.
- c. Paraders can only compete for a School or College in which they are currently enrolled.
- d. Exhibits paraded must be entered in the Beef Carcase Competition under the School or College under which it is entered in the Paraders Competition.
- e. The number of students from each School or College is restricted to three for each steer or heifer exhibited (as opposed to entered). Points gained in this section contribute to the Most Successful School or College Exhibitor awards.
- f. Each parader will be assessed for showmanship, animal/handler relationship preparation of animal, cleanliness of gear and suitability of animal.
- g. A white coat or breed uniform recognised by Melbourne Royal must be worn by the parader when parading his/her animal.
- h. All animals paraded must comply with these Special Regulations especially with regard to the use of nose rings (clause 27).

- i. Awards will be presented to the paraders who best prepare an animal for the show ring, attention being given to the manner in which it is brought before the judges.
- j. Classes will be arranged in suitable groups based on age.
- k. Sashes will be awarded for each heat for 1st to 6th place winners.
- l. A Certificate of Participation will be awarded to all entrants. Melbourne Royal may choose to provide these Certificates after the completion of the Show.

13 Most successful school or college exhibitor

- a. The Bott-Burston perpetual trophy plus an annual replica will be awarded to the School or College gaining the highest total number of points in the School and College Paraders, Live Steer and Heifer, and Beef Carcase classes based on the following:
 - 3 points for – 1st;
 - 2 points for – 2nd;
 - 1 point for – 3rd;
 - 2 points for – Grand Champion;
 - 3 points for – Champion; and
 - 2 points for – Reserve Champion.

14 The Borthwick Trophy

- a. The conditions of the Borthwick Trophy competition are:
 - i. to be between teams of three purebred steers. Heifers are not eligible for the Borthwick Trophy;
 - ii. steers to be led in the judging ring;
 - iii. each team to be representative of any recognised Beef Cattle Breed;
 - iv. each team to be selected from amongst the entries in the ordinary classes by a Breed Panel prior to live judging of these classes;
 - v. each breed to be represented by one team only;

- vi. the results of both live and carcass judging will be considered in determining the winner of the Borthwick Trophy, with 25% of total points allocated for live judging and 75% of total points allocated for carcass appraisal (maximum points awarded by live judge – 100 points);
 - vii. points gained by the steers in the carcass judging (maximum 300 points) to be added to the points awarded alive;
 - viii. the winner of the Borthwick Trophy will be the team that gains the highest aggregate points in both the live and carcass judging (maximum 400 points); and
 - ix. the Borthwick Trophy to be competed for in perpetuity, and the name of the winning breed to be engraved on it each year.
- b. The Trophy will remain the property of Melbourne Royal. A replica of the trophy will be presented to each of the Exhibitors of the winning team.

15 Steer Bonanza

- a. The Melbourne Royal Show Steer Bonanza is an optional 'opt-in' cash prize pool.
- b. All steer and heifer exhibits eligible for the Beef Carcass Competition are eligible to enter.
- c. Exhibitors must nominate on their entry form which exhibits they would like to enter in the Bonanza. Each entry is \$53 (incl GST). This fee is in addition to the standard entry fee. Full payment must be made upon entry.
- d. Each exhibit may only be entered in the Bonanza once. An Exhibitor may choose to enter as many or as few of their exhibits as they wish.
- e. An Exhibitor has the option to substitute their Bonanza entry with another of their exhibits already entered in the ordinary classes of the Beef Carcass Competition. The substituted exhibit must be entered under the same Exhibitor name.

- f. Substitutions must be made to the Livestock Manager no later than one hour after the completion of weighing. Regular announcements will be made throughout the Pavilion, and it is the responsibility of the Exhibitor to ensure this deadline is met.
- g. Entries in the Bonanza are not transferable between Exhibitors.
- h. At the conclusion of carcass judging, the carcass results of all exhibits entered in the Bonanza will be ranked. The carcasses will not be grouped into classes prior to ranking.
- i. The Bonanza carcass with the highest score will receive a cash prize of 50% of the total prize pool. The Bonanza carcass with the second highest score will receive a cash prize of 30% of the total prize pool. The Bonanza carcass with the third highest score will receive a cash prize of 20% of the total prize pool.
- j. The total cash prize pool is inclusive of GST. If any of the winning exhibitors are not registered for GST, GST will not be paid.
- k. If an animal is withdrawn from the Beef Carcass Competition after the close of entries, the Exhibitor may transfer the Bonanza entry to any of their exhibits that have not been entered in the Bonanza. If the Exhibitor has no exhibits that are not entered in the Bonanza, the Bonanza entry of the withdrawn exhibit will be forfeited, and is non-refundable.

16 Handlers

- a. The minimum age of a handler is eight (8) years old.
- b. Melbourne Royal reserve the right to change the minimum age based on the nature of the class or activity.
- c. It will be at the discretion of Melbourne Royal staff or officials to determine if a handler is unfit for the judging ring.
- d. If a handler is deemed unfit for the judging ring, they will be disqualified and asked to leave the judging ring.

- e. Should a handler appear out of control of their animal, the animal will be removed by a Melbourne Royal official and removed from the judging ring.

17 Accomodation

- a. All Exhibits are required to be housed as directed at the Showgrounds.
- b. Any proposed departure from this requirement by an Exhibitor must receive prior written permission from Melbourne Royal.

18 Lockers

- a. Limited accommodation lockers are available for Exhibitors at a fee during the Show for the occupancy period.
- b. 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.
- c. It is the responsibly of the Exhibitor to return the locker key prior to departure. Lost or non-returned keys incur a \$25 replacement fee.
- d. 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.
- e. The hiring of lockers will be subject to additional terms and conditions.

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 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. Any vehicle, located on the Melbourne Showgrounds, or any area leased by Melbourne Royal, shall be at the sole risk of the owner.

- c. 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.
- d. Any vehicle entering or remaining on the Showgrounds, or any area under Melbourne Royal control, in contravention of this Regulation 19 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.

21 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.

22 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*.

23 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 defence for Melbourne Royal to any such action.

24 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.

25 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.melbournroyal.com.au/privacy

25.1 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.

25.2 Sharing of Personal Information

- a. Without limiting Melbourne Royal's privacy policy, Melbourne Royal may share information which has been collected under Regulation 24 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.

26 Governing law

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