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2024 **Schedule**

Celebrating Australia's toughest axemen and women for over *100 years*

The Melbourne Royal Woodchop Championships has featured at the Show for more than 100 years, providing champion and handicap woodchoppers an opportunity to compete across more than 40 events including tree-felling, standing block, underhand, sawing and teams relay.



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Melbourne Royal Show
26 September – 6 October 2024

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Trophies and Awards

“Golden Axe” Grand Aggregate Trophy

The competitor gaining the highest number of points shall be declared the winner.

The “Golden Axe” Grand Aggregate Trophy will be awarded to the competitor who receives the most number of points from all grand finals except 13, 14, 16, 26/27, 30/31, 33, 38–47.

The points awarded to each competitor are as follows: 1st: 5 points | 2nd: 3 points | 3rd: 2 points | 4th: 1 point

In two person events, the points shall be shared. In the event of a tie, the winner will be declared on a count back of the most wins in finals. If a tie still exists, a similar count back will take place in semi-finals.

Champion Axeman Trophy

The competitor gaining the highest number of points shall be declared the winner.

The Champion Axeman Trophy will be awarded to the competitor who receives the highest points in all Championship events. The following events are included in the points tally, 3, 4, 5, 24, 34/35.

The points awarded to each competitor are as follows: 1st: 5 points | 2nd: 3 points | 3rd: 2 points | 4th: 1 point

In the event of a tie, the winner will be declared on a count back of the most wins in finals. If a tie still exists, a similar count back will take place in semi-finals.

Handicap Aggregate Trophy

The competitor gaining the highest number of points shall be declared the winner.

The Handicap Aggregate Trophy is proudly offered by Allan and Narelle Draper and will be awarded to the competitor who receives the most number of points in all open Handicap events.

The points awarded to each competitor are as follows: 1st: 5 points | 2nd: 3 points | 3rd: 2 points | 4th: 1 point

In two person events, the points shall be shared. In the event of a tie, the winner will be declared on a count back of the most wins in finals. If a tie still exists, a similar count back will take place in semi-finals.

Important Information for *Exhibitors*

Dates

Melbourne Royal Show: Thursday 26 September –
Sunday 6 October 2024

Woodchop Championships: Thursday 26 September
– Sunday 29 September 2024

Entries open

Wednesday 20 March 2024

Entries close

Wednesday 15 May 2024

Entry fees

Entry fees are listed against each event.

Delivery and collection of axes/ axe boxes

If you are using a vehicle to deliver or collect your axes/axe boxes, this must be highlighted on the Competition Entry Form.

A Melbourne Royal Vehicle Access Pass will be issued and must be displayed on the vehicle dashboard at all times. Please note there will be no exemptions to this rule.

Further details, including access times on Delivery and Collection days will be provided to exhibitors during the entry process.

Delivery

Wednesday 25 September

Collection

Sunday 29 September, upon completion of competition.

Catalogues

Catalogues to be pre-purchased via the Competition Entry Form.

Governing Rules

The Melbourne Royal Woodchop Championships will be conducted under the guidance of the Australian Axemen's Association Inc. (AAA) Rules. These can be found at the AAA's website: www.australianaxemen.org.au

Procedure

Read the schedule

Information in this Schedule contains conditions of entry, events and prizes awarded.

Finalisation of entry forms and fees

Once all competitor entries have been confirmed and finalised, an Entry Confirmation and Tax Invoice will be sent.

Registration of event

The Melbourne Royal Woodchop Championships are registered with the Central Victorian Axemen's Association Inc.

Handicapper

Melbourne Royal's official Handicapper is Allan Draper.

Supporter Prizes

Prizes are provided by third parties and Melbourne Royal advises that any such prize may be subject to change or amendment occurring at any time, thereby making the original information published incorrect.

Important Information for Exhibitors

Entry Fees and Melbourne Royal Membership Discount

As a member of Melbourne Royal you can receive discount entry fees in the Melbourne Royal Show Woodchop Championships. In order for exhibitors to claim the Melbourne Royal member discount on entry fees for this competition, membership must be joined or renewed and fully paid before entering this competition, and membership details must be provided during the competition entry. No adjustments will be provided after the entry has been submitted. Members who are not financial at the time of submitting their entry will not be eligible for the entry discount.

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Visit www.melbournroyal.com.au/membership for more information or call 03 9281 7444.

Competition entry discounts only apply to Full Members. Junior and Restricted Members are unable to receive entry discounts to the Melbourne Royal Woodchop Championships.

Draft *Timetable*

The draft timetable is subject to alteration and fees will not be refunded for events that are moved. The official timetable of events will be available in the Catalogue.

The events are listed in numerical order.

Tree Felling events will be held over multiple days. The program is limited to 6 heats. The log size is subject to change depending on timber supplied. Championships are limited to best 12 Axemen by handicap. The Tree Felling Handicap is limited to 16 competitors The Treefelling Championship is limited to the top 8.

The following events will begin and finish on:

Day 1: Thursday 26 September		
Event 1	300mm	Tree Felling Handicap
Event 3	300mm	Standing Block Championship
Event 4	300mm	Standing Block Handicap
Event 16	275mm	Underhand Handicap
Event 20	375mm	Single Handed Sawing Championship

Day 2: Friday 27 September		
Event 1	300mm	Tree Felling Handicap
Event 5	250mm	Standing Block Handicap
Event 10	300mm	Underhand Championship
Event 11	275mm	Underhand Handicap
Event 21	450mm	Double Handed Sawing Championship
Event 25	375mm	Single Handed Sawing Handicap

Day 3: Saturday 28 September		
Event 1	300mm	Tree Felling Handicap Final
Event 6	275mm	Standing Block Handicap
Event 7	250mm	Under 18 Standing Block Championship
Event 12	300mm	Underhand Handicap
Event 13	275mm	Standing Block Championship
Event 18	275mm	Veterans Underhand Handicap
Event 22	375mm	Jack & Jill Double Handed Sawing Championship
Event 23	325mm	Womens Single Handed Sawing Handicap

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Day 4: Sunday 29 September		
Event 2	275mm	Tree Felling Championship
Event 8	250mm	Standing Handicap
Event 9	250mm	Veterans Standing Handicap
Event 14	300mm	Underhand Handicap
Event 15	275mm	Under 18 years Underhand Championship.
Event 17	275mm	Womens Underhand Handicap
Event 19	300mm	Underhand Hard Hitting Championship
Event 24	375mm	Jack & Jill Double Handed Sawing Handicap
Event 26	375mm	Double Handed Sawing Handicap

Events

Tree Felling Events

No trimming of board holes will be permitted. Competitors must put three spring boards above each other and cut out the front scarf, then descend removing the three spring boards to the ground and put the same three spring boards in on the other side and cut out the back scarf. (Logs must not be cut off from one side.) Any competitor chopping in a previously cut board hole will be disqualified. The 3 events are limited to experienced axemen and they must state on the entry form whether they are left or right handed.

EVENT 1: TREE FELLING HANDICAP (300MM)

Total prize money: \$1950

Prize: 1st \$1,000, 2nd \$500, 3rd \$250, 4th \$100, 5th-6th \$50

Prize: 1st-3rd sash

Entry fees: \$35 Member, \$49 Non Member

EVENT 2: TREE FELLING CHAMPIONSHIP (275MM)

Axemen nominating in a championship event must enter in at least one Tree Felling handicap event to qualify. Restricted to the best axemen by handicap.

Total prize money: \$1950

Prize: 1st \$1,000, 2nd \$500, 3rd \$250, 4th \$100, 5th-6th \$50

Prize: 1st-3rd sash

Entry fees: \$44 Member, \$59 Non Member

Standing Block Events

EVENT 3: STANDING BLOCK CHAMPIONSHIP (300MM)

Axemen nominating in a championship event must enter in at least two Standing Block handicap events to qualify.

Restricted to the best axemen by handicap.

Total prize money: \$2450

Prize: 1st \$1,200, 2nd \$600, 3rd \$300, 4th \$200, 5th \$100, 6th \$50

Prize: 1st-3rd sash

Entry fees: \$44 Member, \$59 Non Member

EVENT 4: STANDING BLOCK HANDICAP (300MM)

Total prize money: \$1950

Prize: 1st \$1,000, 2nd \$500, 3rd \$250, 4th \$100, 5th-6th \$50

Prize: 1st-3rd sash

Entry fees: \$32 Member, \$47 Non Member

EVENT 5: STANDING BLOCK HANDICAP (250MM)

Total prize money: \$1950

Prize: 1st \$1,000, 2nd \$500, 3rd \$250, 4th \$100, 5th-6th \$50

Prize: 1st-3rd sash

Entry fees: \$32 Member, \$47 Non Member

EVENT 6: STANDING BLOCK HANDICAP (275MM)

Total prize money: \$1950

Prize: 1st \$1,000, 2nd \$500, 3rd \$250, 4th \$100, 5th-6th \$50

Prize: 1st-3rd sash

Entry fees: \$32 Member, \$47 Non Member

Events

EVENT 7: UNDER 18 STANDING BLOCK CHAMPIONSHIP (250MM)

Restricted to Competitors between 9 and 18 years of age on the first day of the Show. Proof of age may be requested. Competitors must be born between 25 Sep 2006 and 26 Sep 2015 inclusive.

Total prize money: \$1000

Prize: 1st \$480, 2nd \$240, 3rd \$120, 4th \$60, 5th-6th \$50

Prize: 1st-3rd sash

Entry fees: \$25 Member, \$25 Non Member

EVENT 8: STANDING BLOCK HANDICAP (250MM)

Total prize money: \$1950

Prize: 1st \$1,000, 2nd \$500, 3rd \$250, 4th \$100, 5th-6th \$50

Prize: 1st-3rd sash

Entry fees: \$32 Member, \$47 Non Member

EVENT 9: VETERANS' STANDING BLOCK HANDICAP (250MM)

Restricted to Competitors 60 years of age and over on the first day of the Show. Competitors must be born on or before 26 Sep 1964.

Total prize money: \$1000

Prize: 1st \$500, 2nd \$250, 3rd \$125, 4th \$75, 5th-6th \$25

Prize: 1st-3rd sash

Entry fees: \$32 Member, \$47 Non Member

Underhand Events

EVENT 10: UNDERHAND CHAMPIONSHIP (300MM)

Restricted to the best 12 axemen by handicap.

Total prize money: \$2450

Prize: 1st \$1,200, 2nd \$600, 3rd \$300, 4th \$200, 5th \$100, 6th \$50

Prize: 1st-3rd sash

Entry fees: \$38 Member, \$53 Non Member

EVENT 11: UNDERHAND HANDICAP (275MM)

Total prize money: \$1950

Prize: 1st \$1,000, 2nd \$500, 3rd \$250, 4th \$100, 5th-6th \$50

Prize: 1st-3rd sash

Entry fees: \$29 Member, \$49 Non Member

EVENT 12: UNDERHAND HANDICAP (300MM)

Total prize money: \$1950

Prize: 1st \$1,000, 2nd \$500, 3rd \$250, 4th \$100, 5th-6th \$40

Prize: 1st-3rd sash

Entry fees: \$32 Member, \$47 Non Member

EVENT 13: STANDING BLOCK CHAMPIONSHIP (275MM)

Axemen nominating in a championship event must enter in at least two Standing Block handicap events to qualify.

Restricted to the best 12 axemen by handicap.

Total prize money: \$2450

Prize: 1st \$1,200, 2nd \$600, 3rd \$300, 4th \$200, 5th \$100, 6th \$50

Prize: 1st-3rd sash

Entry fees: \$38 Member, \$53 Non Member

EVENT 14: UNDERHAND HANDICAP (300MM)

Total prize money: \$1950

Prize: 1st \$1,000, 2nd \$500, 3rd \$250, 4th \$100, 5th-6th \$50

Prize: 1st-3rd sash

Entry fees: \$32 Member, \$47 Non Member

Events

EVENT 15: UNDER 18 UNDERHAND CHAMPIONSHIP (275MM)

Restricted to Competitors between 9 and 18 years of age on the first day of the Show. Proof of age may be requested. Competitors must be born between 25 Sep 2006 and 26 Sep 2015 inclusive.

Total prize money: \$1000

Prize: 1st \$480, 2nd \$240, 3rd \$120, 4th \$60, 5th-6th \$50

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Prize: 1st-3rd sash

Entry fees: \$25 Member, \$25 Non Member

EVENT 16: UNDERHAND HANDICAP (275MM)

Total prize money: \$1950

Prize: 1st \$1,000, 2nd \$500, 3rd \$250, 4th \$100, 5th-6th \$50

Prize: 1st-3rd sash

Entry fees: \$32 Member, \$47 Non Member

EVENT 17: WOMEN'S UNDERHAND HANDICAP (275MM)

Total prize money: \$1200

1st - \$600; 2nd - \$300; 3rd - \$200; 4th - \$100; 5th-6th - \$50

Prize: 1st-3rd sash

Entry fees: \$28 Member, \$39 Non Member

EVENT 18: VETERANS' UNDERHAND HANDICAP (275MM)

Restricted to competitors 60 years of age and over on the first day of the Show. Competitors must be born on or before 26 Sep 1964.

Total prize money: \$1000

Prize: 1st \$500, 2nd \$250, 3rd \$125, 4th \$75, 5th-6th \$25

Prize: 1st-3rd sash

Entry fees: \$32 Member, \$47 Non Member

Hard Hitting Events

The event to be completed by each contestant within 90 secs or at the discretion of Melbourne Royal. In the event of a dead heat, time will be the deciding factor. The check starter is not permitted to inspect logs before full time allowance for each chop has expired. During the chop the time keeper may call the elapsed time of 15 second intervals. Standard Axes are to be used in these events, and are not to exceed 3kg overall weight and 180mm cutting edge. The Axes shall be weighed prior to the commencement of the event.

EVENT 19: HARD HITTING UNDERHAND CHAMPIONSHIP (300MM)

Total prize money: \$2450

Prize: 1st \$1,200, 2nd \$600, 3rd \$300, 4th \$200, 5th \$100, 6th \$50

Prize: 1st-3rd sash

Entry fees: \$38 Member, \$53 Non Member

Events

Sawing Events

AAA Special Regulations 123 and 124 apply. The saw may rest on the top of the log to start. No saw cuts permitted prior to start. These events are open to any style of crosscut saw. The bottom of the log will be 500mm above ground level. Competitors in Double Handed Events must enter individually for those Events.

EVENT 20: SINGLE HANDED SAWING CHAMPIONSHIP (375MM)

Total prize money: \$1200

Prize: 1st \$600, 2nd \$300, 3rd \$200, 4th \$100

Prize: 1st-3rd sash

Entry fees: \$27 Member, \$33 Non Member

EVENT 21: DOUBLE HANDED SAWING CHAMPIONSHIP (450MM)

Competitors must enter individually for this event and nominations for pairs must be lodged with the Handicapper at the time of the Show.

Total prize money: \$1200

Prize: 1st \$600, 2nd \$300, 3rd \$200, 4th \$100

Prize: 1st-3rd sash

Entry fees: \$44 Member, \$59 Non Member

EVENT 22: JACK & JILL DOUBLE HANDED SAWING CHAMPIONSHIP (375MM)

Competitors must enter individually for this event and nominations for pairs must be lodged with the Handicapper at the time of the Show.

Total prize money: \$1200

Prize: 1st \$600, 2nd \$300, 3rd \$200, 4th \$100

Prize: 1st-3rd sash

Entry fees: \$27 Member, \$33 Non Member

EVENT 23: WOMEN'S SINGLE HANDED SAWING HANDICAP (325MM)

Total prize money: \$1200

1st - \$600; 2nd - \$300; 3rd - \$200; 4th - \$100;

5th-6th - \$50

Supported by Arthur J Gallagher

Prize: 1st-3rd sash

Entry fees: \$27 Member, \$33 Non Member

EVENT 24: JACK & JILL DOUBLE HANDED SAWING HANDICAP (375MM)

Competitors must enter individually for this event and nominations for pairs must be lodged with the Handicapper at the time of the Show.

Total prize money: \$1200

Prize: 1st \$600, 2nd \$300, 3rd \$200, 4th \$100

Prize: 1st-3rd sash

Entry fees: \$27 Member, \$33 Non Member

EVENT 25: SINGLE HANDED SAWING HANDICAP (375MM)

Total prize money: \$1200

Prize: 1st \$600, 2nd \$300, 3rd \$200, 4th \$100

Prize: 1st-3rd sash

Entry fees: \$27 Member, \$33 Non Member

EVENT 26: DOUBLE HANDED SAWING HANDICAP (375MM)

Competitors must enter individually for this event and nominations for pairs must be lodged with the Handicapper at the time of the Show.

Total prize money: \$1200

Prize: 1st \$600, 2nd \$300, 3rd \$200, 4th \$100

Prize: 1st-3rd sash

Entry fees: \$27 Member, \$33 Non Member

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Special Regulations of the Melbourne Royal *Woodchop Championship*

1. The rules appearing in this Schedule form part of the Regulations and conditions of entry to an Event at The Melbourne Royal Show (Show). In the event of any inconsistency between the Melbourne Royal General Regulations and these rules, the General Regulations shall prevail to the extent of the inconsistency unless the General Regulations provide otherwise.
2. Scratchings must be notified to the Woodchop Handicapper by 5pm on the day prior to the event. Competitors not notifying of scratchings may be fined \$50.
3. The logs and billets will be any variety of timber and any length approved by the Stewards at their absolute discretion. The diameter of all logs will be as uniform as possible.
4. When entering all Competitors must submit their last win and handicap and a list of their last four performances anywhere, irrespective of association or state, together with the name of the backmarker. An entry will definitely not be accepted unless the last win and the last four performances for each class of event entered are stated on the back of the entry form. This applies to all Competitors.
5. The contest will be chopped in heats and a final, according to the number of entries.
6. All logs and billets will be numbered, and will be drawn randomly.
7. The first and second competitors in each heat, unless otherwise stated, shall compete in the semi final or final. At the absolute discretion of the Stewards, when there are two semifinals, they may take one, two or three place-getters to start in the final.
8. No Competitor will be allowed to make any axe marks on their log or to the foot holes or dog holes before their handicap starting time as allotted by the Handicapper.
9. No persons, other than Competitors and officials, will be allowed in the arena during the contest.
10. Axes must entirely sever logs in two parts; Competitors who sever logs with the aid of pushing or pulling will be automatically disqualified.
11. Competitors must be at their places prior to the advertised time of starting. Events will commence at their advertised starting time notwithstanding the absence of any competitor.
12. Each Competitor shall wear long white trousers, white boots or shoes and a singlet or shirt which must be of a colour considered by the Steward-in-Chief to be appropriate to the State in which they reside or appropriate to the particular event in which the Competitor is competing. Singlets or shirts provided by sponsors must be worn in the allocated events.
13. A Competitor's apparel must at all times be kept clean, tidy and free from excessive grime throughout the period of the Show. Stewards reserve the right to request that a Competitor to change into a presentable uniform prior to their event. This means that clean white pants and singlets must be worn to each day of competition.
14. Competitors in finals should not leave the arena, between end of final and presentation of awards and they must remain in the same apparel.

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15. No advertising matter of any kind shall be displayed or be visible on the wearing apparel of any Competitor, without prior approval of the Steward-in-Chief, except that the insignia or Coat-of-Arms for countries, states, association show societies, clubs or other bodies may be worn on the singlet or shirt front subject to the prior approval of the Steward-in-Chief.
16. All place winners must ensure their woodchop uniform is worn for all presentations. Under no circumstances should casual jackets, jumpers or caps be worn during the presentation ceremony. Competitors may be fined for not adhering to this rule.
17. In any association or club team races, the association or club uniform singlets are to be worn.
18. Any Competitor who holds the right to compete in novice events, forfeits the right to compete as a novice of an event when they have won a single handed open handicap event anywhere in Australia. This rule applies Australia wide and is irrespective of prize money. A Competitor who claims to be a novice may be required by the Steward in Chief to make a statutory declaration to this effect.
19. Melbourne Royal may appoint a Disputes Committee for the Woodchop Competition and any decision of this Committee shall be final in all respects whatsoever save only for any decisions or directions of Melbourne Royal. No decisions, directions or determinations made by the Disputes Committee, or Melbourne Royal for the purposes of the Woodchop Competition shall be called into question in any manner or in any proceedings whatsoever.
20. Competitors must use clamps as supplied by Melbourne Royal in all standing block events.
21. A Competitor who wins an event after the posting of marks may be re handicapped for any subsequent event or events. Melbourne Royal reserves the right to re handicap a Competitor before an event has commenced.
22. Every care must be exercised to keep axes and saws covered. Axes and saws **MUST NOT** be carried among the general public unless so covered. Competitors should note the terms of rules 8.1 and 8.2 of the General Regulations. All axes shall have a pin (minimum size 3mm) placed through the axe as near as possible to the centre of the handle area.
23. Logs situated in a reserved area adjacent to the dressing room will be provided to enable competitors to test their axes. Competitors shall not be permitted to test their axes in the arena.
24. In the underhand events, all Competitors must finish on their logs.
25. In a tree felling event any Competitor chopping in a previously cut board hole will be automatically disqualified.
26. Under no circumstances are Competitors permitted to enter the log enclosure without the permission of the Log Steward.
27. In all sawing contests, saw cuts shall be started as close as possible to the front end of the log and shall not be more than 100mm in from the edge of the top side. Oil may be used on the saw immediately prior to the commencement of the contest. In sawing contests the saw must saw through the log from one side only.
28. In sawing contests, the wedger shall stand behind the log and if any wedger in any way touches or guides a saw or touches or guides that portion of the log which is being cut off, the Competitor or team concerned shall be automatically disqualified. The wedger's apparel must conform with Special Regulation 12.
29. Definition: "Behind the log" in this regulation shall be interpreted to mean the opposite end of the log to the saw cut.



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30. In the 400mm diameter butcher blocks, one member of each team shall open a scarf and cut the log approximately half way through, the first cutting member of the team on ceasing to cut shall retire to their neutral area and visually indicate to their partner, in a manner prescribed by Stewards, that the other team member is to complete the cut by opening a scarf on the opposite side of the log.
31. As listed in Special Regulation 19, any decision of a Steward with respect to any matter related to the Woodchop Competition shall be final and any regulations, conditions, rules or guidelines, which may be expressed to apply to the Woodchop Competition shall in no way be construed as limiting the discretion of the Stewards to conduct the events in such manner as they think fit.
32. Inscribed sashes and ribbons, presented by Melbourne Royal will be awarded to the first, second and third prize winners of Events 1 to 56 inclusive.
33. Woodchop Competition event times and dates will be announced in the Catalogue

PAYMENT OF PRIZE MONEY

34. Prize money as stated in the relevant Prize Schedule includes GST, if applicable. By indicating that you are GST registered you are agreeing to receive a Recipient Created Tax Invoice (RCTI) for any prize money won, and for prize money to include GST. All prizemoney will be paid out via EFT only.

ALCOHOL

35. Consumption of alcohol in the arena or dressing rooms by Competitors is prohibited at all times. Any Competitor found consuming alcohol shall be fined \$50 and disqualified from competing or participating that day and at the discretion of the Steward-in-Chief, may be disqualified for the rest of the competition.

UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOUR

36. An immediate fine of \$50 is applicable to unacceptable behaviour in the arena and further competition is not allowed until payment of fine. This behaviour includes swearing, temper displays, axe misuse, abuse or obvious disagreements with officials, Committee Members and disagreements with others.
37. Any competitor removing chips or touching the scarf with their hand, or any part of their body will incur disqualification.

General Regulations for All Competitions

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).

Assistant Chief Steward means the person occupying or acting in the position of Assistant Chief Steward of a section.

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 week day 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.

Chief Steward means the person occupying or acting in the position of Chief Steward of a section.

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.

Event includes competition and class and without limitation includes any event listed in a Schedule. Event also includes the period of bump-in and bump-out for the Event and the period of the Event competition.

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

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

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.

Inspector means a person described as such in the Regulations.

Judge means a person appointed by Melbourne Royal to judge an Event.

Motor Vehicle includes a truck, trailer, horse float and stock transporter but does not include a caravan.

Melbourne Royal means Melbourne Royal (ACN 006 728 785).

Regulations means:

- (a) Melbourne Royal's General Regulations For All Competitions;
- (b) the rules, regulations and conditions of entry set out in the Relevant Schedule; and
- (c) 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.

Review Committee means a committee appointed under Regulation 12.4.

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.

General Regulations for All Competitions

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 Regulations and a Schedule, the Regulations prevail to the extent of the inconsistency unless otherwise provided.

1.3 EXEMPTIONS

Melbourne Royal may, by notice in writing, exempt an Exhibit or an Exhibitor from one or more of the obligations or requirements contained in these Regulations.

1.4 CONSENTS OR APPROVALS

Where the doing of any act, matter or thing under these Regulations is dependent upon the consent or approval of a person or is within the discretion of a person, the consent or approval may be given or discretion may be exercised conditionally or unconditionally or withheld by the person in its absolute discretion and without giving or assigning any reason for it.

2. ENTRIES

2.1 REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTERING AN EVENT

An entry to an Event must be:

- (a) submitted on an Entry Form;

- (b) acknowledged by a physical signature or electronic authorisation by the Exhibitor or, if the Exhibitor is less than 18 years of age, acknowledged by the Exhibitor's parent or guardian;
- (c) fully paid for as set out in the Relevant Schedule;
- (d) submitted before the Closing Date to Melbourne Royal's Registered Office or electronic service; and
- (e) Any Exhibit entered into an Event must be disease free and in good health and condition.

2.2 WARRANTY

The Exhibitor represents and warrants to Melbourne Royal that the information set out on the Entry Form is complete, accurate and not misleading in any way.

2.3 RULES AND REGULATIONS

An entry is subject to the:

- (a) Regulations; and
- (b) Relevant Schedule.

2.4 ENTRIES SUBJECT TO RULES AND REGULATIONS

Upon submission of an entry in accordance with Regulation 2, the Exhibitor agrees to be bound by the rules, regulations and conditions referred to in Regulation 2.2 and to ensure that each Agent of the Exhibitor complies with those rules, regulations and conditions. An act or omission of an Agent of an Exhibitor may be deemed by Melbourne Royal to be the act or omission of the Exhibitor.

2.5 ALTERED ENTRIES

Subject to the discretion of Melbourne Royal an entry may not be altered after the Closing Date.

2.6 NUMBER OF ENTRIES

Melbourne Royal may restrict the number of entries in any Event.

2.7 LIMIT ON ENTRY INTO MULTIPLE ORDINARY CLASSES

Subject to the Relevant Schedule, an Exhibit must not be entered in more than one Ordinary Class. Should any Exhibit be sought to be entered in more than one Ordinary Class, the Exhibit will only compete in the Ordinary Class in which the Exhibit's or the Exhibitor's name first appears in Melbourne Royal's Catalogue unless Melbourne Royal otherwise directs. For the purposes of this Regulation, Sweepstakes, Special Classes, Trophy Classes and Championships are not an Ordinary Class. 'Ordinary Class', 'Sweepstakes', 'Special Class', 'Trophy Class' and 'Championship' have the meaning given in the Relevant Schedule.

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3. ENTRY AND NOMINATION FEES

- 3.1** The entry fee and, if applicable, the nomination fee, become the property of Melbourne Royal on receipt by Melbourne Royal and, without limitation, the entry fee and, if applicable, nomination fee paid 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.
- 3.2** In the event that the Melbourne Royal Show or a competition/awards program is cancelled due to COVID-19 health regulations or if state borders restrictions are enforced and the Exhibitor is unable attend the Show, Melbourne Royal will provide a full refund on entry fees, pre-purchased onsite accommodation fees (lockers and camping), showgrounds parking fees, showgrounds stabling/bedding fees and pre-ordered catalogues. Melbourne Royal will not be liable for any other costs incurred. Melbourne Royal will provide a pro-rata refund of fees in the event that Show days are cancelled due to COVID-19.

4. DOCUMENTS FOR PRESENTATION WHILST AT THE SHOWGROUNDS

Animal Registration papers, AAR microchip papers, show-jumping performance cards and birth certificates, or certified photocopies thereof, are not required to be submitted to Melbourne Royal or to accompany an Application for Entry. Such documentation will be required to be on hand whilst the Exhibitor and the Exhibits are on the Showground (if the Application for Entry specifies such documentation is required) and must be produced upon request for perusal by the Chief Steward or other Melbourne Royal authorised person. Failure to produce such documents if requested will result in the Exhibit being ineligible for the Event.

5. OWNERSHIP OF EXHIBITS

5.1 OWNERSHIP ON ENTRY

At the time Melbourne Royal receives the Entry Form for entry to an Event; the Exhibit entered into that Event by the Exhibitor must be the property of the Exhibitor or held by the Exhibitor under a written lease in existence at that time.

5.2 OWNERSHIP ON JUDGING

At the time of judging an Event, each Exhibit entered into that Event by an Exhibitor must be

the property of the Exhibitor or be held by the Exhibitor under a written lease in existence at that time. An Exhibit which is not the property of the Exhibitor or held by the Exhibitor under a written lease in existence at the time of judging will be ineligible for the Event.

5.3 INELIGIBILITY FOR EVENT

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 Form and at the time of judging will be ineligible for the Event.

6. EXHIBITION OF EXHIBITS

6.1 GROUNDS FOR NOT EXHIBITING AN ANIMAL

The Exhibitor must not withdraw an Exhibit from an Event, and an Exhibit must be exhibited, unless a certificate signed by a veterinary surgeon is lodged with Melbourne Royal certifying that the Exhibit is unable to compete for one or more of the following reasons:

- (a) the Exhibit, being an animal, has died;
- (b) the Exhibit, being an animal, is unfit to be exhibited due to injury or disease;
- (c) the Exhibit is ineligible for the Event; or
- (d) some other cause Melbourne Royal considers reasonable.

6.2 TIME FOR WITHDRAWING AN ANIMAL EXHIBIT

A certificate given under Regulation 6 must be given to Melbourne Royal:

- (a) before the date for admission of the Exhibit to the Showgrounds (as set out in the Relevant Schedule), if the cause for withdrawal of the Exhibit occurs or arises before that date; or
- (b) otherwise, as soon as possible after the cause for withdrawal of the Exhibit occurs or arises.

6.3 TRAINING OR PREPARING EXHIBITS OR EXHIBITORS

Exhibitors must not enter into an Event that is to be judged by a person who has trained or prepared the Exhibitor or Exhibit within six months of the date of the Event.

7. EXHIBIT TICKET

Subject to the Relevant Schedule, Melbourne Royal will issue an exhibit ticket for an Exhibit unless it otherwise determines. The Exhibitor or an Agent must produce the exhibit ticket upon a request from Melbourne Royal or a Steward.

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8. CONDUCT OF EXHIBITORS AND AGENTS

8.1 COMPLIANCE WITH RULES AND REGULATIONS

Where an Exhibit and/or Exhibitor and/or an Agent fail 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:

- (d) disqualification;
- (e) suspension;
- (f) a fine;
- (g) order the Exhibit or the Exhibitor, his or her family, invitees and Agents be removed from the Showgrounds; or
- (h) any other penalty.

Without limiting the above, Melbourne Royal may forfeit an award, and upon forfeiture, the Exhibitor must return any ribbon, money, prize card or other evidence of that award to Melbourne Royal within seven days after receiving notification of the forfeiture. Nothing in this Regulation limits Regulation 8.10.

8.2 COMPLIANCE WITH DIRECTIONS

- (a) The Exhibitor and/or Agent must fully comply with the directions and requests of Melbourne Royal. Without limitation, directions and requests of Melbourne Royal may apply to the Exhibit, the Exhibitor, the Agent, the conditions of the Event, the conduct of the Exhibitor, the conduct of the Event, the conduct of the Agent, the decision of the Judge, or the award of prizes.
- (b) Without limiting Regulation 88.2, upon a request from Melbourne Royal, an Exhibitor and/or Agent must make a statutory declaration in the form and with respect to matters Melbourne Royal in its discretion requires.
- (c) Without limiting Regulation 88.2, upon a request from Melbourne Royal, an Exhibitor and/or Agent must submit his or her Exhibit for inspection by a Veterinary Surgeon.

8.3 STATEMENTS

The Exhibitor and/or Agent 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.

8.4 TAMPERING

An Exhibit must not be or have been tampered with or otherwise improperly dealt with by an Exhibitor.

8.5 UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOUR

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 event participant/Exhibitor being removed from the competition Venue and/or disqualified from the competition and formal procedures initiated:

- (a) violence;
- (b) bullying;
- (c) harassment;
- (d) sexual harassment;
- (e) unlawful discrimination;
- (f) victimisation.

Persons breaching acceptable standards of behaviour may be banned from entering future Melbourne Royal Events and/or the Venue.

8.6 ANIMALS AND LIVESTOCK

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.

8.7 MUTUAL RECOGNITION

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

8.8 FURTHER PROCEEDINGS

Melbourne Royal may conduct further proceedings in relation to any matter concerning an Exhibitor, an Exhibit, an Agent, a potential Exhibitor, or a potential Exhibit, 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 or the Exhibit or Agent, or on the potential Exhibitor or the potential Exhibit.

8.9 RECIPROCAL ARRANGEMENTS

Melbourne Royal may enter into reciprocal arrangements with a Body in relation to any matter concerning an Exhibit, an Exhibitor, an Agent, a potential Exhibit or a potential Exhibitor.

8.10 SMOKING

Melbourne Showgrounds is a completely smoke-free venue (effective 1 September 2016). Exhibitors, staff, patrons and contractors wanting to smoke will need to exit the venue to do so.

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9. POWERS OF MELBOURNE ROYAL IN RESPECT TO CONTROL OF THE EVENT

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

Melbourne Royal may refuse to accept an entry for an Event, an Exhibit or an Exhibitor or any of them.

9.2 POWER TO CANCEL OR ALTER

Melbourne Royal may:

- (a) alter the Closing Date for an Event, or the Closing Date for receipt of any particular entry;
- (b) remove any Exhibit from the Showgrounds or cause any Exhibit to be removed from the Showgrounds;
- (c) amend an 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;
- (d) alter the conditions of any Event;
- (e) refuse to display an Exhibit;
- (f) rule that an Exhibit or Exhibitor may not compete or is ineligible to compete;
- (g) alter the date, time or place on or at which any Event is scheduled to take place or to be judged;
- (h) alter the Judge scheduled to judge any Event; or
- (i) cancel any Event.

The rights set out above apply notwithstanding:

- (a) Melbourne Royal's acceptance of an entry for an Event;
- (b) inclusion of an entry for an Event in the Event Catalogue;
- (c) the issue of an exhibit ticket to an Exhibitor or in respect of an Exhibit or an Event; or
- (d) the issue of any other document to an Exhibitor or in respect of an Exhibit or an Event.

10. ILLNESS OF AN ANIMAL

10.1 ANIMAL HEALTH STATUS

If the Exhibitor or any Agent of the Exhibitor detects or suspects any illness amongst any of their Exhibits whilst the Exhibits are at the Showgrounds, the Exhibitor must:

- (a) report this fact immediately to the representative of Melbourne Royal responsible for the applicable livestock section (the Superintendent);
- (b) ensure that the Exhibit(s) concerned is/are contained within the space allocated by Melbourne Royal for the Exhibit(s), unless advised otherwise by the Superintendent or a member of Melbourne Royal veterinary panel on duty; and

- (c) where feasible to do so, contain soiled bedding from the Exhibit(s) concerned within the space allocated by Melbourne Royal for the Exhibit(s).

The Exhibitor may engage or consult a private veterinary surgeon in respect to the illness only after the above action has been taken and only after first consulting with a member of Melbourne Royal veterinary panel on duty.

10.2 TREATMENT UPON ILLNESS OR INJURY

If an Exhibit is ill or injured, a Veterinary Surgeon may in his or her discretion attend to or treat the Exhibit. The Veterinary Surgeon may do so even in the absence of authority from the Exhibitor, or contrary to that authority.

10.3 DESTRUCTION OR REMOVAL

Where, in the opinion of a Veterinary Surgeon, an Exhibit should be destroyed or removed from the Showgrounds:

- (d) the Veterinary Surgeon or any other person approved by Melbourne Royal may destroy or remove the Exhibit from the Showgrounds, or both; or
- (e) Melbourne Royal may require the Exhibitor to immediately destroy or remove the Exhibit from the Showgrounds or both.

All costs and expenses incurred by Melbourne Royal pursuant to this Regulation must be reimbursed by the Exhibitor to Melbourne Royal. Nothing in this Regulation limits Regulation 9.2.

10.4 NECROPSY

If an Exhibit dies while at an Event, Melbourne Royal may require that a necropsy be conducted on the animal. The Exhibitor must allow for the immediate release of the body to Melbourne Royal if requested by Melbourne Royal.

10.5 VETERINARY SURGEONS

Where an Exhibitor wishes to engage or consult a veterinary surgeon who is not appointed by Melbourne Royal, the Exhibitor must first inform the representative of Melbourne Royal responsible for the applicable livestock section. A Veterinary Surgeon, a Judge and Melbourne Royal itself is not required to have regard to or to consider any opinion of a veterinary surgeon so engaged or consulted by the Exhibitor, and a decision of a Veterinary Surgeon, a Judge or Melbourne Royal is final regardless of whether or not the Exhibitor has engaged or consulted a veterinary surgeon not appointed by Melbourne Royal.

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11. JUDGING

11.1 INTERFERENCE

The Exhibitor and Agents 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 the Judge's freedom of choice or judgment unless it is expressly authorised by the Relevant Schedule.

Unless with the permission of Melbourne Royal, no Exhibitor or Agent of an Exhibitor may occupy the position of Judge or become in any way identified with the judging or handling of Exhibits in any class in which that person or that person's employers, family members or associates are interested. This does not apply to Stewards.

11.2 INDICATIONS OF OWNERSHIP

The Exhibitor, any Agent of the Exhibitor and the Exhibit must not be equipped with or wear or display anything indicating the ownership of the Exhibit before or during judgment of the Exhibit unless it is expressly authorised by the Relevant Schedule.

11.3 DECISION

Except as otherwise expressly provided in the Regulations, the decision of a Judge as to the merits of the Exhibit and the Exhibitor or either of them will be final, and the Exhibitor may not protest or appeal the decision.

11.4 PRIZES

Subject to the Relevant Schedule, a Judge may in his or her opinion:

- (a) award a second or third prize in place of a first prize;
- (b) withhold a prize where a prize should not be awarded;
- (c) where there is a tie for any placing in an Event, award subsequent placings so that the next placing will be the number of Exhibits already placed plus one (for example, if two Exhibits tie for first place, award a third for the next placing);
- (d) where all the prizes offered in an Event have been awarded and a further Exhibit is of sufficient merit to deserve a prize make a reserve number of the further Exhibit; or
- (e) give commendations where they are deserved.
- (f) award an Exhibitor more than one prize in any class where more than one entry is permitted.

11.5 DISQUALIFICATIONS

Where an Exhibit or an Exhibitor is disqualified and the applicable award is forfeited, Melbourne Royal may (but is not obliged to) promote the Exhibit next in order to that prize, whether the Exhibit next in order was awarded a prize or a reserve number. Exhibits next in order, whether awarded a prize or reserve number, may also be promoted to the prize next in order.

11.6 PRIZE CARDS

The Exhibitor must ensure that prize cards awarded for an Exhibit are displayed with the Exhibit while it is on exhibition.

11.7 JUDGING/STEWARDSHIP COVID HEALTH REGULATIONS

Melbourne Royal will not reimburse any costs (accommodation, meals, loss of income etc) incurred by judges, stewards or other event participants due to enforced COVID-19 isolation and/or quarantine.

Please note, some judging positions may need to be changed without notification to Exhibitors. Melbourne Royal retains the right to fill a judging position at its own discretion in the event a judge is unable to participate for any reason, including COVID-19 or any travel related restrictions.

12. PROTESTS AND APPEALS

12.1 RESTRICTED TO CLASS

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

12.2 PROTEST TO STEWARDS

The Exhibitor may protest to the Chief Steward of the relevant section in relation to conduct, judging or any other matter relating to an Event. A protest must be made in accordance with the procedures set out in the Relevant Schedule and be received by the Chief Steward within 24 hours after the conclusion of the applicable Event.

12.3 APPEAL

The Exhibitor may appeal against:

- (a) a decision made by Melbourne Royal pursuant to Regulations; or
- (b) a decision of the Chief Steward or if the Chief Steward delegates the person to make the decision to the Assistant Chief Steward, the decision of the Assistant Chief Steward in relation to a protest under Regulation 12.

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12.4 FORM OF APPEAL

To be an appeal for the purpose of Regulation 12.2 an appeal made by the Exhibitor must be:

- (a) in writing setting out in reasonable detail the grounds for the appeal;
- (b) addressed to:
The Chief Executive Officer
Melbourne Royal Limited
Melbourne Showgrounds
Epsom Road, Ascot Vale, Victoria, 3032;
- (c) accompanied by a deposit of \$200.00 (or such other amount as is notified from time to time by Melbourne Royal for the purpose of this Regulation 12.3(c)); and
- (d) received by the Chief Executive Officer by 5 p.m. on the Business Day which is 10 Business Days after the day on which the decision the subject of the appeal was made.

12.5 REVIEW COMMITTEE

If an appeal is made in accordance with Regulation 12.3, the Chief Executive Officer must appoint a Review Committee comprised of three people, being persons who were not part of, and who are independent of, the committee or personnel who made the decision the subject of the appeal.

Within a reasonable time after receipt by the Chief Executive Officer of an appeal complying with Regulation 12.3, the Review Committee will meet to consider the appeal.

12.6 PROCEEDINGS OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE

In considering an appeal, the Review Committee must:

- (a) give due consideration to the grounds of appeal submitted by the Exhibitor, and to any other evidence submitted by the Exhibitor;
- (b) give the Exhibitor an opportunity to make oral representations to the Review Committee; and
- (c) in its discretion, call for and hear expert opinion.

12.7 NOTIFICATION OF REVIEW COMMITTEE'S DECISION

The Chief Executive Officer will notify the Exhibitor of the Review Committee's decision within 48 hours after that decision is notified by the Review Committee to the Chief Executive Officer. The decision of the Review Committee is final and the Exhibitor will not have any right of appeal in respect of the Review Committee's decision.

12.8 FORFEITURE OF DEPOSIT

Where an appeal is upheld by the Review Committee, the deposit referred to in Regulation 12.3 will be refunded to the Exhibitor when or within a reasonable time after the decision of the Review Committee is notified by the Chief Executive Officer to the Exhibitor. Where an appeal is not upheld by the Review Committee, the deposit referred to in Regulation 12.3 will be retained by Melbourne Royal.

13. ACCOMMODATION

13.1 NO OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE EXHIBIT SPACE OR ACCOMMODATION

- (a) Melbourne Royal is not obliged to provide space for an Exhibit or accommodation for an Exhibitor or any Agent of an Exhibitor. For the purposes of these Regulations, "accommodation" includes provision of a space for a person to sleep.
- (b) Where Melbourne Royal, in its discretion, allocates space for an Exhibit or accommodation for an Exhibitor or any Agent of an Exhibitor, only the allocated areas may be used, and only for the purpose designated by Melbourne Royal.

13.2 PERSONAL EFFECTS

Melbourne Royal has no responsibility or liability for any loss or damage:

- (a) suffered by an Exhibitor or any Agent of an Exhibitor using space provided for an Exhibit or accommodation for an Exhibitor or any Agent of an Exhibitor; or
- (b) caused to personal belongings, equipment or property which is brought onto the Showgrounds by an Exhibitor or any Agent of an Exhibitor.

14. FIRE REGULATIONS

14.1 FLAMES

The Exhibitor and any Agent of 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.

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14.2 ELECTRICAL INTERFERENCE

The Exhibitor and any Agent of the Exhibitor must not:

- (a) subject to Regulation 14.2, use mains powered electrical devices in or near any animal pavilion, stall, pen or locker or any Exhibit.
- (b) alter or interfere with any electrical wiring, switch, plug or socket whatsoever on the Showgrounds.

14.3 EXCEPTIONS

Nothing in Regulation 14(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.

15. VEHICLE PARKING

15.1 LOADING AND UNLOADING

With the prior consent of Melbourne Royal, Motor Vehicles of an Exhibitor or an Agent of an Exhibitor may enter the Showgrounds or any area under Melbourne Royal control, for the purpose of loading or unloading only. Motor Vehicles must not remain on the Showgrounds, or any area under Melbourne Royal control, and must be removed immediately upon completion of loading or unloading.

15.2 CARAVANS

Caravans of an Exhibitor or an Agent of an Exhibitor must not enter or remain on the Showgrounds, or any area under Melbourne Royal control, for any purpose, unless in accordance with the prior written consent of Melbourne Royal.

15.3 TOW AWAY

Any Motor Vehicle or Caravan entering or remaining on the Showgrounds, or any area under Melbourne Royal control, in contravention of the Regulations 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.

16. LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY

16.1 RELEASE

Entry to, remaining on and using the Showgrounds or any part of them by an Exhibitor is entirely at the risk of the Exhibitor and, to the maximum extent permitted by law, the Exhibitor releases Melbourne Royal (which term includes in this clause Melbourne Royal's officers, employees, members, contractors and agents), from all claims, demands and liabilities of every kind resulting from any accident, damage, injury or illness occurring at the Showgrounds and, without limitation, the Exhibitor acknowledges and agrees:

- (a) Melbourne Royal has no responsibility or liability for any loss, damage, injury or illness to or caused by any Exhibit;
- (b) Melbourne Royal has no responsibility or liability for any loss, damage, injury or illness to or caused by any Exhibitor or any Agent;
- (c) Melbourne Royal has no responsibility or liability for any loss or damage to a Motor Vehicle or any of its contents whilst it is on the Showgrounds or in any car park under Melbourne Royal's control; and
- (d) without limiting Regulations 16(a) and 16(b) above, Melbourne Royal has no responsibility or liability for any loss, damage, injury or illness resulting from the sale, treatment, failure to treat, destruction, disposal or other dealing with any Exhibit, or for any loss, damage or injury to any personal belongings, equipment or property brought onto the Showgrounds by any person.

16.2 INDEMNITY

To the maximum extent permitted by law, the Exhibitor indemnifies and keeps indemnified Melbourne Royal and its officers, employees, members, contractors and agents from and against all actions, claims, demands, losses, damages, costs, expenses and liabilities including without limitation, consequential loss and loss of profits for which Melbourne Royal is or may be or become liable in respect of or arising from:

- (a) loss, damage, injury or illness to any person in connection with the Exhibit or the relevant Event;
- (b) without limiting Regulation 16(a), loss, damage, injury or illness to any other Exhibit or Exhibitor, or any Agent of any other Exhibitor, or to the property of Melbourne Royal, or its members, or to the general public, or any member of the general public, caused or contributed to or by any act or omission of an Exhibit of the Exhibitor or by the Exhibitor or any Agent of the Exhibitor; and

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- (c) without limiting Regulation 16(a), loss, damage, injury or illness to the Exhibit, or to the Exhibitor or any Agent of any other Exhibitor caused or contributed to by an act or omission of an Exhibit or by the transportation, feeding, housing or exhibiting of an Exhibit.

16.3 REMOVAL FROM SHOWGROUNDS

Without prejudice to any other provision in these Regulations, where Melbourne Royal, its officers, employees, members, contractors or agents removes an Exhibit, or causes an Exhibit to be removed from the Showgrounds, the Exhibit is removed or caused to be removed entirely at the risk of the Exhibitor. The person or persons removing the Exhibit will be deemed to be the agent of the Exhibitor, and his or her acts and omissions will be deemed to be the acts and omissions of the Exhibitor.

17. ANIMAL OWNER'S LIABILITY INSURANCE

Melbourne Royal may arrange owner's liability insurance cover for Exhibitors of Exhibits that are animals, and, if Melbourne Royal does so, the Exhibitor is bound by the terms and conditions of this insurance and by applicable duties of an insured under the Insurance Contracts Act (1984). Details of owner's liability insurance cover arranged by Melbourne Royal are set out in the Relevant Schedule.

18. INFORMATION HANDLING

Melbourne Royal is bound by the National Privacy Principles of the **Privacy Act 1988** (Cth) and other applicable laws governing privacy.

18.1 COLLECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

- (a) Melbourne Royal may collect, hold and use personal information about Exhibitors, their family members, invitees or Agents.
- (b) The types of information that may be collected include names and contact details, credit card details, qualifications, 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 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 Events, 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 indicates to Melbourne Royal that the Exhibitor does not want to receive such publications or information.

18.2 SHARING OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

- (a) Melbourne Royal may share information which has been collected by Melbourne Royal under Regulation 18.1 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 Exhibitor to the media for the purpose of publishing articles on the 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 or authorised by law.

19. COVID SAFE SHOW

Melbourne Royal will work closely with DHHS to ensure that the Melbourne Royal Show is compliant with all COVID Safe requirements as directed by Government and to optimise the safety for all patrons, Exhibitors, staff and competitors. To keep up to date on the most current plans to keep Melbourne Showgrounds COVID Safe, visit our COVID Safe FAQ page.

www.melbourneshowgrounds.com/organisers/covid-19-safety/

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