

B.S. Show Rules 2021



1. GENERAL

- (a) The Show season shall run from 1st February to 31st January of the following year.
- (b) All birds competing in Young Bird or Barhead classes must wear the appropriate official current year closed coded ring of the actual exhibitor(s) purchased from the Budgerigar Society through the Secretary.
- (c) All exhibits must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor for a minimum period of 28 days prior to a show during which time they must be kept at the exhibitor's address(es) recorded in the B.S. Office.
- (d) No bird may be shown where the breeder of the said bird or person from whom it was purchased is known to be judging at the time of submitting the entry.
- (e) No bird may be shown by an exhibitor who is a relative of or has an association with, or relationship with the presiding Judge, which shall include any form of association or relationship which in the reasonable opinion of the Society could give rise to bias or a perception of bias.
- (f) A judge's decision is final unless overruled by the show officials for good and proper reason on a matter of fact.

2. STATUS DEFINITIONS

All new members are required to exhibit in the Junior or Novice Sections unless any other of The Society's rules or conditions apply.

(a) Junior

A person aged between eight years and sixteen years on the 1st January and paying a junior subscription must exhibit in the junior classes.

(b) Novice

(i) A novice must exhibit in the novice section for a minimum of four show seasons.

(ii) A novice must proceed to intermediate status upon achieving six first prizes in full classes at B.S. Open Patronage Shows, subject to compliance with Show Rule 2(b)(i).

(iii) If on compliance with Show Rule 2(b)(i) a novice has not won six first prizes in full classes at B.S. Open Patronage Shows, he may elect to proceed to intermediate status.

(iv) If a member is in the top 10 of the Super League at the end of the show season and wishes to fast track from the Novice section they will be allowed to do so, on application to the Patronage Administrator.

(c) Intermediate

(i) An intermediate must exhibit in the intermediate section for a minimum of four show seasons.

(ii) An intermediate must proceed to champion status upon achieving six first prizes in full classes at B.S. Open Patronage Shows, subject to compliance with Show Rule 2(c)(i).

(iii) If on compliance with Show Rule 2(c)(i) an intermediate has not won six first prizes in full classes at B.S. Open Patronage Shows, he may elect to proceed to champion status.

(iv) If a member is in the top 10 of the Super League at the end of the show season and wishes to fast track from the Intermediate section they will be allowed to do so, on application to the Patronage Administrator.

(d) Champion

(e)(i) Status regulations shall commence from the first show season a member exhibits. No allowance shall be made for a break in continuity of showing.

(ii) All changes of status shall be effective from the beginning of the next show season following qualification for mandatory progression or election to progress.

(f)(i) Members resident outside the United Kingdom shall exhibit at the status obtained in their country of residence.

(ii) New members previously resident outside the United Kingdom shall exhibit at the status obtained in their previous country of residence.

(g) A person who has retired from membership for a period of at least five years and who has not owned or exhibited Budgerigars within that period may on rejoining The Society show in one status lower than he had shown before retiring.

(h) A person who has retired from membership for a period of at least ten years and who has not owned or exhibited Budgerigars within that period may on rejoining The Society show in two status lower than he had shown before retiring.

3. DEFINITION OF A FULL CLASS

(a) A Class that contains five correctly benched birds and a minimum of two exhibitors.

(b) A Best in Section award counts as a full class win where the Section contains two or more exhibitors. A Challenge Certificate (CC) with a minimum of two points will count as a full class win.

4. INTERMEDIATE AND NOVICE CLASSES

At shows where intermediate and novice classes are not scheduled, members of those sections may exhibit in the next highest section without losing their present lower status.

5. SHOW CAGES

(a) All exhibits must be shown in a standard BS approved show cage.

(b) The class label shall be positioned in the centre of the front rail. No other markings or labels are permitted prior to judging.

(c) The floor of the cage to be covered with any seed suitable for Budgerigars. Millet sprays in part or whole shall not be permitted until judging is completed.

6. OVERSEAS EXHIBITORS

(a) May only exhibit at B.S. Patronage Shows provided that:

(i) Their entry form must be accompanied by a list of the closed coded ring number of each bird to be exhibited, and a copy of the necessary UK Government Importation Document and

(ii) they meet all UK Importation requirements and on arrival at the show hall present a copy of the British Veterinary Officers release document for those birds to be exhibited, otherwise the exhibits cannot be accepted into the show hall.

(b) The birds of overseas exhibitors are deemed to have been in their possession during any period of quarantine.

7. SHOW OFFENCES

(a) The following are not permitted.

(i) Colour feeding or the application of any preparation giving any degree of unnatural colour.

(ii) Feeding any preparation or drug which has the effect of promoting unnatural growth.

(iii) Trimming of wings, tails or other parts of the bird except the spots.

(iv) Ringing or exhibiting with a cut closed ring or two closed rings.

(v) Replacing feathers.

(vi) Colouring the cere.

(vii) use of any substance to remove or reduce flecking.

(viii) Preparing a bird so as to alter its natural appearance save as specifically provided for in sub paragraph (a) (iii) above.

(ix) Any bird displaying a Longtail/Flight or Scaly Face (as described in the Colour Standards 2012 booklet) and therefore eligible for disqualification must have its disqualification approved by the presiding Judge and two other presiding Judges with a majority decision prevailing. If there are only one or two Judges at a show the decision of the presiding Judge will apply, and that Judge will have the sole discretion in deciding on whether the bird should be disqualified.

(b) No person shall by act, deed, deliberate omission or word gain or attempt to gain for himself or any other person(s) an unfair advantage.

(c) An exhibitor shall not offer or give accommodation or hospitality to a judge prior to the completion of judging.

(d) An exhibitor shall not nominate for the awards of the Budgerigar Society where the appropriate subscription has not been paid before entries are made for the show.

8. RECORDING OF SHOW OFFENCES

(a) Details of any suspected show offence must be fully recorded by the show secretary on the day of the show and posted by him by recorded delivery to the B.S. office on the next available day for posting mail.

(b) A bird of any exhibitor who is suspected of committing any offence under the show rules may be impounded by any show official of the show promoting society for such time as may be necessary to establish by tests or otherwise whether an offence has been committed.

(c) Particulars of an impounded bird including its ring number must be established in the presence of two witnesses. Any evidence gathered must be recorded on a written statement which must be signed by the maker and witnesses by the official impounding the bird. A copy of any such statement must be posted with the details referred to in sub paragraph (a) of this rule.

(d) The Society, the show promoting society or any of the officials of the show promoting society concerned with the impounding of the bird shall not be responsible for any loss or damage to the bird.

(e) All complaints received by the Society Administrator under this rule shall be dealt with in accordance with rules 23, 24 and 25 of the General Rules.

(f) Nothing in this rule prevents a complaint being made in respect of a show offence under the General Rule 25a.