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& PARADERS
CHAMPIONSHIPS

# Beef Cattle Paraders Championship
# National Handbook

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*The National Agricultural Shows Australia (ASA) Beef Cattle Paraders Championship (National Championship), through competition, provides education and experience for the future of Agricultural Showsand the industry alike.*

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. To be eligible to compete in the National Beef Cattle Paraders Championship each Competitor must meet their qualifying jurisdiction criteria to represent at the national finals.
    a. If the jurisdiction does not have criteria the following will apply. The competitor must have lived (primary residence), worked or enrolled in an educational institution within the State, Territory or affiliated jurisdiction they represent for the three (3) months prior to their selection as the jurisdiction representative.
2. A competitor can only represent one jurisdiction at a National Championship in any one year of National Championships. Therefore, a competitor can only represent one jurisdiction across all Young Judges and Paraders in the National Championship competitions in any National Championships one year.
3. Competitors must be fifteen (15) and under twenty-five (25) years of age on first (1st) May in the year of the Competitor's jurisdiction Final. Competitors under the age of eighteen (18) must be accompanied by a chaperone.
4. At no time during the National Championship should a competitor talk with the Championship Judge unless directed to do so by the Ring Steward.
5. Jurisdiction Representatives **must** inform the ASA National Finals Coordinator of the title, name, address, date of birth, age, contact numbers (phone and mobile) and email address of **their** Competitor in a Judging Championship going on to a National Championship Final. The ASA National Competitions Coordinator will advise these Competitors of the venue and times of the National Championship Final.
6. The winner and runner-up of the National Championship should be requested to do a report on any travel tour they undertake to validate sponsorship money.
7. The winner is ineligible to compete again after winning the final of the National ASA Beef Cattle Paraders Championship.
8. Competitors will be eliminated from the National Championship if the Judge's Steward considers they are receiving outside assistance, including the use of unauthorised devices.
9. The Championship Judge should declare any conflicts of interest to the NationalCompetition Coordinator before the National Championship for determination. These would include relationships, both personal and professional, and any financial gain.
10. All disputes raised by competitors will be handling following the dispute resolution procedure which is appendix 1.

## PROCEDURE FOR RUNNING THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

1. One (1) Class of Competitors is to be judged.
2. Each Competitor must be identified with an armband numbered one, two, three, four, five, six, seven (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7), and not A, B, C, D, E, F, G.
3. Competitors must lead a Steer or Heifer under twenty (20) months. (One (1) animal per Competitor and all the same sex).
4. Animals in this Championship must be identified by 'breastplates' numbered one, two, three, four, five, six, seven (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7), and not A, B, C, D, E, F, G.
5. Competitors will be required to ballot for their animal one (1) hour prior to the Young Paraders Championship. At the ballot, the owner of the animal or a representative of the owner is to be present.
6. Competitors will have one (1) hour to prepare their animal for presentation at the Championship Judging. Competitors will be able to identify one individual to assist them in this time. This person is required to where an armband for identification.
7. Competitors must wear the white coat provided that have no names or Logo on the clothing, and otherwise be neatly and suitably attired. Points will be deducted for poor presentation. Shorts and thongs are not permitted.
8. Ribbons to be presented in colour order of Blue – First (1st), Red – Second (2nd), White – Third (3rd), Yellow – Forth (4th).
9. During the National Championship the Championship Judge will instruct Competitors to swap animals.

## EXHIBIT PRESENTATION & PARADING OF ANIMALS

Competitors will parade their animals in a clockwise manner as is normal in a Beef or Dairy Cattle Judging Ring at the discretion of the Championship Judge.

## NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TIMING

From the point of view of the Competitors, the animals and the spectators, it is important that the whole National Championship be completed in one (1) hour. In order to maintain the impetus of the National Championship, immediately the Championship judge has completed their placings and made their final comments, the National Championship results should be announced and the Awards and Presentations made.

## EQUIPMENT AND ATTIRE GUIDELINES

Competitors must be neatly and suitably attired. Attire should be selected to allow the competitor to participate in parading. It is essential to consider workplace health and safety when selecting attire. Enclosed shoes are strongly encouraged in all competitions along with the use of hats when sun protection is necessary.Caps are discouraged along with excessive jewellery.

Competitors will not be penalised for wearing the uniform if provided by their state.

Shorts, chewing gum and poor presentation is unacceptable and will be marked down accordingly. The use ofunauthorised electronic devices is strictly prohibited and will be dealt with in accordance with Agricultural Shows Australia policy.

Competitors will be provided with a dust coat for parading during the competition.

NATIONAL ASA CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS SHEET

Championship: _____

**Present all competitors with badges in draw order**

| Draw number | Competitor Name | Jurisdiction |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | | |
| 2. | | |
| 3. | | |
| 4. | | |
| 5. | | |
| 6. | | |
| 7. | | |

**Present place getters:**

| Award | Recipient Competitor | Jurisdiction |
|---|---|---|
| **Reserve Champion** | | |
| **Champion** | | |

**Presentations made by:**

| Name | Role |
|---|---|
| | |
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| | |

**Judges Steward**

| Name | Signature | Date |
|---|---|---|
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**Data Entry Steward**

| Name | Signature | Date |
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**Data Reader Steward**

| Name | Signature | Date |
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# APPENDIX 1: DISPUTES RESOLUTION PROCEDURE

**Overview**

Agricultural Shows Australia (ASA) and the National Championships aim to provide a fair and transparent process for competitors to raise and resolve grievances. This procedure outlines the steps and timeframes for competitors to follow when raising a grievance, as well as the process ASA will use to address and resolve these disputes.

**Step-by-Step Resolution Procedure**

**1. Raising a Grievance**

1.1. Initial Complaint Submission

- Advice needs to be given that a complaint will be given to the National Finals Coordinator within an hour of the competition's conclusion.
- A competitor who wishes to raise a grievance must first submit their complaint in writing (hand written or electronic) to the National Finals Coordinator.
- The complaint should include the following details:
    - Name of the competitor
    - Description of the grievance
    - Relevant evidence or documentation supporting the complaint
    - Desired outcome or resolution
- The formal complaint needs to be received within 24 hours of advice being received.

1.2. Acknowledgment of Receipt

- Upon receiving the complaint, the National Finals Coordinator will acknowledge receipt in writing.
- The acknowledgement will include a brief outline of the next steps and an estimated timeline for resolution.

**2. National Finals Coordinator's Investigation and Resolution**

2.1. Initial Review

- The National Finals Coordinator will conduct an initial review of the grievance.
- During this review, the National Finals Coordinator may:
    - Request additional information from the competitor
    - Interview relevant parties involved in the dispute
    - Gather further evidence

2.2. Decision and Response

- The National Finals Coordinator will make a decision regarding the grievance as to whether it will be escalated to Agricultural Shows Australia review panel.
- The decision will be communicated to the competitor in writing and will include:
    - The findings of the investigation
    - The decision made regarding the grievance
    - Any proposed actions or resolutions

**3. Escalation to Agricultural Shows Australia**

3.1. Appeal Submission

- If the competitor is not satisfied with the decision made by the National Finals Coordinator, they may appeal to Agricultural Shows Australia.
- The appeal must be submitted in writing within 1 day of receiving the National Finals Coordinator's decision.
- The appeal should include:
    - A copy of the original complaint
    - The State Team Manager's decision
    - The reason for the appeal and any new evidence or information

3.2. Acknowledgment of Receipt

- ASA will acknowledge receipt of the appeal.
- The acknowledgment will outline the process and estimated timeline for reviewing the appeal.

**4. Agricultural Shows Australia's Review and Resolution**

4.1. Formation of Review Panel

- ASA will form a Review Panel.
- The Review Panel will consist of:
    - A representative from ASA
    - An independent expert related to the field of the grievance
    - A legal advisor (if necessary)

4.2. Comprehensive Review

- The Review Panel will conduct a comprehensive review of the grievance, considering all submitted information and evidence.
- The panel may:
    - Request further information from the competitor or involved parties.
    - Conduct interviews with relevant parties
    - Consult with additional experts if required
- This review process will be completed within 30 days.

4.3. Final Decision

- The Review Panel will make a final decision based on their findings.
- The final decision will be communicated to the competitor and the State Team Manager in writing within 5 days of completing the review.
- The communication will include:
    - A detailed explanation of the Review Panel's findings
    - The final decision regarding the grievance
    - Any actions to be taken or resolutions to be implemented

**Contact Information**

For any questions or further information regarding the dispute resolution process, competitors may contact their State Team Manager or Agricultural Shows Australia directly at nationalfinals@agshowsaustralia.org.au.

# APPENDIX 2: PROCEDURES FOR HOSTING NATIONAL PARADERS CHAMPIONSHIP

**Animal Selection**

- Start early sourcing appropriate animals. You cannot rely on appropriate animals being available at the Host Royal Show. So checking and committing regular exhibitors to providing animals to use prior to the event will help to ease the stress on the hosts.
- Appropriate Animals are of similar size and age. Numerous Breeds can be used, but all of the same Breed is also acceptable. For the National Finals the animals need to have some show experience, but preferably not completely "Bomb Proof" as it is important for both the Competition Judge and the Paraders to be able to access and showcase their skills.

**Competition Draw**

- Draw for the Paraders and Animals to take place approximately 10 minutes before the commencement of the 1 hours preparation period. This will allow all competitors to be introduced to their respective Animals regardless of where they are housed at the Show.
- It is recommended that all owners of the Animals be present at the draw to help escort the Competitors to their respective Animal. This also helps the Owners to understand the Competition conditions as well.
- At the Draw it is important to make sure that all Competitors are present and that the Head Steward for the Competition (ASA) gives a final briefing to all Competitors and Owners, outlining what is expected and the time line of the competition. Note: All Competitors must be in the marshaling area ready to enter the ring at the time allocated. Being late is not acceptable and disqualification will occur.
- Starting from Competitor Number 1 they will draw out of a suitable container (Hat) the name of their ballot Animal. This will continue with Competitor Number 2 and so on until all Competitors have been allocated an Animal. Once brief introduction to their respective Animals Owners have been made then the Competitors are allowed to commence the 1hour preparation time.

**Competition Running Guide**

- All competitors must swap animals (Competition Judges discretion) at some stage, which will allow those that have drawn a lesser animal to hopefully show their skills and abilities.
- All Animals must be washed dry and clean before the draw takes place.
- Before the commencement of the Draw, all Competitors will receive their individual numbered arm bands. They are to keep these and have them placed over the Left sleeve of their White Dust coats when Entering the ring.
- Each Competitor is also given a breastplate to be placed on their allocated Animals before they enter the ring.
- During the 1-hour preparation period, Competitors should be monitored by the Competition Stewards to ensure that they are not receiving outside assistance that is not within the "Spirit" of the Competition. They are allowed the assistance of the Owners, with the Owners understanding that the Competitors may need to borrow some or all the appropriate gear to help prepare the Animal for the Ring.
- Having a Friend or Family Member present to assist in handling gear or holding the Animal is acceptable.
- The use of glue and the clipping of Animals during the Preparation Period is prohibited

- Once the Competitor's have entered the Ring, one Ring Steward should assist the Competition Judge when putting the Competitors through the various tasks that they will be given. It is important that they have Handling experience as they may need to assist when Competitors are changing Animals.
- During the Ring Competition, Competitors are not to be assisted unless absolutely necessary. This creates a very fine line for the Stewards, but is necessary as the Competition Judge's ability to decide on the competence of the individual Competitor is important when assessing the class.
- At the end of the Competition, all the owners of the Animals should be thanked for their contributions. Often the Announcer has an opportunity during the Ring Competition to recognise the importance of their contribution.
- Once the Animals have been returned to the care of the Owners, the responsibility of the Hosts are complete.