

Ring Policy

A Ring Officer shall be appointed as per the The Budgerigar Council of South Australia Incorporated Objects & Rules

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1. All official Australian National Budgerigar Council (ANBC) rings are purchased from the ANBC contracted ring manufacturer.
2. All official ANBC rings are etched with a security symbol and colour coded for that year.
3. Official ANBC rings are issued through the Budgerigar Council of South Australia (BCSA) to Affiliate and Associate Societies or Individual Members.
4. Rings will be available to Individual Members from the 1st September each year for the year in advance (for example rings issued on the 1st of September 2010 will be 2011 rings for the 2011 membership year).
5. Only birds wearing these rings can be shown in BCSA shows that are deemed to be '**status movement shows**'. The BCSA reserves the right to inspect birds entered for BCSA shows to ensure compliance.
6. A Junior member on joining a Society and the Council shall receive the first 20 rings (uncoded) free of charge for their first two years in the hobby.
Explanation: The Society supplies rings to the applicable Junior member and then seeks financial reimbursement from the BCSA.
7. Each Society shall, where possible, appoint a Ring Steward.
8. **The role of the Ring Officer of the BCSA:**
 - To receive and receipt Affiliate and Associate membership fees.
 - To receive and receipt all council Individual Membership fees and issue membership cards.
 - To receive ring orders from Society Ring Stewards or Individual Members along with moneys for ring packaging and registered postage costs.
 - To ensure that the membership for all individual members ordering rings has been paid to both their Society and the Council.
 - To ensure that the individual member's Society is a financial Affiliate or Associate member of the Council.
 - To keep records of council's memberships including member's status, member's Society and the date payments are received by council.

- To order rings from the ANBC contracted ring manufacturer by the allocated date for the following year ring issue, noting that rings are available for distribution / use from the 1st of September for that following year.
- To distribute the following years coded and uncoded rings to Affiliate or Associate Societies to enable distribution by the 1st of September.(or if required, directly to Individual Members by the 1st of September).
- To distribute both coded and uncoded rings to members as and when additional ring orders are received, with full payments, from Society Ring Stewards or Individual Members during the course of the ring issue year.
- To approve, subject to availability, Individual / Partnership / Family ring code applications.
- To ensure that rings are only issued in multiples of ten (10)
- To keep records of rings ordered and distributed.
- To audit ring distribution and council membership.
- To provide a ring report to the AGM, including recommendations for the cost of rings for the following year.
- To keep petty cash records.

9. **The role of the Society Ring Steward:**

- To ensure that their Society is a financial Affiliate or Associate member of the BCSA.
- To ensure that all Individual / Partnership / Family members ordering rings are financial members of the BCSA and of their Society at the time rings are ordered.
- To forward ring orders and associated costs along with BCSA membership fees to the Ring Officer.
- To distribute rings to financial members of the BCSA.
- To ensure that rings are only distributed in sequential order commencing from one (1) e.g. 001 to 010, 031 to 050, 071 to 080, 101 to 200 etc.
- To ensure that all ring transfers are processed through them to ensure accurate ring records are kept for auditing. Ring transfers can only occur in multiples of ten (10).
- To keep records of rings ordered, received and distributed.
- To forward a ring audit to the BCSA Ring Officer at the end of August annually.

10. **Procedure for ordering coded rings**

- Individual / Partnership / Family members must ensure their Society and BCSA memberships are paid for the year in which the rings are to be issued. e.g. (rings ordered in 2010 for 2011 must be accompanied with 2011 membership)
- Coded rings orders must be placed with the BCSA Ring Officer by a date determined by the BCSA to enable ordering by the BCSA Ring Officer with the ANBC contracted ring manufacturer by the date determined by the ANBC for issue on the 1st of September.
- Ring codes are to be no more than three letters, three numbers or a combination of both. Two choices are to be submitted. The first choice will be approved subject to availability.
- If any ring code is relinquished that code will not be available for ten years to any other member.
- The initial order each year for coded rings must be no less than fifty (50) and then in multiples of ten (10) e.g. 50, 60, 70 etc.
- Individual/Partnership/Family coded rings are not to be transferred.

11. **Procedure for ordering uncoded rings**

- Individual / Partnership / Family members must ensure their Society and BCSA memberships are paid up for the year in which the rings will be used. (e.g. - rings ordered in 2010 for 2011 must be accompanied with 2011 membership)
- Uncoded ring orders must be placed with the BCSA Ring Officer by the date determined by the BCSA to enable ordering by the BCSA Ring Officer for issue on the 1st of September.
- Uncoded rings are generally available through Affiliate or Associate Society Ring Stewards.
- Where applicable, rings may be ordered through the BCSA Ring Officer where a Ring Steward does not exist for that member's Society.
- Initial orders must be no less than ten (10) and then in multiples of ten (10).
- Rings will only be available in sequential order commencing from one (001) e.g. 001 to 010, 031 to 040, 071 to 080, 101 to 200 etc.
- All ring transfers must be submitted through the Society Ring Steward (or BCSA Ring Officer if no Ring Steward) to ensure accurate ring records are kept for auditing.