

**CHANGE TO EXHIBITOR STATUS MOVEMENT
BY USING A POINTS SYSTEM RATHER THAN A TERM PROCESS**

FORWARD:

For some time now the Budgerigar Council of South Australia Inc. herein referred to as the BCSA has been looking at ways to better the overall fancy participation levels and improve the showing structures available to members. One major criticism that continues to be put to delegates of the BCSA is the current movement status process whereby members are progressed too quickly to the next level, even if they have not won any Major awards, and this makes their showing inequitable with others already within a particular status.

To counter this, the BCSA decided to present an alternative to the current process for the change of exhibitor status and the following paper was presented in its entirety **for overview and acceptance** by participating Affiliate and Associate Societies

A precursor to the acceptance of this document was that every BCSA Society needed to understand and accept that all recognised shows, including Young Stock and UBC Shows would have to be open to ALL fanciers to qualify for status points. If there was not 100% acceptance, then the system could not operate.

Acceptance was formally gained from each Society on the 5th March 2010.

BCSA EXHIBITOR STATUS MOVEMENT AT RECOGNISED SHOWS

PURPOSE:

- To ensure that individual members, Affiliate and Associate Societies have a full understanding of the status movement process when joining the BCSA.
- To ensure that every individual can show birds at any Affiliate or Associate Society in South Australia without confusion as to their showing status.

CONDITIONS:

1. A member, unless a Junior, when first joining a BCSA Affiliate / Associate Society must commence in the Novice Section.
2. A former member when rejoining a BCSA Affiliate / Associate Society within a 3 year period will return to his or her previous status.
3. A member when rejoining a BCSA Affiliate / Associate Society (and has not been involved in the fancy in this state or elsewhere) after a period greater than 3 years may enter at any section up to but not including that of his/her previous status subject to formal BCSA approval.

4. The points required to progress through to the higher status must be accumulated by a minimum of three different owner bred birds.

PROCESS:

5. **A Junior exhibitor:** must be under the age of 16 yrs. A Junior exhibitor would be advanced to the status of Novice upon reaching the age of 16 yrs or may be advanced earlier at the discretion of the BCSA if clearly warranted through show results.
6. **Novice Section:** A member when first joining a BCSA Affiliate / Associate Society must show in the Novice Section and will remain in this section until such time as the member has gained 20 points from recognised shows with at least three different owner bred birds within a 3 year period. Once the points have been achieved the member will automatically be elevated to Intermediate Section on January 1st of the following year.
7. **Intermediate Section:** A member will enter this section through the status elevation process from the Novice Section or when rejoining the fancy at this level will remain in this section until such time as the member has gained 30 points from recognised shows with at least three different owner bred birds within a 3 year period. Once the points have been achieved the member will automatically be elevated to Open Section on January 1st of the following year.
8. **Open Section:** A member will enter this section through the status elevation process from the Intermediate Section. The member will remain in this section only if they continue to exhibit budgerigars at recognised shows. Points will be awarded for the purpose of Clause 9 below. If a member chooses to not show for a period of 3 years without good cause, that member forfeits the right to remain in this section and will be relegated to the Intermediate Section.
9. **Request to revert to a Lower Status:** Beyond the Open Section ruling in 8 above, once advanced to Intermediate or Open, an exhibitor may only request a downgrading of status to Novice or Intermediate, respectively, if they have not won Major or Class awards accruing a total of 40 points over four years or if there are any other special circumstances.
10. It is to be noted that a member moving from a recognised interstate body may be accepted by the BCSA at their existing or a recognised equivalent level. Some States have different 'Status' than the BCSA e.g. Victoria at the time of producing this policy has Champion, Open, Intermediate and Beginner status thus this would potentially equate to, in a transfer situation to the BCSA, Champion and Open to Open, Intermediate remaining as Intermediate and Beginner to Novice.

POINT ALLOCATION:

11. After allocation at recognised shows, points will be assessed in December each year or any alternate date as from time to time may be decided by the BCSA.

Point Accrual

1 st place in a National Show Class		15 points
2 nd place in a National Show Class		10 points
3 rd place in a National Show Class		5 points
1 st place in a Shield/State Show Class		10 points
2 nd place in a Shield/State Show Class		5 points
3 rd place in a Shield/State Show Class		5 points
Young Stock Show	Champion Bird of Show	5 points*
Young Stock Show	Best Open Young Bird	5 points
Young Stock Show	Best Intermediate Young Bird	5 points
Young Stock Show	Best Novice Young Bird	5 points
Open Show	Champion Bird of Show	5 points*
Open Show	Best Open Bird	5 points
Open Show	Best Intermediate Bird	5 points
Open Show	Best Novice Bird	5 points
UBC Show	Champion Bird of Show	5 points*
UBC Show	Best Open Bird	5 points
UBC Show	Best Intermediate Bird	5 points
UBC Show	Best Novice Bird	5 points

* Champion Bird of Show will receive 5 points for the winning the show and an additional 5 points for winning the status section from which it came, therefore a maximum of 10 points will be allocated.

12. If a combined Young Stock and Adult bird show is to be run then the Best Adult Bird and the Best Young Bird will each receive 5 points for winning that section of the show and an additional 5 points for winning the status section from which it came, therefore a maximum of 10 points each will be allocated for the Best Adult Bird and the Best Young Bird respectively.
13. Members are required to spend a minimum of 12 months in each section before progressing.
14. Movement through the exhibitor status will only be effective on January 1st each year (except in the case of dissolution of a partnership). Any resulting elevation or demotion will be communicated in writing by the BCSA to both the member and the respective Club Secretary.
15. For explanation only:
The promotion comment “within a 3 year period” means that an exhibitor may be promoted in the second or third year if the allocated points are achieved. If the points are not achieved by the end of the third year, the first years points are ‘dropped’ and the process continues.

REVIEW PROCESS:

16. This document and the processes within will be reviewed annually. The review would consider but not be limited to considering a Champion Status, the need for a maximum period in Novice Status and to assess if the point allocation is satisfactory.

17. Membership feedback will be an important part of this process.

NOTES:

- a. A National Show is a show that is held on behalf of the ANBC.
- b. A Shield/State Show is the Logan Shield or a State Show or a combination of both. There are no Full Complement requirements for this show.
- c. Points will only be allocated at a BCSA Affiliate/Associate or other recognised Any Age, Young Stock or Unbroken Cap (UBC) show (or combination of) if a Full Complement of birds is exhibited.
- d. A Full Complement for Young Stock or Any Age shows is a show with all ANBC varieties and both sexes listed separately in the Show Schedule. The following criteria also apply: A total of 120 birds must be benched (not just entered) per 'age-group'.
 - If less than 120 birds are benched the entire show will not be eligible for points.
 - A minimum of 20 birds must be benched in each status section by at least 3 exhibitors.
 - If less than 3 exhibitors show or less than 20 birds are entered in a status section and all other criteria are met, no points will be allocated for that section.
 - If a Young Stock show and Adult Bird show are combined with full awards for each, each 'age group' will be required to meet the 'Full Complement' criteria.
 - If a bird wins Grand Champion (or Champion Young or Champion Adult if judged separately at a show) in a 'Full Complement' show from a status section that does not meet the requirement of dot point 3 above, that bird shall gain full points as it has won against a Full Complement of birds.
- e. A Full Complement for UBC shows is a show with all ANBC varieties Listed (both sexes combined) in the Show Schedule. The following criteria also apply:
 - A total of 60 birds must be benched (not just entered).
 - If less than 60 birds are benched the entire show will not be eligible for points.
 - A minimum of 20 birds must be benched in each status section by at least 3 exhibitors.
 - If less than 3 exhibitors show or less than 20 birds are entered in a status section and all other criteria are met, no points will be allocated for that section
- f. Recognised Show – means any show, including an Agricultural show that has prior approval of the BCSA Committee and meets the 'Full Complement' criteria.

- g. Show Committees are to present to the BCSA full details of awards gained and exhibitor names within 14 days of the show date and these details must be presented in line with the recognised format of entries maintained on the BCSA web site for downloading.
- h. The date for accruing points for this system commences 9th May 2010.

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Review Date: January 2011