

## **Nimbin Agricultural & Industrial Society Incorporated Exhibitors & Competitors General Rules:**

1. The Nimbin Show is conducted under the rules and regulations of the North Coast Agricultural Societies Association as adopted by this Society.
2. All competitors will pay gate admission fees.
3. Closing times for entries will be strictly adhered to and no late entries will be accepted.
4. All dogs brought onto the grounds must be under strict control and are the responsibility of the owner.
5. Stables and yards must be booked and paid for prior to the show.
6. Electric fencing is not permitted on the grounds.
7. Application for camping space must be booked and paid for prior to the show. For fees contact the Secretary.
8. Exhibitors and competitors in all sections compete entirely at their own risk. The Society is not responsible for any injury, damage or loss sustained by an exhibitor or competitor.
9. All competitors must sign an indemnity waiver form unless proof of insurance is made available to the steward.
10. Horses will be re-measured in the event of a dispute.
11. It is a condition of entry, that all animals competing at this show compete on the understanding that drug testing may be carried out. If drugs are detected then penalties will apply.
12. All competitors/exhibitors shall be suitably attired including the wearing of approved safety equipment when handling stock within the grounds. Helmets: All Riding Events & Show Jumping competitors must wear a safety helmet AS/NZS3838 and this must be correctly fitted.
13. All district classes are limited to exhibits owned and domiciled with the North Coast Agricultural Societies Association Group 1 area for a period of three (3) months.
14. The Judges' decision in all classes will be final. Prizes may be withheld if the Judges are of the opinion that there is insufficient merit to justify the award.
15. Prize money will be paid at the Secretary's Office. No prize money will be posted.
16. No exhibit can be entered into two distinct classes except cattle.
17. The Society reserves the right to refuse to admit any exhibit into the grounds or the pavilion if there is reason to suspect it is either diseased or dangerous or to remove any such exhibit from the exhibition. In cases of infectious disease being spread by a violation of this rule exhibitors may be held liable for any loss that may result from this act.
18. The Society reserves the right to remove any person from the grounds or the pavilion whom they consider is guilty of objectionable conduct.
19. Whilst every effort will be made to follow the program the stewards reserve the right to substitute or alter any event if considered necessary.
20. The Committee reserves the right to alter times and rings at their discretion.
21. In awarding the championship, the Judge will be required to select the next entry in order of merit to be called the Reserve, which shall take the place of the champion in the event of the latter being disqualified for any reason.
22. No entry fee is required for Champion prizes.
23. Age of all horses to be computed from 1<sup>st</sup> August and beef cattle from 1<sup>st</sup> October.
24. All exhibits must be presented in show condition and under proper control at all times.

25. Stallions will not be allowed to compete with geldings and mares, except in classes so specified.
26. No exhibitor or other person than the steward will be allowed in that section of the ground during judging. Attendants actually in charge of stock may hold no communication with the judge except through the stewards. Any person so offending will be liable to forfeit their claim to any prize and it shall be the duty of the stewards to prevent any person so interfering with the judge and if necessary, remove such offenders from the grounds.
27. The Committee will take all reasonable care for the safety of exhibits, but the society will not be held responsible for any accident or loss that may occur to, from or by an exhibit during the show. A condition of entry is that each exhibitor holds the Society blameless and indemnifies it against legal proceedings arising from such accident or loss.
28. Exhibitors shall be under the direction of the stewards and if so required, arrange their exhibits. No exhibits must afterwards be removed without the sanction of the stewards under the penalty of being removed from the ground or pavilion and the forfeiture of any prize which may have been awarded to it.
29. No animal exhibited shall be decorated with any previous award while being judged.
30. Competitors in ring events will be called twice over the public address system prior to the holding of the event in which they are entered. If they do not appear the event will proceed in their absence.
31. No stallion (or colt) shall be paraded without a bit in his mouth, or stallion halter, Stallions may not be ridden or led by a person under 18 years of age.
32. The Committee reserves the right to cancel any event in this schedule and reduce the prize money in the event of unforeseen circumstances causing a loss financially.
33. The ring events shall be in the hands of the Ring Steward and in his/her opinion if the condition of the ground makes it inadvisable to conduct all or any of the ring events due to danger to competitors the ring steward shall convene a meeting with the executive committee and a majority decision shall be final. Entry fees paid by the competitors for events subsequently cancelled shall be refunded. The Committee accepts no responsibility to indemnify competitors for events cancelled under such circumstances.
34. The Grand Parade will be held following the cattle judging. It is a condition of entry for all ring and cattle exhibitors to enter the parade, negligence to do so may render the owner liable to forfeit claims to any prizes won by that particular exhibit.
35. If less than three (3) entries in an event only first place will be paid.
36. In all registered classes registration papers must be produced upon the request of a steward. Non-compliance with this will render the owner liable to forfeit his/her claim to any prize won in classes in which these papers are required.
37. A \$25 fee must accompany all protests. In the event of the Committee upholding the protest the fee will be refunded. The Committee's decision in all matters of dispute shall be final.
38. Overnight camping – Children must be accompanied by an adult (at least one adult per two children).