



# Rules and Regulations of the Victorian Poultry Fanciers Association Ltd

(As adopted at the Annual General Meeting, Saturday December 7th 2002 and as amended by the Board at duly constituted meetings since that date.)

In these rules, the letters V.P.F.A. shall stand for The Victorian Poultry Fanciers Association Limited. The use of he shall include she and be inclusive of both genders unless specified. In these Regulations words importing the singular mean and include the plural and vice versa and each gender means and includes every other gender.

## **AFFILIATIONS**

1. Any Club, Association, or other body, bona-fide, established for the purpose of breeding or exhibiting poultry, or conducting shows, may apply for affiliation with the V.P.F.A. Ltd.
2. Such application shall be made in writing to the Secretary of the V.P.F.A. Ltd., and, shall be accompanied by the fee determined from time to time by the V.P.F.A. Ltd., a copy of the Constitution and Rules of the body, a copy of the incorporation certificate of the body, and further particulars asked for by the Board of the V.P.F.A. Ltd., and an undertaking by the Committee that the body and its office-bearers will be bound, on affiliation being granted, by the Rules and Regulations of the V.P.F.A. Ltd., for the time being in force.
3. Changes in office bearers must be notified to the Board of the V.P.F.A. Ltd. within fourteen days of such changes.
4. Such application shall be brought before the Board of the V.P.F.A. Ltd., which may grant or withhold affiliation. If affiliation is not granted, the fee shall be refunded.

## **CANCELLATION OF AFFILIATION.**

5. The Board of the V.P.F.A. Ltd. may at its discretion, cancel or suspend the affiliation of any affiliated body, in which case no refund of affiliation fee shall be made.

## **RULES FOR THE CONDUCT OF EXHIBITIONS**

6. These rules shall apply to all exhibitions held under the Rules and Regulations of the V.P.F.A. Ltd. and all bodies conducting, and all exhibitors and persons attending, such exhibition, and all members of bodies affiliated with the V.P.F.A. Ltd. shall be deemed to have expressly agreed to submit to carry out, enforce and be bound by the Rules and Regulations of the V.P.F.A. Ltd. Any person who takes part in any matter coming within the Rules and Regulations of the V.P.F.A. Ltd. shall be held thereby to consent to be bound by them, and shall not be entitled to appeal to any court because of anything done under the provisions of such Rules and Regulations.

## **PERMISSION**

7. No affiliated body shall hold or conduct any show or other exhibition without approval of the V.P.F.A. Ltd.
8. Any affiliated body desiring to hold any show, or other exhibition shall make application to the Secretary of the V.P.F.A. Ltd. in writing at least four months prior to the proposed date of any show, and at least one month prior to the proposed date of any other exhibition, unless otherwise required by the Board of the V.P.F.A. Ltd. Provided always that this rule shall not apply to intra-club or inter-club competitions such as bird nights.

## **TO BE HELD UNDER V.P.F.A. Ltd. RULES AND REGULATIONS**

9. All shows or other exhibitions of affiliated bodies shall be held under the Rules and Regulations of the V.P.F.A. Ltd.
10. All rules, regulations, definitions or instructions in the nature of rules and regulations printed in the Prize Schedule, shall be deemed to be regulations of the Show, or other exhibition, and shall have the same effect as if they formed part of these Rules, provided they are not inconsistent with these Rules.
11. Should an occasion arise when the Rules and/or Regulations of an affiliated body are inconsistent with the Rules and/or Regulations of the V.P.F.A. Ltd. on any matter, those of the V.P.F.A. Ltd. shall prevail.

## **REGISTERED EXHIBITORS ONLY MAY EXHIBIT.**

- 12.1 All exhibitors of poultry, excepting Interstate Exhibitors, exhibiting at affiliated club shows must be registered with the V.P.F.A. Ltd. as registered exhibitors, (This does not apply to bird nights, interclub days, interclub days etc.).

Exhibitors registered as a partnership may exhibit in their own separate names provided that the exhibit is a different breed or variety than that exhibited in the name of the partnership, and that a separate registration fee is paid.

12.2 A Junior shall be a person aged from 5 years and who has not had a sixteenth (16) birthday at either the date of applying for Registration as an exhibitor, or in the case of a renewal of registration, the first day of January in the year in which Registration fees are due and payable. Clubs discretion allowed.

12.3 Notwithstanding Sub –Clause 12.2 a person shall not be eligible to enter a junior class if he or she lives at the same address or that has his or her exhibits housed at the same address as a non-Junior registered exhibitor unless he or she exhibits a different variety to that exhibited by the non-Junior registered exhibitor. For the purpose of interpretation of this clause a bantam is to be considered as a different variety.

12.4 Notwithstanding Rule 29, Rule 12, Junior Exhibitors are eligible to exhibit in either Junior and/or Open Classes as specified in the schedule at Affiliated Club Shows, and shall pay the entry fee for birds entered in each section, as stated in the prize schedule at the time of entry.

12.5 Notwithstanding Clause 12.1, an exhibitor who is not a member of the V.P.F.A. Ltd but who has paid the current fee for a 'One Day Exhibitor's Permit' to the Secretary of an affiliated club in order to exhibit at a show conducted by that club, shall be deemed to be a Registered Exhibitor who is bound by the constitution, rules and policies of the V.P.F.A. Ltd, for the duration of that particular show only.

13. Applications for registration, accompanied by the fee prescribed from time to time by the Board, shall be made to the Secretary of the V.P.F.A. Ltd, or the person designated by the board

14.1 Registered exhibitors will be issued with a number, and such number must be quoted on the entry form when entries are made.

14.2 The board may provide an exhibitor category, as per the constitution, which does not require a number.

15. The Board of the V.P.F.A. Ltd. may refuse to grant registration to any person without assigning any reason therefore.

#### **AWARDS.**

16. At all exhibitions held under the Rules of the V.P.F.A. Ltd., other than those specially excepted by the Board of the V.P.F.A. Ltd., wherever ribbons and/or award cards are presented as prizes, the award cards showing the order of merit of the prize winning birds, must be exhibited after the judging.

17. Where cards or certificates are awarded at Shows the owner's name and breed or variety of breed of the winning bird must be shown thereon, together with the name or description of the class or other competition in which the prize was won, and the date of the show.

18. Unregistered exhibitors (See Rule 12)., excepting interstate exhibitors, shall not be eligible to compete for any awards at Affiliated Club Shows, if by so doing, shall forfeit all monies paid.

#### **DUPLICATE AWARD CARDS.**

19. Duplicate award cards or ribbons, if available, may be issued only if the identifiable remains of the originals are produced or a statutory declaration certifying that they have been destroyed or lost or not received by the owner, is produced and approved by the Committee of the exhibition.

#### **DISPLAY OF CARDS. Etc.**

20. At any show or other exhibition, exhibitors shall not display any material on the pen without the approval of the Secretary of the Club holding the show or exhibition.

21. Prizes awarded to exhibits objected to, must not be delivered until the objection has been finally determined.

22.1 No prize card or cards or any other award except those won at the current Show shall be permitted to be exhibited over the bird.

#### **PAYMENT OF PRIZE MONEY**

23. Subject to rule 21, all prize money, where applicable, must be paid and special prizes presented or forwarded to the successful exhibitor within sixty days of the last day of the exhibition.

### **FEES FOR ENTRY**

24. The entry fee for each exhibit as stated in the Prize Schedule is the liability of the exhibitor at time of entry (which entry shall be made on a special form provided for that purpose), and may be forfeited if the exhibit is not caged in accordance with rule 37.
25. Any person making an entry for an exhibition, whether personally or through an agent, shall be liable for the fees payable whether or not the bird entered is exhibited.

### **ENTRY FORMS**

26. Forms which are for the entry of poultry only (excluding composite forms of Agricultural Societies and other bodies) shall state above the space for signature:-  
"I hereby certify that the exhibits entered by me are my bona-fide property, and I agree to carry out and be bound by the directions and decisions of the V.P.F.A. Ltd."
27. An exhibitor or his agent entering an exhibit in a show or other exhibition must fill out and sign the entry form in ink, giving all the known details required for publication as set out in Rule 48. The exhibitor shall be responsible for the correctness of the particulars contained in the entry form.
28. All entry forms must be kept for at least twelve months from the last day of exhibition, and, upon request, be delivered to the Secretary of the V.P.F.A. Ltd.
29. No exhibit shall be entered in more than one class.

### **ENTRIES CLOSE**

30. Entries for a show must close at least seven clear days, or by the discretion of the show secretary, before the opening date of the show as published in the Prize Schedule.

### **ENTRIES, Etc., CONFIDENTIAL.**

31. It shall be deemed a serious offence for any official of an affiliated body to disclose information to exhibitors as to the entries or entrants for any fixture.

### **ENTRIES IN THE WRONG CLASS Etc.**

32. If through the fault of the intending exhibitor or his agent, an exhibit is entered in the wrong class, or if an exhibit, becomes ineligible for the class in which it is entered, it shall not be transferred to the correct class after the closing date for entries, nor shall any refund of entry or other fees be made, but if an inadvertent error or omission is made in the entry form, the entrant may be permitted, at the discretion of the body holding the exhibition, or of its authorised representative, to make the necessary correction.

### **REFUSAL OF ENTRIES**

33. The Committee of anybody holding an exhibition under these Rules shall have the right to refuse or return any entry but must assign a reason to the intending exhibitor. The decision must be made at a properly convened and constituted meeting of that Committee and such decision is communicated in writing to the intending exhibitor at least three clear days before the exhibition is scheduled to be held. Entry fees shall be returned in case of refused entries.

### **OWNERSHIP OF EXHIBITS**

34. An exhibit, when entered for a show, must be solely and unconditionally the property of the exhibitor, at least 21 days before show date.

### **WITHDRAWAL FROM COMPETITION**

- 35.1 Where the name of a judge announced in a prize schedule is changed, an exhibit may be withdrawn before the commencement of the judging by the substituted judge of the Show, only when the owner or his duly accredited agent, has made an application to withdraw to the Committee of the exhibition, and the Committee has approved the application. An application for refund of entry fees may be made to the Committee.
- 35.2 Where the name of a judge announced in a prize schedule is changed the controlling body must display the name of the substituted judge and allow exhibitors the right to withdraw their exhibits.
- 35.3 If an exhibitor withdraws because of Rule 35.2 his exhibits entry fees shall be refunded.

### **EXHIBITS ABSENT FROM COOPS**

36. Excluding rule 44, no exhibit shall be absent from its coop except for the purpose of being judged, or by order of the Committee of the exhibition or its authorised representative. An exhibit may not be so placed in a cage as to be away from the view of the public.
37. Birds shall be at the place of exhibition by the time stipulated in the Prize Schedule, on the opening day of the exhibition, and shall be caged by that time, after which the Committee of the exhibition may refuse to receive exhibits.

### **CONTROL OF EXHIBITS**

38. During the Show all exhibits shall be under the control of the Committee of the Club holding the Show.
39. During the Show, no exhibit may be handled by any person without the permission of the Show Manager of the Club holding the Show.
40. All exhibits in a class shall, as far as is practicable, be exhibited in cages or coops next to or adjoining each other and on the same level.

### **FEEDING OF EXHIBITS**

41. In shows of more than one day, the birds shall be fed, watered, and attended to free of charge during an exhibition.

### **DAMAGE TO EXHIBITS**

42. Anybody holding an exhibition under the Rules of the V.P.F.A. Ltd. shall not be responsible for any loss or damage to any exhibit, and it shall be a condition of entry that each exhibitor shall hold the body harmless and indemnify it against any legal proceedings arising from such loss or damage.
43. Any organisation holding an exhibition under the Rules of the V. P. F.A. Ltd. shall not under any circumstances be responsible for any misdelivery of exhibits.

### **HEALTH OF POULTRY**

44. The Committee of a club or its representative may, exclude any exhibit which it considers not fit for exhibition, either because of disease, or any other reason.

### **PRIZE SCHEDULE AND CATALOGUE. NAMES OF JUDGES**

45. The Prize Schedule as approved, and the catalogue if issued, must contain the name of the judge for each breed or Section, including specials, to be judged.

### **NOTIFICATION re RULES AND REGULATIONS**

46. A notification to the effect that the body is affiliated with the V.P.F.A. Ltd. and that the exhibition is held under the Rules and Regulations of the V.P.F.A. Ltd., and that a copy may be perused at the Office of the Secretary of the exhibition, must be inserted in the Prize Schedule and Catalogue.

### **COPIES TO V.P.F.A. Ltd.**

47. The Secretary of the affiliated body must forward to the Secretary of the V.P.F.A. Ltd. one copy of the Prize Schedule at least four weeks prior to the show.

### **ADHERENCE TO CONDITIONS**

48. The conditions and particulars set out in the approved draft of the Prize Schedule must be strictly adhered to in the published Prize Schedule and the catalogue, and shall not be altered unless the special permission of the Board of the V.P.F.A. Ltd. is obtained, in which case exhibitors shall be given the option of withdrawing their exhibits and receiving a refund of entry fees paid.

### **LIST OF EXHIBITORS TO V.P.F.A. Ltd.**

49. The Secretary of the body holding the show shall forward to the Secretary of the V.P.F.A. Ltd. within fourteen days of the closing of the show, a list of names and addresses and VPFA registration numbers of the exhibitors at the show.

## **JUDGES AND STEWARDS**

### **50. JUDGES OFFICIATING AT SHOWS**

- 50.1 No person may judge at a Show, which is held under the Rules and Regulations of the V.P.F.A. Ltd. unless licenced by the Board of the V.P.F.A. Ltd. and is a registered member.
- 50.2 Judges listed on official interstate panels will be accepted to judge in Victoria for the sections in which they are listed.
- 50.3 The Board of the V.P.F.A. Ltd. shall have the power in the case of a person not ordinarily resident in the State of Victoria to grant a temporary licence to judge a particular show.
- 50.4 Application for licence must be made on such form and in such manner as may be prescribed from time to time by the Board of the V.P.F.A. Ltd.
- 50.5 The onus of proving a person's eligibility for licence shall rest with that person.
- 50.6 The Board of the V.P.F.A. Ltd. may refuse any application for a licence and may cancel any licence or may suspend for any period or vary in any way a licence already granted or may grant in part only any application for licence.
- 50.7 Lists of Victorian judges licenced by the Board of the V.P.F.A. Ltd. shall be compiled and made available to kindred and affiliated bodies. Such lists shall specify what breed or breeds of poultry each judge is eligible to judge.
- 50.8 A judge shall not reside at the same dwelling as any exhibitor the night before a show.

### **51 APPLICATION TO BECOME A JUDGE.**

- 51.1 Judge applicants must be VPFA members and recognised breeders and exhibitors for at least three years.
- 51.2 Application for appointment to the Panel is to be accompanied by the recommendation of at least one registered judge in the breed or breeds the applicant may wish to judge.
- 51.3 The members who are placed on the Provisional Panel are eligible to be placed on the Open Judges Panel for the said breeds when they have satisfactorily judged at 4 Poultry Club Shows this includes Royal or interstate shows but doesn't include agricultural shows. Applications in writing must be accompanied by judge's assessment form completed by the show manager.
52. A Judges' annual licence fee may be set by the Board of the V.P.F.A. Ltd. annually in addition to membership fee.
- 53.1 A judge's decision on the merit of the exhibits shall be final unless such decision is contrary to the Rules and/or Regulations of the V.P.F.A. Ltd.
- 53.2 Judges are empowered not to award any prize or Special Prize to any exhibit which they consider is not of sufficient merit.
- 54.1 Judges shall judge to the Australian Poultry Standards and any relevant addenda unless otherwise specified by the Board of the V.P.F.A. Ltd.
- 54.2 Stewards shall be guided by the document "duties of a club poultry steward" VPFA show representatives are to be guided by the "Guide to a VPFA representative's sheet."
55. When judging judges shall feel free to consult the Poultry Standards if considered necessary to determine the award winners.
56. Alterations made by the judge, in the judge's book or card must be initialled by the judge at the time of making such alterations.
57. A judge shall not place two or more separate exhibits equal for any award.
58. No special prize shall be awarded to an exhibit which has not won a first prize in its class except where special prizes are awarded for type and colour. An exhibit placed second to class champion is eligible to win a reserve award, provided, that the provisions of this Rule shall not apply to special prizes offered to members where a Club is holding its Show in conjunction with another Club's show.
59. A judge shall pass over any exhibit which he considers over or under the age of which it is entered.
- 60.1 Every judge shall notify the Committee of the body conducting the Show of any exhibit he considers has been tampered or improperly dealt with, and any fees paid shall be forfeited.
- 60.2 The Committee shall notify the Board of the V.P.F.A. Ltd., of such a report within fourteen days.

### **DEFINITION OF CLASSES**

67. "Cock" A cock shall mean a male over 12 months of age.

"Hen"	A hen shall mean a female over 12 months of age.
"Cockerel"	A cockerel shall mean all males under 12 months of age.
"Pullet"	A pullet shall mean all females under 12 months of age.
"Drake"	A drake shall mean a male over 12 months in age.
"Duck"	A duck shall mean a female over 12 months in age.
"Drake ling"	A drake ling shall mean all males under 12 months in age.
"Duckling"	A duckling shall mean all females under 12 months of age.
"Young Goose"	A Young Goose shall mean a female goose under 12 months of age.
"Young Gander"	A Young Gander shall mean a male goose under 12 months of age.
"Gobbler"	A gobbler shall mean a male turkey over 12 months of age.
"Hen"	A hen shall mean a female turkey over 12 months of age.
"Tom"	A tom shall mean a male turkey under 12 months of age.
"Poult"	A poult shall mean a female turkey under 12 months of age.

### **DISQUALIFICATION AND FORFEIT OF PRIZES**

68. An exhibit may be disqualified from competition or exhibition and/or the exhibitor from retaining any prizes awarded in connection with it at the show concerned, by the Board of the V.P.F.A. Ltd., or by the Committee of the exhibition on objection, subject to appeal to the Board of the V.P.F.A. Ltd. if it is proved to be:-

68.1 Exhibited by a person under a term of suspension or disqualification or by an otherwise ineligible person.

68.2 Entered in a manner not in compliance with the classification in the Prize Schedule.

68.3 Entered for exhibition not in accordance with the Rules and/or Regulations of the V.P.F.A. Ltd.

68.4 Exhibited by a person who is not a registered exhibitor of the V.P.F.A. Ltd. (This rule shall not apply to exhibitors at competitions such as bird nights and interstate exhibitors.) 68.5 Exhibited or owned by a judge of the breed at the exhibition.

68.6 Suffering from an infectious disease or exposure to the risk of such disease during the period dating two weeks prior to the exhibition. 68.7 Or if it is proved that:-

68.7.1 Any dye colouring, lightening or darkening matter has been used and remains on any part of the bird during the time of the exhibition;

68.7.2 Any preparation or powder has been used and remains on the bird, thereby altering the texture or appearance of its feathers during the time of the exhibition.

69. A Judge and his immediate family shall not be eligible to exhibit at the show he is adjudicating at. This excludes egg judges who are solely judging eggs. Egg judges and their immediate family are permitted to exhibit birds in the show. (Reason for rule change is eggs are not eligible for Champion in show.)

70. Objection may be made to any exhibit by any registered person, except by one who is under a term of suspension or disqualification or is otherwise ineligible to take part in exhibitions held under the V.P.F.A. Ltd. Rules.

70.1 The objection must be in writing and be delivered to the Secretary or his deputy at his office at the exhibition, or at his address as advertised in the Prize Schedule.

70.2 If the objection is made by a person other than a member of the Committee or official of the body holding the exhibition, the sum as set by the Board of the V.P.F.A. Ltd. must be deposited at the same time, which sum shall be returned unless the Committee of the body holding the exhibition deems the objection frivolous, in which case it shall be forfeited.

70.3 Where objection is made:-

70.3.1 Under Rule 68, Clauses (68.6) and (68.7) it must be made before the exhibition closes.

70.3.2 On any other ground it must be made within seven days of the last day of the exhibition.

71. An objection shall be dealt with at a meeting convened by the Committee of the body concerned within 14 days of receipt of the objection.

72. A copy of the objection shall be despatched by the Secretary within 48 hours to the owner of the exhibit, at his address as given on the entry form and 48 hours' notice of the meeting dealing with the matter shall be sent to all persons, considered by the Committee of the body to be concerned, who shall be entitled to appear for the purpose of giving evidence.

72.1 The Committee of the body concerned shall cause notes of all evidence given at the enquiry to be taken in writing.

73. The decision of the body, together with the notice of the right of appeal hereinafter mentioned, shall be communicated to the parties concerned within 48 hours, and if the objection is upheld, a copy of the decision shall be sent to the Secretary of the V.P.F.A. Ltd.

73.1 Should any person fail to appear in answer to the notice of the meeting at which this objection is to be considered, the Committee of the body concerned may proceed to enquire into and deal with the objection, notwithstanding his or her absence.

#### **RIGHT OF APPEAL**

74. Any registered person affected by any decision of an affiliated club may appeal to the Board of the V.P.F.A. Ltd. by giving notice of appeal in writing to the Secretary of the V.P.F.A. Ltd. within fourteen days of the decision, stating the grounds of the appeal and enclosing a deposit sum as set by the committee of the V.P.F.A. Ltd.

74.1 Upon receipt of such notice of appeal and deposit, the Secretary of the V.P.F.A. Ltd. shall notify the Secretary of the body concerned, who shall forthwith send to the Secretary of the V.P.F.A. Ltd. the notes of the evidence, if any, given at the enquiry.

74.2 The Board of the V.P.F.A. Ltd. shall hear every such appeal made to it as soon as possible, and it may, in its discretion, allow further evidence to be adduced, and may remit the matter for re-hearing by the body concerned, or uphold or dismiss the appeal or impose a greater or lesser penalty and may make such order as to the disposal of the deposit and/or deposits lodged with the V.P.F.A. Ltd. and/or the affiliated body as it sees fit.

74.3 If no notice of appeal is given as herein before provided, or if after hearing the appeal the Board of the V.P.F.A. Ltd. has affirmed the decision of the body concerned (whether the penalty is varied or not) the Secretary of the V.P.F.A. Ltd. shall register such decision, and thereupon it shall be final and binding on the party or parties concerned, and shall be given effect to by all the bodies affiliated with the V.P.F.A. Ltd., and at all exhibitions held

74.4 The Secretary of the V.P.F.A. Ltd. must be notified by the Committee of the body in cases where an objection has been upheld.

75 Notwithstanding anything herein stated, the Board of the V.P.F.A. Ltd. may of its own motion, at any time, call upon any person whom it has reason to suspect of having been guilty of any action or conduct which, in the opinion of the said Board, is discreditable or injurious to those interested in poultry affairs or otherwise in contravention, evasion, or attempted evasion, direct or indirect, of the letter or spirit of the Rules, Regulations and or Resolutions of the V.P.F.A. Ltd., to answer a charge respecting such action or conduct, such person to be notified, and of the nature of the charge. Pending the charge being answered to the satisfaction of the said Board, the Board shall have power to:-

75.1.1 Debar the person charged from judging and/or taking any part in and/or having any connection with and/or attending any exhibition of poultry under V.P.F.A. Ltd. Rules.

75.1.2 Debar from competition all or any poultry owned and/or part-owned by him at the date the charge was laid. Notice shall be given those considered by the Board of the V.P.F.A. Ltd. to be concerned. Should any person fail to appear in answer to a charge, the Board of the V.P.F.A. Ltd. may proceed to enquire into and deal with the charge, notwithstanding his absence?

75.2 It is expressly provided that on information and/or report supplied by a member of the said Board, the Board may impose on any person or persons any of the penalties referred to in rule 75.1.1 and 75.1.2 without having given notice to any person. In such case, the person or persons so penalised shall be notified by letter, sent to his address (if any), by the Secretary of the V.P.F.A. Ltd., and shall be allowed fourteen days from the date of the posting of such letter, notifying the imposition of such penalty to give notice of appeal. Such notice shall be in writing and state the grounds of appeal, and shall be accompanied by a deposit of a sum as set by the Board of the V.P.F.A. Ltd.

75.3 Within 30 days of receiving the proper notice, the said Board shall hear the appeal, either upon the evidence previously before it, or upon affidavits or statutory declarations or on viva voce, evidence or in any way it may think fit, either in the presence or absence of the persons or person considered by the said Board to be concerned. The said Board may then quash, set aside, vary, increase or add to the penalty awarded by it, or confirm its previous decision.

75.4 The powers conferred in these Rules as to appeals under clause 75.3 above may be exercised by the said Board, notwithstanding that the notice of appeal may be that only part of the decision is objected to or sought to be reviewed, varied or otherwise dealt with. Such powers may also be considered by the said Board to be implicated, even though he, she or they may not have appealed from such decision or may not have been dealt with by the said Board.

75.5 The said Board may make such order as it deems fit with reference to the sum deposited with the appeal.

75.6 Whenever the said Board has occasion to come to a decision, whether by enquiry or direct action or in

consideration of an appeal, the said Board shall have power to draw inferences of fact, or to rely upon affidavits or statutory declarations or viva voce evidence or in any way it may think fit, either in the presence or absence of the person or persons considered by the said Board to be concerned, and to give judgement or decision and make such order as in its opinion the justice of the case requires.

75.7 The said Board shall have the power to require any person to make an affidavit or statutory declaration of the facts of the matter.

76. The Board of the V.P.F.A. Ltd. in acting under these Rules or any of them shall have power:-

76.1 To suspend or disqualify or otherwise debar any person from judging and/or taking part in and/or having any connection with any exhibition held under V.P.F.A. Ltd. Rules.

76.2 To suspend or disqualify or otherwise to debar from competition all or any exhibits owned and/or partowned by any person and/or registered in his or her name at the date the charge was laid, or information and/or report was supplied to the Committee of the V.P.F.A. Ltd. by a member of that Committee.

77. The penalties provided herein may be for life or such shorter period as the Board of the V.P.F.A. Ltd. shall fix, and the said Board shall have power from time to time to remove, modify, or vary in any way, any suspension, disqualification, or any other state of ineligibility.

78. Any person suspended or disqualified by the Board of the V.P.F.A. Ltd. or otherwise ineligible to take part in exhibitions held under V.P.F.A. Ltd. Rules, shall, during the period of such suspension, disqualification or ineligibility, be not eligible to become or remain a member of anybody affiliated with the V.P.F.A. Ltd. If such person shall attend any exhibition held under the Rules of the V.P.F.A. Ltd. the Board of the V.P.F.A. Ltd. shall have power to increase the period of suspension, disqualification or ineligibility.

79. The Board of the V.P.F.A. Ltd. shall have power in any case under the Rules of the V.P.F.A. Ltd. to publish the account of any action it takes against any person and/or exhibit, and the names, description and addresses of those concerned, and further, to publish the names of such disqualified or suspended persons and/or exhibit and of persons and/or exhibit which otherwise become ineligible in accordance with the provisions of the Rules.

80. Any person or body who shall employ in any capacity in connection with exhibits any person suspended or disqualified by the Committee of the V.P.F.A. Ltd. or any affiliated body which permits such a person or one otherwise ineligible to take part in an exhibition held under the Rules of the V.P.F.A. Ltd., or accepts an entry for a suspended, disqualified or otherwise ineligible exhibit shall, if it is proved to the satisfaction of the Board of the V.P.F.A. Ltd. that such suspension or disqualification or other state of ineligibility was known of, be liable to be dealt with as an offender within the meaning of the Rules of the V.P.F.A. Ltd.

81. Any registered exhibitor of the V.P.F.A. Ltd. suspended or disqualified by the Board of the V.P.F.A. Ltd. or any person who becomes ineligible in accordance with the provisions of the Rules, shall not be entitled to the return of any proportion of his or her annual subscription or other fees.

82. Any person causing annoyance by loud comments on a decision of a judge, or be guilty of unsportsmanlike or unseemly actions while in the precincts of the exhibition, maybe removed from the exhibition. It shall be the duty of the Committee of the exhibition to report all such cases to the Board of the V.P.F.A. Ltd. within fourteen days and to supply such Board with all possible evidence of the actions and the names and addresses of witnesses. The responsibility of investigating and taking appropriate action in connection with cases of unsportsmanlike or unseemly actions within the precincts of an exhibition shall rest with the Board of the V.P.F.A. Ltd.

83. If a prize-winner be disqualified, the birds next in consecutive order of merit, shall be moved into higher places in the prize list.

84. All penalties imposed and/or endorsed by the Board of the V.P.F.A. Ltd. shall be observed and enforced by all bodies affiliated with the V.P.F.A. Ltd.

85. If any case occurs which is not, or which alleged not to be provided for by the Rules, it shall be determined by the Board of the V.P.F.A. Ltd. in such manner as it deems fit, and its decision shall be final.

86. The Board of the V.P.F.A. Ltd. shall have power to require a deposit as set by them with any complaint entailing an enquiry by such Board. If, in the opinion of the Board, the complaint is frivolous or vexatious, the deposit may be retained by the V.P.F.A. Ltd.

87. The decision of the V.P.F.A on all matters shall be final and binding on all registered exhibitors, and no right of action in any court of law shall arise therefrom.

88. Where possible the Board of the V.P.F.A. Ltd., shall nominate a delegate from its membership to attend affiliated exhibitions.



## **SCHEDULE OF CHARGES AND FEES**

Point No. 35 Petty Cash Limit	\$100.00
Rule No. 2 Club affiliation fee	to be determined by board.
Rule No. 13 Registered Exhibitor fee	to be determined by board
Rule No. 58 Annual judges licence fee	to be determined by board
Rule No. 71 Deposit sum of appeal to V.P.P.A. Ltd.	\$50.00
Rule No. 75b Deposit sum of appeal to V.P.F.A. Ltd. penalty.	\$50.00
Rule No. 91 Deposit for an enquiry	\$50.00

Revised 24<sup>th</sup> February 2019 VPFA Ltd Directors and members. Rule 33

Revised 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019 VPFA Ltd Directors Rule 69

Revised November 2023 VPFA Ltd Directors removal of Rule 12.5 Day passes will no longer be available from January 2024.