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Introduction

Please Note: These Rules have been written as the final end point of a gradual process of acceptance of these Rules. Some of these Rules will need to be phased in over a fixed length of time, at the discretion of the ANRCI Committee as they are quite complex to set up and administer.

The Show Rules of the ANRCI are Rules concerning the conduct of shows, show officials and exhibitors. All shows held by Affiliated Clubs/Societies are conducted under these Rules and every person having anything to do with shows must strictly observe them. Changes to the Show Rules are the responsibility of the Committee of Management.

The next four sections are concerned with Regulations:

1. Affiliation Regulations.
2. Regulations relating to the award of ANRCI support.
3. General Regulations.
4. Supplementary Insurance Regulations.

The Regulations of the Council are in a slightly different category than the Rules. They lay down conditions for example on which the ANRCI will offer support to shows, or on which the Council will accept as an affiliated member, a Club or Society. In this sense, they are Regulations which must be adhered to if, for example, show support is not to be withdrawn. In the case of the Supplementary Insurance Regulations, should a Club or Society not adhere strictly to them, then disciplinary action would not be taken against them but of course the insurance would automatically be invalidated.

The Regulations can only be amended by the Committee of Management. Although the Articles of Constitution, Rules and Regulations have been drafted for the maximum clarity possible, there will inevitably be occasions on which an interpretation on some point will be necessary. The Articles of Constitution lay down that the Committee of Management shall be the right and proper body to make this interpretation, and the decision taken by that Committee is binding on all parties.

NOTES

1. In these Rules, reference to the male gender also infers reference to the female gender.
2. It is recommended that all Show officials should read these Show Rules in conjunction with other sections as they may deal with show matters.

SHOW RULES.

1.0 ORGANISATION OF SHOWS.

- 1.1 The organisers of the show or their representative (usually the Show Secretary), shall:
 - a. Be fully responsible for carrying out and fulfillment of the Show and Rules and Regulations of the Council and the correct conduct of the Show.
 - b. Provide judging tables and weighing scales for the exhibits.
 - c. Be authorised to refuse entries (provided there is a substantial reason) without assigning a reason to the potential exhibitor.
 - d. Prepare judging books showing all pen numbers, class numbers, class definitions and Special Prize definitions, but containing no information as to the identity or ownership of individual exhibits.
 - e. Ensure that all shows where Challenge Certificates are on offer, the ring number or tattoo number of every exhibit is recorded against its pen number, and each exhibitor shall ensure that the correct ring number or tattoo number with its associated pen number is provided for the Show Organiser for his or her exhibits.
 - f. Appoint a judge or judges subject to the approval of the Council.
 - g. Advise the judge of the pen numbers of absent exhibits to the judging of each class.
 - h. Ensure that all exhibits bear an approved ear label or other form of identification showing the pen number.
 - i. Ensure that no person gives the judge any indication as to the ownership of an exhibit not already placed and that no attempt be made in any way to influence awards.
 - j. Ensure that a record of all show details, including ring numbers (or tattoo numbers) and related pen numbers, awards, names and addresses of exhibitors and entry forms are maintained by the Show Secretary for a period of at least six months.

2.0 EXHIBITION BY JUDGES.

- 2.1 No person appointed to officiate as a rabbit judge at a show may:
 - a. exhibit in the section in which they are judging, or
 - b. judge Best in Show if a rabbit in the line-up corresponds with a breed class in which that judge has entered on that day.
- 2.2 No person may exhibit in the rabbit section who is judging any section for other exhibits in which there is a common award with rabbits except that person judging the Pet or Breed in Development classes may show in the Open classes.

3.0 JUDGES FAILING TO APPEAR.

- 3.1 Where a judge fails to keep his appointment, then the classes which should have been taken by him shall be judged by any other judge who has previously been recognised by the Council as a judge.

4.0 EXAMINATION OF EXHIBITS.

- 4.1 The judge must examine all the exhibits as numbered in his judging book, see that they are placed before him by the stewards and make awards as advertised, promulgated or instructed by the Show Committee.
- 4.2 No award to be made to any exhibit of a breed in which there is a weight disqualification or a points penalty until the exhibit in question has been weighed. If no adequate scales are available, the judge shall complete the class and must report the matter to the ANRCI.

5.0 DISQUALIFICATION OF EXHIBITS.

- 5.1 The judge must disqualify any exhibit if he believes such exhibit is not in a fit condition of health to be judged, and must disqualify any exhibit if he believes such exhibit is:
 - a. ineligible for the particular class in which it has been entered, or
 - b. has been improperly or excessively prepared for exhibition, or
 - c. bears a ring or tattoo which is illegible or is irregularly ringed or tattooed, or
 - d. older than the age limit for the class or in a condition of more advanced development than is generally considered satisfactory for an animal of that breed at the maximum age limit of the class.
- 5.2 A disqualified exhibit may not be judged in any subsequent class in which it is entered nor is it eligible to be judged in any other show on the same day.
- 5.3 No exhibit may be disqualified on weight grounds unless the exact weight of the exhibit is established by weighing at the time of judging, and unless disqualification on weight grounds is recognised in the official standard for that breed and the exhibit is outside the specified weight.
- 5.4 In the event of a judge disqualifying any exhibit under Show Rules 5.1a, 5.1c or 5.1d he must report the full details of his reasons to the Council if so requested by the Show Secretary or the Secretary of the ANRCI.
- 5.5 Monorchids or Cryptorchids are to be disqualified by reason of this condition.

6.0 DISQUALIFICATION FOR EXCESSIVE OR IRREGULAR PREPARATION.

- 6.1 In the event of the judge disqualifying an exhibit under Show Rules 5.1b, he must report the matter to the Show Secretary who must act in accordance with Rule 44.0 of these Rules.
- 6.2 Where there is joint judging and any one judge considers that an exhibit has been improperly or excessively prepared for exhibition, the matter must be dealt with in accordance with the rules for improperly or excessively prepared exhibits.

7.0 MARKING OF JUDGING SLIPS.

7.1 The judge must mark all necessary awards on the judging slip after completing each class and state thereon the full ring number (or tattoo number) including year and letter, which he himself must check, of all First and Special Prize winners, and winners of Challenge Certificates and Diplomas and after initialing or signing the slip, send it to the Show Secretary prior to commencing his next class.

8.0 ALTERATION OF JUDGING SLIPS.

8.1 No alteration may be made in the awards as shown on the slip for any class after it has been initialed or signed by the judge, unless the Judge and Show Secretary agree that a genuine mistake has been made in the awards.

9.0 CHECKING AND PUBLICATION OF RING NUMBERS AND TATTOOS.

9.1 The judge himself must check all winning ring or tattoo numbers and must include the full ring or tattoo number of all First Prize, Challenge Certificate, Diploma and Special Prize winners in official reports sent for publication.

10.0 SIGNING OF ANRCI CHALLENGE CERTIFICATES AND DIPLOMAS.

10.1 The judge must check the ring or tattoo number entered on the Challenge Certificate or Diploma before signing the statement on the card.

10.2 Where more than one judge officiates for a breed, the Challenge Certificate should be signed by all judges concerned in the award but with a Diploma, the card should be signed on behalf of the judges concerned in the award by the judge who judges the exhibit in its straight breed class.

11.0 JUDGES NOT UNANIMOUS.

11.1 In the case of judges not being unanimous in their joint award, the majority vote shall decide. Where such voting is equal, the Show Committee or Show Secretary acting on its behalf, shall appoint an umpire who, except in the case of Specialist Club Shows, must be a member of the Club and not an exhibitor at that show of the breed or breeds to be judged by the Umpire Judge. His decision will be final.

12.0 CHANGES IN JUDGING BOOKS.

12.1 No alteration or entry shall be made in the judge's book after judging has commenced unless there are very good grounds for so doing and the judge is made aware of those grounds, the responsibility for such alteration being the Show Secretary's only; on behalf of the Show Committee.

13.0 MAXIMUM NUMBER OF JUDGES PER CLASS.

13.1 Not more than three judges shall judge in any one class.

14.0 USE OF LEAD PENCILS AT JUDGING TABLE.

14.1 Whilst ball point pens or similar are to be used on Challenge Certificate or Diplomas at the judging table, all other paperwork, including ear labels if used must be completed using lead pencil only

15.0 SUSPENDED OR PROHIBITED PERSONS.

15.1 No person suspended or in any way prohibited from exhibiting by the Council shall be eligible to judge, umpire, exhibit or act as an official at shows held under the rules of the Council or shall attend a Supported Show of ANRCI for the period of their suspension

16.0 CONDITIONS OF ENTRY.

- 16.1 It is a condition of entry of each and every show held under ANRCI Rules that each exhibitor agrees for the purposes of the Show to be bound by each and every one of the ANRCI Articles, Rules and Regulations, and Show Rules; electronic pdf copies of which are sent to new members. Hard copies can be obtained upon written request to the Show Secretary. Copies are also available on-line.
- 16.2 It is an exhibitors responsibility to read and understand the ANRCI Articles, Rules and Regulations, and Show Rules
- 16.3 All Show Secretaries are to have a hard copy at each show

- 16.2 No exhibit under the age of ten weeks may be exhibited at any show held under ANRCII rules. However affiliated Clubs may use their discretion if they wish to raise their minimum accepted age so long as they are over ten weeks of age.

17.0 CANCELLATION OR AMALGAMATION OF CLASSES.

- 17.1 Classes at shows may be cancelled or amalgamated at the discretion of the Show Committee, except for:
 - a. Guaranteed classes
 - b. Classes having guaranteed prize money
 - c. Classes to which a Challenge Certificate has been offered.
- 17.2 No exhibitor shall be entitled to a refund of entry fees in respect of cancelled entries, regardless of whether or not entries have officially closed at the time such cancellation is made, unless the Show Organisers wish to make a refund.

18.0 RABBIT IDENTIFICATION.

Every rabbit exhibited shall have either a leg ring or ear tattoo for identification. A rabbit may not carry both forms of identification.

RINGS

- 18.1 A rabbit may wear on its hind leg above the hock a ring approved by the Council of the stipulated size for the variety and of the year in which it is born except for rabbits entered in pet or utility classes.
- 18.2 A ringed rabbit may be shown in any pet, novelty, hopping or agility class and a Breed class at the same show. A rabbit may wear a ring in the pet class.
- 18.3 A rabbit may only be ringed with a ring which has been purchased by its breeder and so registered in his name unless the permission of the ANRCI is obtained.
- 18.4 Clubs cannot sell rings to non-members. Club Members cannot sell or pass on rings to non-members.
- 18.5 Rung Rabbits must not be sold or passed onto people that are not members of a recognised Rabbit Club.
- 18.6 Rabbits sold as pets must have the ring removed.
- 18.7 Local Clubs may restrict the sale of Rings to their own members so long as it is based on guidelines that have been clearly advertised by the Club when membership is applied for. These restrictions may be based on length of membership, participation in Club activities or other specific areas prescribed by the Local Club.

TATTOOS.

- 18.8 A rabbit may be identified by a tattoo in its ear. This tattoo must be clearly legible and meet with the standards set out in 18.5. Rabbits with illegible tattoos be disqualified under the Distinguishing Marks Rule (24.0)
- 18.9 The tattoo will consist of the year (last two digits) and a letter (as per ring size) and allocated number. This can be in either ear. Eg 14 A 1
- 18.10 The ANRCI Ring Registrar will provide the tattoo numbers to be used upon application by a member.

18.11 Any member who decides to use tattoos must be responsible for finding their own equipment and performing the tattoos. ANRCI will not be providing equipment or people to use the equipment. Exhibitors take sole responsibility for the carrying out and results of the tattoos.

19.0 SIZES OF RINGS.

- 19.1 Size A Polish
Size B Dutch, Tri-Colour Dutch, Jersey Woolley, Tan, Mini Rex, Mini Satin Rex
Size C Dwarf Lop, Mini Cashmere Lop, Plush Lop
Size D Cashmere Lop, Chinchilla, Foxes, Sable, Smoke Pearl, Squirrel, Thrianta, Mini Satin
Size E English Angora, Deilenaar, English, Harlequin, Rex (except Mini Rex), Satins, Swiss Fox
Size G
Size H UK Flemish, American Flemish, French Lop, British Giant, New Zealand White, German Angora
Size K Mini Lop, Mini Plush Lop
Size L Californian, Chinchilla Giganta, German Lop, Thuringer
Size X Netherland Dwarf

PLEASE NOTE: Ring sizes may be changed and new breeds added from time to time. Please consult your Breed Standard book for current information.

20.0 IRREGULARLY RINGED EXHIBITS.

- 20.1 Exhibits shall be disqualified if they are ringed with rings which are:
- a. of the incorrect size for the variety.
 - b. of the incorrect year for the age of the exhibit.
 - c. illegible.
 - d. split
 - e. other than those approved by the ANRCI except as indicated in Rule 23.

- 21.0 USE OF USED RINGS.
 - 21.1 Once a ring has been used on a rabbit in a competitive exhibition, it may not be used again on any other rabbit for exhibition.

- 22.0 RE-RINGING OF EXHIBITS.
 - 22.1 Once a rabbit has been ringed, it shall not be permissible for the ring to be replaced by another, without the prior knowledge and consent of the Council.

- 23.0 IMPORTED EXHIBITS.
 - 23.1 Owners of rabbits brought from abroad which cannot be tattooed or rung with ANRCI approved rings or tattoos, may register the foreign rings or tattoos in their names by special registration.
 - 23.2 A rabbit imported with the officially recognized ring or tattoo of the country of origin may be exhibited at shows held under ANRCI rules providing they have been duly registered with the Council in the exhibitors name.
 - 23.3 If you believe you have a rabbit that matches a standard from outside of Australia other than those already accepted here. Before it can be shown at ANRCI supported shows it needs to be put before the Breeds Committee via the ANRCI secretary to ascertain the correct procedure for acceptance into ANRCI supported shows. This can be either by New BID/CID or Existing Breed .

- 24.0 DISTINGUISHING MARKS.
 - 24.1 No exhibit having any man made distinguishing mark or tattoo marks other than those provided for above shall be exhibited.

25.0 OWNERSHIP OF EXHIBITS.

- 25.1 Every rabbit exhibited at a show must at the time of exhibition be registered in the records of their local Affiliated Club or ANRCI as the bona fide property of the exhibitor in whose name it is entered.
- 25.2 All Affiliated Clubs gaining ANRCI Show Support shall ensure that all rung and tattooed exhibits shown at these shows are registered with their local Affiliated Club or ANRCI before exhibition. Failure to do this may result in loss of show support. Show Records will be subject to checking by ANRCI.
- 25.3 In the case of rabbits wearing a ring or tattoo not issued in the first place to the exhibitor, the registration of a transfer (on an approved card bearing the signature of the purchaser or seller) must be registered in the records of the Council prior to the entry of the rabbit in a show or prior to the closing date for entries to the show, whichever is the earlier. It is the Sellers responsibility to ensure that Transfer Papers are lodged with their local Club or ANRCI Ring Registrar.

26.0 EXHIBITS PREVIOUSLY OWNED BY A JUDGE.

- 26.1 No rabbit previously owned by a judge shall be eligible for exhibition under that judge until a period of three months has elapsed from the date of transfer being recorded, except when the judge has been changed after the closing of entries.

27.0 CUSTODY OF EXHIBITS.

- 27.1 During the show, all exhibits shall be in the custody of Show Committee and may not be handled either by the owner or by any unauthorised person without official permission, and except in the case of illness of an exhibit, shall remain at the show until the commencement of general dispatch. Permission to remove stock must be given by the Show Manager or Show Secretary.

28.0 GROOMING OF EXHIBITS

- 28.1 The grooming of exhibits may take place within the show hall so long as it is in a designated area. The grooming of all rabbits, regardless of their breed, must be completed and the exhibit penned at least 10 minutes before the start of the show.
- 28.2 All long-haired breeds can be removed from their pens and groomed ready for final challenges. This grooming must be for less than five minutes, be in an area well away from the judging table and be completed at least 15 minutes before the class is called.
- 28.3 Any rabbit, of any breed, that is found to be soiled in its pen can be removed and cleaned with the permission of the Show Manager. The rabbit must be penned at least 5 minutes prior to its class being judged.
- 28.4 Any rabbit that is found to be soiled when it arrives at the judging table may be cleaned with the permission of the presiding judge. The rabbit cannot be removed from the judging area and must be cleaned and presented within 5 minutes of the start of the class. The rabbits can be cleaned by the owner or the steward so long as the ownership of the rabbit remains unknown to the judge.

29.0 RESPONSIBILITY FOR PREVENTION OF DOGS AND FERRETS AT SHOWS.

- 29.1 The Council, the Show Committee, its organisers, stewards or officers shall not be responsible for any loss or damage occasioned to any exhibit at a show, but the organisers of the show shall not permit any dog or ferret, under any circumstance, in the hall or other venue in which a rabbit show is being held.

30.0 SMOKING AT ANRCI SUPPORTED SHOWS

- 30.1 Smoking is prohibited at the judging table at all times.
- 30.2 No Smoking inside the venues at ANRCI supported shows

31.0 PENNING AND BEDDING.

31.1 Long haired exhibits must not be penned below other exhibits. It is strongly recommended that all efforts should be made to ensure that waterproof staging is used at all times to protect the exhibits in the lower pens.

31.2 Where the bedding is considered unsuitable by an exhibitor, he shall have the right to replace that supplied by the Show Committee at his own expense.

32.0 HEALTH OF EXHIBITS.

32.1 The power to determine the fitness or otherwise of the exhibit at a show, shall be vested in the veterinary surgeon, vetting in officer appointed for that show, or the judge, and only these people are empowered to state whether the exhibit is or is not in a fit condition to be judged.

32.2 Any exhibit which upon its arrival or during the show is suspected of being in an unhealthy condition, must be boxed and after inspection under Show Rule 32.1, shall, with the approval of either the vetting in Officer or the judge, be returned to the owner. Entry fees for such exhibits are forfeited.

33.0 OUTBREAKS OF MYXOMATOSIS AND RCD.

- 33.1 Any member of the ANRCI in whose rabbitry a case of Myxomatosis or RCD occurs must report the matter to their local Club who will pass this information on promptly to ANRCI. ANRCI will then alert nearby local Clubs of the outbreak. All members must report any outbreaks of Myxomatosis or RCD. Failure to notify your local Club may result in censure by that Club.
- 33.2 Any member in whose rabbitry a case of Myxomatosis is confirmed shall be informed by the Secretary that no rabbits may leave that place until the elapse of 28 days from the last death. Any rabbits taken from this place during the time of quarantine to another rabbitry, that rabbitry will be in quarantine until the elapse of 28 days from the arrival of that rabbit.
Any rabbitry under quarantine must not advertise or sell rabbits during the period of quarantine.
- 33.3 Any member in whose rabbitry a case of RCD is confirmed shall be informed by the Secretary that no rabbits may leave that place until the elapse of 120 days (four months) from the last death. Any rabbits taken from this place during the time of quarantine to another rabbitry, that rabbitry will be in quarantine until the elapse of 120 days from the arrival of that rabbit.
Any rabbitry under quarantine must not advertise or sell rabbits during the period of quarantine.
- 33.4 During the time of quarantine, no rabbits may leave the rabbitry – except for veterinary care or sampling. However, Clubs may allow the caretaker of the rabbitry to attend rabbit events (but must not partake in activities that involve handling the exhibits) and shows during quarantine so long as it is more than 30 days since the last death and that prescribed precautions to prevent the spread of the disease are strictly adhered to.
- 33.5 Any failure to notify Clubs of an outbreak of either Myxomatosis or RCD can result in censure by local Clubs. Any breach of quarantine periods can also result in censure by Local Clubs.

34.0 LATE ARRIVALS.

34.1 Any exhibit arriving too late for its first class or classes becomes ineligible for any further participation in the show relating to that class, but may be judged in any later classes for which it was entered and shall be eligible for any special prizes for which judging has not been completed, unless this contravenes the regulations of the show society

35.0 CHANGE IN ENTRIES.

35.1 No change in the entries shall be permitted after the closing date, except when a bona fide and obvious error has been made on the part of either the exhibitor or the Show Secretary.

36.0 BREED DEFINITIONS.

36.1 The ANRCI/ BRC issues publications of the Standards for Approved Breeds. Should there be any alterations to these publications, then the alterations shall become effective immediately that they are published.

36.2 ANRCI will support a Breed Standard Sub Committee. This Committee will be empowered to:

- a. Create a uniform set of breeds and Breed Standards that are accepted across Australia.
- b. Create a policy on the acceptance and development of new breeds and colours.

37.0 YOUNG CLASSES.

37.1 Classes for young rabbits must be described as open to those under or between some given number of months; for example, under five months, between five and six months, all ages to be calculated to the first day of a show.

37.2 Where the breed standard specifies a young rabbit as being under five months of age, it shall not be permissible for one wearing a current year's ring to be shown as an adult until June 1st.

- 38.0 ENTRY IN YOUNG AND ADULT CLASSES ON THE SAME DAY.
- 38.1 No exhibit may be shown in an adult and young class on the same day, nor may any rabbit entered in an adult breed class be eligible for young duplicate classes.
- 38.2 Once a rabbit has been entered at any show in an adult class it may not be entered into a class limited to young rabbits at a subsequent show.
- 39.0 YEAR CLASSES.
- 39.1 Exhibits in classes for those born in a specified year must be born in and wear a ring or tattoo of that year.
- 40.0 CLASS DEFINITIONS.
- 40.1 The following definitions are recognised:
- a. CHALLENGE OR OPEN: Open to all except where confined to a breed or breeds or to a specified age.
 - b. MEMBERS: Exhibitor to be a member of the Council or Club.
 - c. OWNER BREEDER: The dam of the exhibit to have been the bona fide property of the exhibitor at the time the exhibit was born.
 - d. PAIRS/TEAMS: A pair must consist of two rabbits, or a team of three rabbits, of the same variety, matched as closely as possible in size, colour etc. The sex, unless specially stated in the schedule is optional.
 - e. A Junior is classified as any Exhibitor from the year they turn four to the end of the year they turn 18. Local Clubs can divide that into as many age groups as they wish.
 - f. VETERAN: Ring or tattoo year to be at least three years prior to the current ring year. This is not to be a Duplicate class.
 - g. STUD BUCK: Rabbits exhibited in Stud Buck classes must be adult animals
 - h. BREED IN DEVELOPMENT: Any breed of rabbit not listed in the ANRCI /BRC Standard Book. Before any breed can be shown in this class the standard must be submitted to and approved by the ANRCI. Can be awarded a BOB but no Challenge Certificate.

- 40.2 All exhibitors entering an AOV or an AOC class shall inform the Show Secretary when they enter, the breed and the colour of the rabbit being entered.
- 41.0 SPECIAL PRIZES CONFINED TO EXHIBITS AT YOUNG AND ADULT STOCK SHOWS.
- 41.1 At Young Stock Shows, Challenge Certificates, Diplomas and ANRCI Trophies, shall be restricted to young stock of ages recognised for the breed concerned. At Adult Stock Shows, these awards shall be restricted to adult animals.
- 42.0 COMPLETION OF PRIZE CARDS.
- 42.1 The name of the exhibitor, pen number and ring or tattoo number, must be given on all prize cards. The prize cards (including Challenge Certificates, Diplomas and Special Prizes) must be given to the successful exhibitors by the completion of the show.
- 43.0 SALE OF STOCK AT SHOWS.
- 43.1 All stock brought into a supported show arena whether for sale or not must be vetted in by the appointed vetting officer and those to be sold must be sold from a designated for sale area (minimum for sale age under ANRCI rules is 10 weeks). Clubs have the rights to refuse for sale rabbits or request a sale fee. For exhibits entered in a show and for sale on the day refer to individual club rules.

- 44.0 COMPLAINTS AND DISQUALIFICATIONS AT SHOWS.
- 44.1 Except in the case of disqualification by a judge or judges under Show Rules 5.1a, 5.1d, 20.1 and 32.1 (as to which the judge's decision is final), every protest against any exhibit or exhibitor at a show must be made in writing and must be delivered, duly signed to the Show Secretary.
 - 44.2 If the complainant is present at the show when the cause for the complaint is apparent, the protest must be so delivered to the Show Secretary before the close of the show.
 - 44.3 No person may lodge a complaint alleging improper or excessive preparation of an exhibit for show prior to the judging of the exhibit in all classes for which it has been entered, except in the case of the judge who shall take action in accordance with Show Rule 5.0.
 - 44.4 The action to be taken by the show officials when an exhibit is disqualified or a protest made is to be according to Rule 44 of the ANRCI Show Rules regarding disqualification of exhibits.
 - 44.5 Any matter arising out of a show or rising in connection with claims of a person as to awards made to any of their particular stock which is not covered by the Rules of their local Club may be referred to ANRCI.
 - 44.6 A local Club may refer any matter to ANRCI for arbitration. The matter will be dealt with by the Professional Standards and Practices Sub Committee, whose decision will be final but can be subject to appeal to the ANRCI Management Committee.

45.0 INVESTIGATION OF COMPLAINTS.

- 45.1 The Council shall have power by a Professional Standards and Practices Committee (PSPC) appointed by the Council to inquire into and deal with any complaint against all members of the Australian National Rabbit Council, it's Affiliated Clubs and their members, and any persons of the general public or of non-affiliated clubs participating in or attending events carried out by and/or sponsored by Australian National Rabbit Council or its' affiliated clubs for:
- a. Any act or default in regards to a rabbit; or
 - b. any matter connected with, or arising out of or relation to a rabbit show; or
 - c. any breach of the Australian National Rabbit Council Articles, Rules or Regulations that are promulgated from time to time.
 - d. any other conduct which is alleged to be or appears to be discreditable or calculated or likely to be prejudicial to any or all of the Objects of the Council.
- 45.2 If the PSP Committee shall find the complaint proved (after inquiry at which that person shall have had, if he so requested, an opportunity, on reasonable notice given to him, to attend), the PSP Committee shall have power, subject to that person's right of appeal to the Council in accordance with the Rules governing the Investigation of Complaints, to impose any or all of the penalties as laid down in those Rules.
- 45.3 On hearing of an appeal from the decision of the PSP Committee under this rule, the Council shall have the same powers as the Professional Standards and Practices Committee.
- 45.4 The PSP Committee shall have power to take action against any person or persons making a frivolous or malicious complaint.
- 45.5 The Committee may appoint a Secretary, separate from the Secretary to the Council, to act as secretary to the PSP Committee. Where an Article or Rule so requires, the words 'secretary to the Committee' or 'secretary to the ANRCI' shall be understood to mean the Secretary to the PSP Committee.

- 45.6 Members of the PSP Committee shall be appointed by ANRCI. They are appointed for a period of one year and are eligible for reappointment each year.
- 45.7 The quorum of the Professional Standards and Practices Committee shall be three comprising from a committee of five.
- 45.8 Any member of the PSP Committee whose actions form part or all of the complaint to be investigated, may be asked to abstain from participation as a member of the PSP Committee in that particular investigation by the complainant, or may do so voluntarily.
- 45.9 Where adherence to Article 45.8 removes the quorum for the PSP Committee, the Committee shall have the power to co-opt temporary committee members for that particular investigation only.

(NOTE: The full rules concerning the Investigation of complaints and the removal, suspension or disqualification of members, and of other persons bound by these rules, are to be found under the Supplementary heading "Rules Governing the Investigation of Complaints.)

46.0 ADJUSTMENT OF AWARDS AFTER DISQUALIFICATION.

- 46.1 If a prize winner is disqualified, the exhibits placed by the judge next in consecutive order of merit, and not lower than fourth, shall be moved in order into a higher place in the prize list and such placings shall thereupon decide the awards.
- 46.2 In the event of disqualification of a prize winner subsequent to the delivery of payment of the prize or prize money, such prize or prize money must be returned at once on receipt of the official application for same.

47.0 ELIGIBILITY OF JUDGES.

- 47.1 An ANRCI judge shall have been a bona fide paid up member of a recognised Australian Rabbit Club.
- 47.2 ANRCI will provide an updated list of Judges each year to enable Clubs to book a suitable judge.
- 47.3 Judges will be expected to sign and observe a Judges Code of Ethics. Judges can be censured by the Professional Practice and Standards Committee if they breach this Code
- 47.4 Clubs will be encouraged to book judges that are active in the Fancy and that attend refresher courses as laid down by their Local Clubs.
- 47.5 Clubs are encouraged to follow the Minimum guidelines for trainees set up by ANRCI. This will ensure that Judges have met minimum requirements of proficiency and period of training.
- 47.6 Clubs must notify ANRCI when a trainee has completed their judging course.
- 47.8 An overseas non-member judge invited by the any recognised Australian Club from time to time may judge specific shows on invitation.

RULES GOVERNING THE INVESTIGATION OF COMPLAINTS.

1.0 THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMITTEE.

- 1.1 The Council has the power by a Professional Standards and Practices Committee appointed under Article 45.0 to inquire into and deal with any complaint against any person or persons or Association of persons, whether or not they are a member or members of the ANRCI made to the Council relating to a breach of rules, discreditable conduct, or any matter in connection or relating to rabbits or arising out of a show held under ANRCI Rules.
- 1.2 The PSP Committee shall be fully entitled to obtain and before actually considering the evidence, to act on such legal or other expert advice as it may consider necessary or desirable.
- 1.3 No complaint shall be dealt with by the PSP Committee unless and until the person complained of shall have received from the Council, notice in writing specifying the ground or grounds of complaint and given not less than 14 days' notice of the date and time and place when and at which the PSP Committee will meet to consider the said complaints.

2.0 DISQUALIFICATIONS AND PROTESTS AT SHOWS; REPORT BY SHOW SECRETARY TO ANRCI

- 2.1 All disqualifications by a judge for irregular preparation or any protest, must be reported without delay by certified mail by the Show Secretary to the Secretary of the ANRCI, together with the names and addresses of
 - a. the exhibitor, and
 - b. the protester,Together with a copy of the protests (or grounds for disqualification) and particulars as to notification of protest to exhibitor and as to non-access to exhibit.

3.0 NOTIFICATION OF PROTEST TO EXHIBITOR.

- 3.1 The exhibitor against whom a protest has been made or whose exhibit has been disqualified, must be notified as soon as possible by the Show Secretary.
- 3.2 Local Clubs should deal with the protest at a Local Level if possible, but may refer a protest directly to the PSPC if the offence is serious enough.
- 3.3 The PSP Committee shall not consider or deal with any protests until proof of notification of the protest to the exhibitor, shall have been provided by the Show Secretary to the satisfaction of the PSP Committee.

4.0 ACTION BY SHOW SECRETARY WHEN PROTEST LODGED OR DISQUALIFICATION MADE.

- 4.1 Whenever a protest has been lodged, or disqualification made at a show held under ANRCI Show Rules alleging ineligibility to compete in any class or improper or excessive preparation of an exhibit, the Show Secretary shall take the following action, unless the exhibitor against whom the complaint is made, admits the offence in writing to the Show Secretary before the conclusion of the show:
 - a. Immediately impound the exhibit involved in the protest and keep it in such place and manner that no unauthorised person can obtain access to it. The Show Secretary shall have responsibility for the safe custody of the exhibit and the prevention of any interference with it during the period from impounding to dispatch to the examiners and must prove if so requested by the PSP Committee that no unauthorised person has had access to the exhibit.
 - b. Immediately notify the exhibitor that a protest has been lodged and that the exhibit has been retained for examination.
 - c. Shall request immediate attendance by three members of the PSP Committee or failing their availability, three of the ANRCI Panel Judges to examine the exhibit. The exhibit shall then be immediately returned to the exhibitor.

- 5.0 ACTION BY EXAMINING JUDGES.
- 5.1 The examiners shall submit their reports in writing to the Secretary of the Local Club or ANRCI.
- 6.0 NOTIFICATION OF COMPLAINANT AND EXHIBITOR OF DECISION OF EXAMINING JUDGES.
- 6.1 The decision of the examining judges shall be communicated by the Secretary of the Local Club or ANRCI to the person making the protest and to the exhibitor concerned and shall be final and binding upon all parties connected by the protest.
- 7.0 CONSIDERATION OF PROTESTS AND APPEALS BY PSP COMMITTEE.
- 7.1 Every protest or complaint referring to an exhibit or exhibitor at a show held under the Show Rules of the ANRCI, including any appeal received, except an appeal against a decision of the PSP Committee, shall be considered and determined by the PSP Committee.
- 8.0 SUBMISSION OF DEFENCE.
- 8.1 Any person or body of persons against whom a complaint or protest has been lodged shall, within 21 days of being notified of such complaint or protest by the Secretary, or of submitting such appeal, submit to the Secretary of the ANRCI in writing and by certified mail, such explanation or explanations in his defense or of his grounds of appeal as he shall desire to give.
- 9.0 NEGLECT OR REFUSAL TO SUBMIT DEFENCE.
- 9.1 Neglect or refusal to submit an explanation or defense within the time so stipulated by Rule 8.0, shall not preclude or prevent the PSP Committee from considering or deciding or determining such complaint, protest or appeal as the case may be, notwithstanding the absence of such explanation or explanations aforesaid.

10.0 RIGHT OF PERSONAL APPEARANCE BEFORE THE PSP COMMITTEE.

10.1 Any person by or against whom a complaint, protest or appeal has been lodged, shall be entitled to be present in person to offer evidence on their own behalf at a meeting of the Professional Standards and Practices Committee, especially convened on 14 days' notice to all parties concerned, to consider such complaint provided that application for such personal hearing is made in writing to the Secretary of the ANRCI at the same time as their explanation or protest or appeal is offered.

11.0 POWERS OF PSP COMMITTEE TO IMPOSE PENALTIES.

11.1 The PSP Committee shall have the power to impose any or all of the following penalties on any person or persons against whom a complaint or protest or appeal is substantiated:

- a. The disqualification of any exhibit.
- b. The removal of a member's name from the roll of members of the Council.
- c. The infliction of a fine of such amount (not exceeding \$200) as the PSP Committee may decide.
- d. A censure or warning.
- e. The suspension of a member, for such time and in such manner and subject to such conditions as the PSP Committee may decide.
- f. The disqualification of a person for life or for any shorter period from becoming a member of the Council and from becoming a member of any Rabbit Club, Rabbit Society or Rabbit body affiliated to the Council.
- g. The disqualification of a member or non-member for life or any shorter period from exhibiting or taking part at any show held under ANRCI Rules.
- h. The disqualification of a member or non-member for life or any shorter period from obtaining or retaining any ANRCI rings or tattoos.

- 11.2 Suspension or disqualification under 11.1e and 11.1f shall involve the following disabilities:
- a. The publication and circulation of the name and address of the guilty offender.
 - b. Loss of membership to the offender of the Council and all its affiliated organisations.
 - c. Prohibition from acting in any capacity as an official, judge or exhibitor at any show held under ANRCI Show Rules.
 - d. Ineligibility to purchase any ANRCI rings (or tattoos) or register any transfers of ring or tattoo numbers to or from the person concerned or use of a previously registered stud name.
 - e. Prohibition from advertising or making any contributions to any publications of the Council.

11.3 That once the terms and/ or conditions have been fulfilled, no other penalty from the ANRCI or BRC constitution shall apply for the offence concerned.

12.0 DEFAULT IN PAYMENT OF FINES.

12.1 In default of the payment of a fine, the offender shall be liable to be dealt with as if he has been suspended.

13.0 FAILURE TO OBSERVE SUSPENSION CONDITIONS.

13.1 The non-observance of the conditions governing such suspension shall be dealt with as an irregularity in such manner as the Committee of Management may see fit.

14.0 DISQUALIFIED EXHIBITS.

14.1 Any rabbit which has been disqualified and such disqualification upheld by the suspension of the owner, shall not be eligible for competition or exhibition so long as the owner at the time of disqualification is under suspension. Neither shall this rabbit be eligible for exhibition by any other person during the period mentioned above.

15.0 APPEAL AGAINST DECISION OF PSP COMMITTEE - THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT.

- 15.1 The protester, complainant, appellant or respondent (unless he has failed to submit an explanation to the Investigation Committee when so requested under Rule 8.0 or unless the Investigation Committee shall have found the explanations given to them by the person to be irrelevant or frivolous) may appeal to the Committee of Management (which Committee of Management for this purpose shall exclude members of the Investigation Committee) of the ANRCI against the findings of the PSP Committee, provided that such person shall have forwarded by certified mail to the Secretary of the ANRCI within ten days of the decision of the PSP Committee having been notified to him, full details of the appeal, together with the deposit of \$50, which will be forfeited if the appeal is not upheld.
- 15.2 The Committee of Management shall after considering all statements made by the appellant and by the members of the PSP Committee in an appeal, have full power to rescind or to vary or to uphold the decision of the Investigation Committee.
- 15.3 Any appeal to the Committee of Management against any decision of the PSP Committee must be based on the evidence submitted during the hearing or hearings by the Investigation Committee. New evidence may not be introduced at any appeal but may form a basis for a request for the Investigation Committee to review the case.
- 15.4 The Committee of Management shall have the power in any case which in its discretion shall appear to warrant it, to require either the complainant or the defendant or both, to lodge with it, a duly completed statutory declaration as to the facts alleged by the party.
- 15.5 In all cases where the appeal is fully upheld and the decision of the PSP Committee reversed, the deposit made by the appellant shall be refunded to the person

16.0 ACTION ON DECISIONS OF THE PSP COMMITTEE BY AFFILIATED CLUBS.

16.1 All affiliated organisations shall recognise and, where necessary comply with all decisions of the ANRCI Professional Standards and Practices Committee (except where a decision is varied or rescinded hereof by the Committee of Management) and with all decisions of the Committee of Management.

17.0 PUBLICATION OF OFFENDERS' NAMES.

17.1 All or any of the decisions of the PSP Committee (or the Committee of Management acting as the Appeals Committee) with the names of the persons affected and the nature of the alleged offences may at the discretion of the Committee of Management be published in any of the Fancy newspapers or periodicals or in any way, and any persons making an entry of rabbits or acting as an official or judge at a show held under these ANRCI Rules or being a Member of the Council, shall be deemed to have consented to such publication.

18.0 PLEA OF NO CONTEST

Where a member enters a plea of no contest to an allegation, the member consents to the following:

- 18.1 That the PSP Committee can accept as correct the facts alleged against the member on that allegation for the purposes of the proceeding only;
- 18.2 That the PSP Committee can accept that those facts constitute professional misconduct or incompetence or both for the purposes of the proceeding only; and
- 18.3 That the PSP Committee can dispose of the issue of what finding ought to be made without hearing evidence.

Where a member requests permission to resign, the member enters a plea of no contest and consents to the Discipline Committee disposing of the proceeding without hearing evidence.

Where these rules require notice to be given, it shall be given in writing.

Prior to a formal application of complaint being accepted the Disciplinary Committee shall first discuss the following with all parties:

- (a) Whether any or all of the issues can be settled;
 - (b) Whether the issues can be simplified;
 - (c) Whether there are any agreed facts; and
 - (d) The advisability of attempting other forms of resolution of the matter.
- The PSP Committee may order an electronic hearing or part of a hearing,

REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE AWARD OF ANRCI SUPPORT.

- 1.0 APPLICATION FOR THE AWARD OF SUPPORT.
 - 1.1 The application, together with a draft copy of the schedule (including list of classes and names of judges), shall be sent to the Show Support Secretary of the ANRCI prior to the Show, the appropriate period being given below.
 - 1.2 The completion of the above-mentioned application shall be considered to be an undertaking by the Officers of the Committee of the Show to abide by the Show Rules and Regulations of the ANRCI.
 - 1.3 Clubs may choose to apply for a number of shows at the same time or apply for all shows at the start of the showing year. However if they do this, they must notify ANRCI of any changes in the schedule, date or judge before the minimum notification time of that particular classification of show.

- 2.0 ALTERATION TO SCHEDULE.
 - 2.1 No alteration may be made to the schedule or judges after submission of the application for support without the consent of the ANRCI, except in the case of the sickness of a judge.

- 3.0 SHOWS HELD AT THE SAME VENUE.
 - 3.1 All sections and/or shows of rabbits staged at the same venue and on the same date must be held under the Show Rules of the ANRCI.

- 4.0 REFERENCE TO THE ANRCI IN ANY ADVERTISEMENTS AND SCHEDULE.
 - 4.1 The words "under ANRCI Rules" and the full name of the Club organising the show must appear in any advertisements, schedule, or catalogue of the Rabbit Section.
 - 4.2 Where the Council grants Show Support, the show must be advertised in any official organ and details of ANRCI Show Support (ie Challenge Certificates, Diplomas, Trophies and other Special Prizes), must be stated in the schedule and all advertisements.
 - 4.3 The show must also be advertised in any official organ in sufficient time for fanciers to send entries.

- 5.0 WITHHOLDING, REFUSAL TO GRANT AND CANCELLATION OF SUPPORT.
- 5.1 The ANRCI reserves the right to grant, withhold, refuse or cancel Challenge Certificates, Diplomas, Trophies and other Special Prizes and all other show support at any show and/or permission to hold a show under ANRCI Rules.
- 6.0 FEES FOR SHOW SUPPORT.
- 6.1 The fees for show support are as set out by the ANRCI Committee of Management year to year.
- 7.0 CREDIT FOR UNUSED CHALLENGE CERTIFICATES.
- 7.1 Credit for unused Challenge Certificates can only be claimed when full documentation has been returned to ANRCI.
All unused CC's are to be credited against future show support requests
The Show Secretary and Judge must sign for the number of CC's used at that show.
- 7.2 All supporting documentation must be returned to ANRCI before the start of next show to get future show support granted.
- 7.3 All unused CCs to be returned to ANRCI at end of a club ceasing to be affiliated and either funds credited against outstanding balance owing to ANRCI or if there is no outstanding balance then returned to the club.
- 8.0 SHOWS WHICH CAN APPLY FOR SUPPORT.
- 8.1 Show support in any form can only be offered at shows organised by Clubs and Societies etc. whose affiliation fees are fully paid up. Any show to which support is offered must be a separate show.
- 8.2 To obtain star support (ie Challenge Certificates and Open Diplomas), the show must be open to any exhibitor who could enter and the classes must cater for all breeds and colours for which the show is run.
- 8.3 Star support can be offered at a maximum of twenty-four shows per year per Club.
- 8.4 An Affiliated Club can hold any non star show such as a box show, probationary judge show; or any event such as a display or pet show without seeking any approval from ANRCI.

9.0 CLASSIFICATION.

9.1 The classification of the show must be such that any Breed can be entered (except for a Specialist Show, where every colour of the particular breed must be catered for). This requirement can be facilitated by including an AOV class at the end of each section for Fancy, Normal Fur and Rex.

10.0 YOUNG CLASSES.

10.1 The age of young classes must be those recognised by the ANRCI for the breed concerned ie. U/14 weeks, Under 5 months, Intermediate and Adult

11.0 YEAR CLASSES.

11.1 Year classes cannot be accepted as suitable classes for the award of support but Any Age classes are permissible.

12.0 STAR GRADING.

12.1 All shows to which Challenge Certificates are offered are graded into One, Two, Three, Four or Five Star Shows. (A show not claiming Star Challenge Certificates cannot be a Star Show). The conditions which decide the grading of shows, which can only be decided by the Committee of Management of the ANRCI, are as follows.

13.0 One Star All Breeds Show.

- a. Definition : A show sponsored by a local club/society.
- b. Judges: Must be ANRCI approved or supported judges.
- c. Where there is more than one Affiliated Club in a State there is a limit of ten such shows for each club/society. Where there is only one affiliated Club in a state the limit is 15 shows in each calendar year.
- d. Each club/society must have a minimum of 2 before a higher star awarded in overall year allocation
- e. Challenge Certificates: The Club must apply for a minimum of 20 Challenge Certificates and have two separate duplicate challenge classes each for Fancy, Lop, Fur and Rex.
- f. Application for Show Support.: Must be made in writing to the Show Support Secretary of the ANRCI and supported by a copy of the schedule, at least one month before the date of the Show.

14.0 Two Star Open All Breeds Show.

- a. Definition : A show that has sufficient importance and prestige to the rabbit fancy to warrant this grading.
- b. Judges: Must be ANRCI approved or supported judges.
- c. Limit of sixteen such shows in each state in each calendar year. However, to encourage small Agricultural Shows, extra two star shows will be granted for agricultural shows on application to ANRCI without adding to show numbers.
- d. Each club must have a minimum of 2 before a higher star awarded in overall year allocation.
- e. The Club must apply for a minimum of 25 challenge certificates and have one separate duplicate challenge class each for Fancy, Lop, Fur and Rex together with at least 4 other challenge classes.
- f. Application for Show Support: Must be made in writing to the Show Support Secretary of the ANRCI and supported by a

copy of the schedule at least one month before the date of the show.

15.0 Three Star All Breed Championship Show.

- a. Definition: A show that has sufficient magnitude, importance and prestige to the rabbit fancy to warrant this grading.
- b. Judges: Must be ANRCI approved or supported judges.
- c. Limit of twelve such shows in each state in each calendar year and consideration will be given to Clubs that have not had a Three Star show in the previous Year. Ag shows not included but a limit to 3 extra per state.
- d. Each club must have minimum of 2 before a higher star awarded in overall year allocation
- e. The Club must apply for a minimum of 30 challenge certificates and have two separate duplicate challenge classes each for Fancy, Lop, Fur and Rex together with at least four other challenge classes.
- f. Application for Show Support: Must be made in writing to the Show Support Secretary of the ANRCI and supported by a copy of the schedule at least three months before the date of the show.

16.0 Four Star Championship Show.

- a. In addition to the conditions for a Three Star All Breed Championship Show the standard of the organisation, venue, and the show in general must be to the highest possible level in the state.
- b. Judges: Must be ANRCI approved or supported judges
- c. Limit of twelve such shows in each state in each calendar year. With state history governing the selection of such show with any one club not holding more than three in any one year.
- d. The show must have more than 120 entries and use a Judge of a suitable standard.
- e. Application for the granting of this status must be made six months prior to the date of the show.

17.0 Five Star Championship Show.

- a. In addition to the conditions for a Four Star All Breeds Championship Show, the show must be of the highest prestige possible.
- b. Judges: Must be ANRCI approved or supported judges
- c. A full catalogue must be issued listing the entries in the Show and this Catalogue must be available to the Members of the Public. A small fee may be charged for the Catalogue.
- d. Ideally, the show should be staged over two full days. However if this is not possible the show must have more than 150 entries and use a Judge of a suitable standard.
- e. Limit of six such shows in Australia in each calendar year with a limit of one Five Star show per year in each state.
- f. Application for the granting of this status must be made six months prior to the date of the show.
- g. In addition to this, there will be a Five Star Show allocated to ANRCI for their National Extravaganza (See Clause 10.0 p48 in Affiliation Regulations)

18.0 CHALLENGE CERTIFICATES.

- 18.1 Challenge Certificates are offered to exhibits at shows (exhibited by individual members who are not in arrears with their subscriptions) which have proven in open competition to be representative of the breeds recognised by ANRCI.
- 18.2 To ensure that these certificates shall only be awarded to animals of outstanding merit, the following rules shall apply:
 - a. The ANRCI will offer to affiliated clubs/societies at shows held under its Rules, Challenge Certificates for the best specimens in specified breeds.
 - b. These certificates must be awarded by a duly approved ANRCI judge (and Specialist Club approved judges) who must be an individual member of the ANRCI and have paid his/her renewal subscription prior to the support being granted. No support may be awarded to any member who has been suspended by the ANRCI.
 - c. The exhibit to which a certificate is awarded must be ringed or tattooed in accordance with Show Rule 18.0.
 - d. The exhibit must in the opinion of the judge, be a worthy

specimen of its breed, without serious fault, and the judge must sign the Challenge Certificate to this effect after checking the ring or tattoo number.

- e. The Committee of Management reserves the right to withhold a Challenge Certificate should it consider such a course desirable. In such an event, the Committee of Management will not be bound to give an explanation for its decision.
- f. Challenge Certificates shall be offered at shows which are open and have a suitable classification and (except in the case of a Specialist Club Show) which cater for all recognised breeds, either by straight breed classes or any other variety classes.
- g. A straight breed class shall not be used as a duplicate class.
- h. A rabbit shall not be entered into two straight breed classes.
- i. Challenge Certificates are offered to all breeds and varieties or colours and must be claimed by the club/society, where a straight breed class is scheduled.

19.0 GRADING OF CHALLENGE CERTIFICATES.

- 19.1 The Challenge Certificates bear the number of stars corresponding to the grading of the Show.

20.0 ANY OTHER VARIETY (AOV) CHALLENGE CERTIFICATES.

- 20.1 At all types of Challenge Certificate supported show, an AOV Challenge Certificate must be claimed for each section in order to allow every exhibit at the show a chance of winning a Challenge Certificate unless all breeds in that section, are covered by their own Challenge Certificates.

21.0 DIPLOMAS.

- 21.1 The ANRCI will offer to affiliated clubs/societies at shows held under its Rules, one or more Diplomas (to a maximum of four) as follows according to the number of Challenge Certificates claimed:
 - 1 Diploma - Best in Show
 - 4 Diplomas - Best Fancy, Best Lop, Best Fur, Best Rex.
- 21.2 Diplomas may only be won by individual members who

- are not in arrears with their subscriptions.
- 21.3 Diplomas are granted subject to the same conditions as are indicated above in the Regulations regarding Challenge Certificates, and provided that (except in the case of a Specialist Club Show) at least three Challenge Certificates are offered in each section in which a Diploma is to be offered.
 - 21.4 Diplomas awarded at all Star Shows carry a value of one star counting towards other ANRCI awards.
 - 21.5 The Diploma cards must be signed by both the Judge and the Show Secretary (after the details are completed), but no show returns need to be sent to the ANRCI.
 - 21.6 A Diploma for Best in Show is awarded at Specialist Clubs.

22.0 JUNIOR EXHIBITORS PROGRAM

To be divided into two sections, competition and development

- 22.1 ANRCI Junior Exhibitors Development Program is open to all Junior Exhibitors aged 4-18. The Juniors must be a member of an Affiliated Club.
- 22.2 A Junior is classified as any Exhibitor from the year they turn four to the end of the year they turn 18.
Local Clubs can divide that into as many age groups as they wish.
- 22.3 COMPETITION - JUNIOR DIPLOMAS.
- 22.4 Junior Diplomas are offered to shows with a minimum number of junior straight breed classes judged to show standard. Classes for junior that are not judged to show standard cannot be offered Diplomas.
- 22.5 A Junior Diploma is offered to any Junior section if there are three straight breed classes.
- 22.6 If there are three Fancy classes, three Lop Classes, three Fur and three Rex classes, then Four Junior Diplomas will be offered.
- 22.7 There is no charge for Junior Diplomas.
- 22.8 Any Junior member winning more than six or more Junior Diplomas with one exhibit, is awarded a certificate.

23.0 JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT – YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

- 23.1 It is a multi level program for all ages and stages of development and is a self learning, self paced program
- 23.2 It will involve using mentors and will cover areas of husbandry, handling and breed standards.
- 23.3 Upon reaching various levels of accomplishment the Junior will be awarded a Certificate from ANRCI.

24.0 CHALLENGE CERTIFICATE STAR POINTS SYSTEM.

- 24.1 The Challenge Certificates and Diplomas go towards the Challenge Certificate Star Point System. In order to claim these certificates these conditions must apply:
 - a. The exhibitor must be a member of the ANRCI or the Challenge Certificate won at a show run by an ANRCI Affiliated Club. It is the Exhibitors responsibility to retain and apply for Diplomas.
 - b. The judges must be ANRCI approved or supported judges.
 - c. The Challenge Certificates and Diplomas must be issued by a minimum of three different judges.
 - d. There is no age or time limit to accumulate the specified number of stars.
- 24.2 The value of the Challenge Certificate is the number of stars stamped on it. The value of a Diploma is always one star.
- 24.3 The certificates and the number of stars required are as follows:

15 Stars	Australian Bronze Star Diploma
20 Stars	Australian Double Bronze Star Diploma
25 Stars	Australian Triple Bronze Star Diploma
35 Stars	Australian Silver Star Diploma
45 Stars	Australian Double Silver Star Diploma
55 Stars	Australian Triple Silver Star Diploma
70 Stars	Australian Gold Star Diploma
85 Stars	Australian Double Gold Star Diploma
100 Stars	Australian Triple Gold Star Diploma

24.4 The Certificates will be issued to the recipient upon reaching the required level by the Show Support Secretary of the ANRCI.

25.0 AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP POINT SYSTEM.

25.1 This system is based on the awards won at shows from the level of Best of Breed upwards. This is because in the case of a rabbit in a class of its own, it has to be placed first unless it is deemed to be not representative of its breed eg not worthy of a CC.

A Best of Breed, however, can only be awarded to a rabbit who in the opinion of the judge is clearly of above average quality. This exhibit must therefore compare favourably with the ideal rabbit to be awarded a BOB.

25.2 The points can be awarded at all ANRCI shows and all Affiliated All Breed Club shows. The points awarded from Affiliated Clubs will apply from Jan 1st 2017

25.3 The system works on a scale of values relating to various awards up to Best in Show, as follows:

Best of Breed	3 points
Runner up Adult, u/5, u/14	9 points
Best Adult, u/5, u/14	11 points
Best Fancy, Lop, Fur and Rex	10 points
Runner Up Fancy, Lop, Fur and Rex	8 points
Third in Show	13 points
Runner up in Show	14 points
Best in Show	15 points

25.4 Points will be awarded to individual exhibits for the highest award only. Therefore Best in Show receives 15 points only and does not receive the 3 points for Best of Breed as well. In the event of a rabbit winning Third in Show otherwise receiving less than 13 points, they shall be awarded a maximum of 13 points. All other points to remain the same.

- 25.5 This Championship System will also be used to award Perpetual Trophies at the end of the year to the highest scoring exhibits or breeds. These Perpetual Trophies may be donated by any Club or Individual.
- a. Affiliated Clubs will need to send their Show results to ANRCI so the points can be calculated.
 - b. The winners of the Championship Perpetual Trophies will be announced following the final rabbit show each year.

25.5 The Championship is divided into several levels as follows:

30 points	Australian Champion
50 points	Australian Double Champion
70 points	Australian Triple Champion
90 points	Australian Grand Champion
110 points	Australian Double Grand Champion
130 points	Australian Triple Grand Champion
150 points	Australian Supreme Champion
170 points	Australian Double Supreme Champion
190 points	Australian Triple Supreme Champion

Once a rabbit has accumulated 210 points, the owner will be presented with a Special Award, The Australian Supreme Grand Champion.

25.6 The Certificates will be issued to the recipient upon reaching the required level by the Show Support Secretary of the ANRCI.

GENERAL REGULATIONS.

1.0 PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHIES.

- 1.1 The Perpetual Challenge Trophies held by the ANRCI are the property of the Council and cannot be won outright, and shall be offered for annual competition under the conditions stated hereafter.
- 1.2 The Perpetual Challenge Trophies can only be won by individual members of the ANRCI.
- 1.3 All the Perpetual Challenge Trophies offered for competition shall be awarded only where they have been won according to the awards of approved judges.
- 1.4 All the Perpetual Challenge Trophies shall be returned by the holders in the same good order and condition in which they were received within one week upon written application for them from the Secretary.
- 1.5 The trophies will be won by the point system that applies to the Championship Point System.
- 1.6 The points can be won at all ANRCI shows, and all Affiliated All Breed Club open shows. Points from Affiliated Clubs closed shows will not be included.

2.0 STUD PREFIXES

- 2.1 A stud prefix (not being a properly registered trade mark) shall not be recognised unless duly registered with an affiliated Club. Clubs must check the ANRCI National Stud Name database before accepting a Stud Name for registration.
- 2.2 Once this Stud Name is registered with ANRCI it shall be recognized by all other affiliated Clubs throughout Australia.
- 2.3 Individual Members shall have the privilege of registering a prefix subject to the approval of the Committee of Management. These Members must be a member of a recognized Rabbit Club. A person who is not a member of a recognized Rabbit Club cannot register their Stud Name with ANRCI.
- 2.4 Any stud name used at an ANRCI supported show must be registered with the ANRCI before use.

- 2.5 No member except the person in whose name a prefix is registered shall be allowed to use it.
- 2.6 A stud prefix shall be no more than two words and must not be more than 20 letters long and shall not be a registered Trademark, or the name of a town or place or famous person.
- 2.7 In the event of the same Stud Name being registered in two different states, the Stud Name must have its state of Registration placed in brackets beside the stud name at all times that it is being used. This will only apply to Stud Names registered with ANRCI when the National Database is set up.
- 2.8 All stud prefixes registered by the ANRCI shall be operative on and after approval is granted.
- 2.9 The Committee of Management reserves the right to cancel the use of a Stud prefix at any time and should such action be taken, the Individual Member shall not be entitled to the repayment of any registration paid in respect thereof.
- 2.10 The right to hold and use a registered Stud Prefix shall terminate immediately upon the Committee of Management being satisfied that there is in existence a properly registered trade mark of the same name likely to cause confusion with the one registered with the ANRCI and in such event, the Individual Member whose registered Stud Prefix ceases, shall not be entitled to the repayment of any registration paid in respect thereof.

AFFILIATION REGULATIONS.

1.0 ELIGIBILITY.

- 1.1 All Clubs and Societies, etc. (whether general, local or special, agricultural societies or authorities) are eligible for affiliation subject to the special rules of affiliation being fulfilled.
- 1.2 Any Rabbit Club which is affiliated to the ANRCI can only be affiliated to that Club (ANRCI) and that Club only.

2.0 FREEDOM OF AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS

- 2.1 All Affiliated Associations, Clubs and Societies, etc. shall retain freedom of action and be at liberty to carry through any program in their own sphere as they deem desirable or which may be most suited to their particular locality, except that all organisations affiliated to the ANRCI must hold their rabbit shows under ANRCI Show Rules.
 - a. All star status shows must have Show Support from ANRCI
 - b. All rings and tattoos to be purchased through ANRCI Ring Register
- 2.2 All Clubs that are affiliated to the ANRCI must provide, on request, any information required to maintain National databases such as the National Stud Register and National Ring Register.

3.0 BENEFITS OF AFFILIATION.

- 3.1 The Benefits of Affiliation, which are limited to the affiliated body as an entity only, include:
 - a. Public liability Insurance to cover the Club's legal liability to the public.
 - b. The offer of show support to all affiliated Clubs
 - c. The maintenance of a National Stud Registrar
 - d. The maintenance of a National Ring Registrar
 - e. The maintenance of a National Judges Panel
 - f. The awarding of Championship Diplomas and Trophies.
 - g. The maintenance of a Club database
 - h. The provision of a scrutineer or arbitrator on request
 - i. The provision of publications of assistance to Club officials
 - j. Any other rights, or privileges, which may be introduced

from time to time

- k. Special Prizes as may be determined from time to time.
- l. Being eligible to host the National Extravaganza.

4.0 INITIAL APPLICATION FOR AFFILIATION.

- 4.1 Applications for affiliation must be accompanied by a copy of the Rules of the body applying for affiliation, a full list of members to date and the names and addresses of the President/Chairman and Secretary and all Committee and the positions held..
- 4.2 Specialist Breed Clubs can apply for affiliation with ANRCI.

5.0 APPROVAL OF APPLICATION FOR AFFILIATION.

- 5.1 The approval of such application for affiliation of all organisations shall be at the discretion of the Committee of Management of the ANRCI.
- 5.2 The Association shall recognize no additional National Specialist Club for any breed or variety so long as a National Specialist Club for that variety or group of varieties is affiliated to the Association.

6.0 ENTRANCE FEE AND ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION.

- 6.1 The Public Liability Insurance Levy and Annual Subscription for Affiliated organisations form part of the Articles of Constitution, and are as promulgated from time to time.
- 6.2 The annual subscriptions are due and payable on the 1st of January in each year and any affiliated organisation whose subscription remains unpaid on the 1st of March in any year shall cease to be a member.
- 6.3 All Affiliated Clubs must provide to ANRCI a full list of the Club Committee, the positions held, as elected, and addresses. They must also submit the annual financial records presented to their members at their annual AGM. These financial records must be the financial records that conform to the state Law of that Club. They must be sent to ANRCI within 30 days of the Clubs AGM or affiliation may be suspended.

- 7.0 WITHDRAWAL FROM AFFILIATION.
- 7.1 Notice of the wish to withdraw from affiliation must be given to the Secretary of the ANRCI prior to the 1st of January in any year, otherwise the subscription for the ensuing year will be due and claimed.
- 8.0 SUPPORT OF ACTION TAKEN AGAINST OFFENDERS.
- 8.1 The suspension, or prohibition of, or penalties imposed on, any person for offences against the law and morality of rabbit- keeping, by any affiliated organisation, shall be recognised by the ANRCI, provided always that the case shall have been first duly reported to and approved by the ANRCI.
- 8.2 Affiliated organisations will recognise suspensions or inhibitions or other penalties imposed by the ANRCI.
- 8.3 Any suspension to an individual belonging to an affiliated organization will be recognized by all other affiliated organizations.
- 9.0 YEAR BOOK.
- 9.1 A list of affiliated organisations, together with the names and addresses of their Secretaries, shall be published in any Year Book of the ANRCI.
- 9.2 A copy of the Year Book shall be sent to the Secretary of each affiliated organisation.
- 9.3 Affiliated organisations may be allowed to include matter relating to their affairs in an appendix to the Year Book of the ANRCI.
- 10.0 APPLICATION TO HOST NATIONAL EXTRAVAGANZA
- 10.1 Clubs that wish to apply to host the National Extravaganza should ideally meet the following selection criteria:
- a) be affiliated at the time of the application and the Extravaganza
 - b) hold a minimum of 6 shows per year
 - c) have been operating as a club for a minimum of 2 years
- 10.2 Applications must be lodged 2 years before the year in which the Extravaganza is to be held ie (2020 Extravaganza applications must be made on or before 2018)

11.0 CANCELLATION OF AFFILIATION.

- 11.1 The ANRCI shall have the power at any time to sever the Councils connection with an affiliated organisation, without assigning a reason for doing so.

SUPPLEMENTARY INSURANCE REGULATIONS.

- 1.0 The ANRCI on behalf of individual members, affiliated clubs and associations etc., having arranged a Public Liability Insurance in connection with shows and exhibitions etc, held under the ANRCI Rules and Regulations, it has become necessary for certain Supplementary Insurance Regulations to be made and enforced so that all qualifying individual members, affiliated clubs and associations etc. may have the benefit of such cover as that insurance affords.
- 2.0 The Policy is designed to cover legal liability of each qualifying individual member, affiliated club and association, etc. in respect of accidents which may arise at shows, etc., and such insurance covers bodily injury to persons and damage to property.
- 3.0 There is also cover for claims arising in consequence to food poisoning by or foreign or deleterious matter in food or drinks served at a show, etc. by the individual member, affiliated club and associations etc., but not by a subcontractor.
- 4.0 It should be appreciated by members and officers of every club that such matters are unlikely to occur unless there is some fault or negligence by some member or official of the society or club or some defect in the premises where the show, etc. is held or the approach thereto or in the pens or other equipment.
- 5.0 It must be borne in mind by the officers and members of all qualifying affiliated clubs and associations, etc. and individual members, that the law relating to insurance is most strict and there may be matters which may seem to the uninitiated to be trivial but which, however, the Courts have held to vitiate claims under policies. In consequence of this, all individual members, affiliated clubs and associations, etc. who wish to claim advantage of this insurance scheme are bound by the following regulations:
- 5.1 The officers and members of each club will exercise at all times all possible care in ensuring that the buildings, works,

plant, machinery, appliances, equipment and pens used in each show are substantially sound and in proper order, and fit for the purpose for which they are used, and that all possible safeguards and precautions against accidents are provided, taken and used. In any situation of public access to rabbits, large visible warning signs must be displayed. In the case of a claim being made, particulars of all such care, safeguards and precautions actually taken shall be given to the Show Secretary.

- 5.2 The Show Secretary, on behalf of the Show Committee responsible for the show, shall make a full written record at the time of the happening of any occurrence likely to give rise to a claim under the Policy and within 24 hours of such occurrence will notify the ANRCI thereof and supply all such details thereof as are shown in such records.
- 5.3 The Secretary of every Club shall upon receiving either by word of mouth by letter or a writ or summons for any claim which is covered by the Policy, immediately remit or communicate the same to the ANRCI.
- 5.4 No officer, official or member of any affiliated organisations shall in any circumstances admit any liability or make any promise of payment in the case of happening which may even remotely be likely to give rise to a claim against the club.
- 5.5 All officials and members of every club against whom a claim is made, shall make available to the ANRCI, and the underwriters of the said Policy, all records and information and render all such assistance as the ANRCI and the underwriters may require.
- 5.6 No officer or officers or member of any club shall enter into any correspondence with any claimant or potential claimant.
- 5.7 The ANRCI will not itself, nor will its officers or members be responsible for any claims against any club, and the underwriters of the said Policy will not be responsible for any claims beyond the insured amount

in respect of any one accident or series of accidents arising out of any one event.

- 5.8 If the officers or officials of any club shall make or support any claim under the said Policy knowing or having reason to suspect the same to be false or fraudulent in any degree as regards the amount or in any other respect, such club and the officers thereof shall at all times thereafter be prohibited from participating in any benefit under such insurance scheme.