

BYE LAWS OF THE ROYAL MANX AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Additional guidance for some classes is shown in the heading of the particular Sections.

1. To gain entry to the Showfield everyone, including Competition and Trade Exhibitors and their staff, must display either the appropriate RMAS wristband; hand in a valid admission ticket or pay the admission charge at the gate.
2. A 'ONE WAY' traffic system will be in operation on the showfield for all Exhibitors from Saturday 6th August until Sunday 14th August. Showfield exhibitors are required to enter the showfield site via Gate A (Livestock via Gate C) on the Knockaloe Driveway and exit via Gate E on the Peel side of showfield. On non-Showdays some large vehicles may be allowed to access the showfield via Gate E at the Show Director's discretion. Exhibitors MUST obey traffic signage and instructions given by police and Society traffic marshals.
3. There will be NO unauthorised vehicular access to the showfield until 5:30pm on showdays.
4. Whilst on the Showground all persons in charge of competition exhibits and trade exhibits shall be subject to the orders of the Officials appointed by the Council for the management of the Show.
5. In addition to any penalty specified in respect of a particular Bye Law, a penalty of such sum (not exceeding £40) as the Council may resolve, may be imposed on any Exhibitor who commits a breach of these Bye Laws.

Bye Laws concerning Livestock and Marquee Exhibitors:

6. All Exhibitors shall send their entries, accompanied by entry fees, to the Secretary so as to reach her by such date and time as may be determined from year to year by the Council.
7. No Stock, Implement or Agricultural Produce shall be admitted to the Show Ground without an admission order which may be obtained from the Secretary.
8. Entry Fees shall be such an amount for each entry in each class as may be determined from year to year by the Council.
9. All consigned and exhibited livestock must be identified by means of a DEFA approved Official Mark or Official Tag, which must be compliant with current legislation (ie double-tagged).
Untagged livestock will not be judged.
10. Nominated entries will not be accepted. All entries must provide details of the animal's name, date of birth and sire etc.. Substitutions may be made to the Secretary up to 24 hours before the show date.
11. All Stock or produce exhibited must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor at the time of making the entry (with the exception of entries in the Light Horse Section) and all stock must be kept on the Island in the Exhibitor's possession at least six months before or after the exhibition (with the exception of the Fur & Feather and Light Horse Sections).
All Articles or Agricultural Machinery must be the bona fide property of or on loan to the Exhibitor of the same at the time of the Show.
12. The Entry Form must be signed by the Exhibitor or his Agent, and in the case of Livestock, describe the breed, age and full particulars according to the class in which he intends to exhibit.
13. EXTRA CLASSES - All Special Awards (with the exception of Cups etc.) will be treated as Extra Classes, and Exhibitors MUST enter in these classes prior to the Show, but need not nominate the animal(s).
14. In Cattle Classes, an animal having cut more teeth may be transferred to the appropriate class and animals entered for "In Calf Classes" in the event of the animal calving between the date of entry and Show Day, the animal may be transferred to the "In Milk Class".
15. All animals entered in the Cattle Section must be from Attested and Brucellosis Accredited Herds.
16. All livestock exhibitors must hold adequate public liability insurance in respect of each animal entered in the show.
17. All Bulls exceeding one year of age must be rung or bull grips used in conjunction with the halter, and no Bull must be left unattended.
18. Any animal deemed to be unruly by the Section Supervisor must be removed immediately from the showfield with the Show Director's consent.
19. A foal is deemed to be such if born on or after the 1st day of January in the year of the Show.
20. In case there be only one Exhibit in any class, the Exhibitor shall be entitled to take a prize, provided that the Judge considers the exhibit is of sufficient merit.
21. No animal shall be eligible to be exhibited in more than one class (Extra Classes and Light Horse Section excepted) or in the classes of more than one breed.

22. Any Exhibitor who shall be proved to the satisfaction of the Society guilty of knowingly gaining or attempting to gain a prize by means of a false entry or misrepresentation of any kind shall be deprived of all prizes he or she may be entitled to at such Show.
23. On the first day of the Show, all Exhibits (other than Arts and Crafts exhibits) must be on the Show Ground at least thirty minutes before judging commences. On the second day of the Show all exhibits must be on the Show Ground by the time specified on the entry form. Exhibits in the Arts and Crafts section must be on the Show Ground by 7:00pm on the date preceding the first day of the Show.
24. Livestock must not be loaded for removal from the Showfield and other exhibits must not be removed from the Showfield until the Show Director gives his permission. Permission for loading and removal of Exhibits will be announced over the Public Address System. The Show Director may give special permission for removal of exhibits at other times in exceptional circumstances. Light horses may be removed from the showfield after 2:30pm, unless they are required to be available for the Grand Parade. See Bye Law No. 36.
25. In the event of any prize money not being paid within two months, it shall be the duty of the Exhibitor claiming the same to report such non-payment to the President of the Society.
26. In the Livestock Classes each animal will be given one exhibit number which it will carry throughout the Show. This number must be displayed either on, or beside, them at all times whilst on the Showground.
27. Pedigree Documents in respect of pedigree cattle must be available in the Show Ground for inspection by the Judge if he so requires.
28. No person shall exhibit Stock from any farm where a disease within the meaning of the Isle of Man Diseases of Animals (Prevention) Act exists.
29. Every exhibitor of Livestock shall be liable to pay to the Society a sum not exceeding £50, as and for liquidating damages, if any animal which he sends to the Show is, in the opinion of the Society's Veterinary Surgeon, affected with any contagious or infectious disease in any stages, or with disease which, in the opinion of such Veterinary Surgeon, is likely to prove dangerous to other animals, and for each and every case, if more than one.
30. The decision of the Judges shall be final.
31. Prior to the Show and on the Show Day, a Protest Committee consisting of the President, Vice-President, the Secretary and five Members of the Society, being non-exhibitors, shall be appointed to consider any protest or complaint that may be lodged, and the decision of the Protest Committee shall be absolutely final.
32. Any person objecting to a prize being awarded to an Exhibitor must hand his protest in writing to the Secretary on the Show Ground, accompanied by a deposit of £50 within 30 minutes of the completion of the disputed class on the day of the Show and such protest shall forthwith be laid before the Protest Committee. If the protest is upheld the deposit will be returned, otherwise it will be forfeited to the Society.
33. Any Exhibitors questioning the decision of the Judge or Judges in the ring may forfeit all prize money at the discretion of the Protest Committee.
34. Each Exhibitor shall hold the Society blameless in the event of any illness, loss or damage occurring to, or through, any animal entered in or exhibited at the Show by such Exhibitor, and shall indemnify the Society against any such legal proceedings arising from any such illness, loss or damage, and from any action, proceedings, loss, or claim of any kind in respect of any damage or injury however caused that may occur to any exhibitor or his or her servants or to any animal article or property exhibited or brought onto the showground or car parks.
35. Neither the Society, nor any of its Officers or servants shall be in any way responsible or accountable for any loss, damage, death or injury that may from any cause or circumstances whatsoever arise to Exhibitors or their servants, or to any exhibit or property brought on to the Show ground or any spectators thereon, other than any liability which the Society may incur for death and personal injury resulting from negligence.
36. All First and Second Prize winners of livestock classes (including light horses) should be available to take part in the Grand Parade on Saturday showday.
37. Only persons authorised by the Section Supervisor or Show Director shall be inside the Rings at the show.
38. No exhibitor in the main ring shall be in charge of TWO animals at the same time, eg mare and foal.
Strictly one person to each animal.

39. Any child handling an animal in the Grand Parade who is 10 years and under on the 1st January of the current year, must be accompanied by a competent adult with the sole responsibility for the safety and conduct of the child. In the event of a calf or foal at foot, the adult must be other than the handler of the cow or mare.
40. Entries in the Texel Sheep Classes must be shown in accordance with the Texel Society Rules. Entries in the Blackface Sheep Classes (other than lambs) shall have been shorn bare on or after the 1st day of April in the year of the Show. All other breeds of sheep (other than lambs) shall have been shorn bare on or after the 1st day of January in the year of the Show.

Bye Laws concerning Trade Exhibitors:

41. Trade exhibitors must have visited the showfield and located the position of their stand by 6pm on the evening before the Royal Show (Off-island traders arriving overnight excepted).
42. All Trade Exhibits must be ready and open to the public by 9.00 am on Showdays.
43. Trade Exhibitors must inform the Secretary if they have anyone staying overnight on their stand, and a period of quiet will be observed between 9pm and 7am.
44. Exhibitors must conduct their business within the confines of their own Trade Stand, and not in the avenues or walkways.
45. ELECTRICITY SUPPLY: Trade exhibitors must comply with current Health and Safety guidelines, and with instructions provided by the Secretary prior to the Show.
46. GENERATORS: Trade Exhibitors wishing to use a generator on the showfield must apply for permission when booking their Stand, and the generator used must comply with regulations detailed in the instructions provided by the Secretary prior to the Show. Exhibitors using generators must identify themselves to the Secretary when setting up their Stand prior to the Show and ensure that there is a fire extinguisher of the appropriate type on their stand which must be available at all times for inspection by the Society's Health & Safety Officer. Generators must be in position and available for inspection by 6:00pm on the evening preceding the Royal Show
47. Trade Exhibitors with stands of 20' and larger are required to have a fire extinguisher. Those responsible for 10' Stands can exercise their own discretion on this matter.
48. Trade Stand holders must abide by the Rules and Regulations of the Society in force at the date of the Show, and shall be entirely responsible for their own insurance and security arrangements, and for the health and safety of persons on or visiting their stands. The Society accepts no liability for loss or damage, however caused, to property whilst on the Showfield.
49. No vehicles are allowed to park on the Showfield, except those forming part of an exhibition, and any such vehicles must be kept within the allotted stand area.
50. Trade exhibitors are required to provide litter bins to deal with any waste generated on their stand.
51. No balloons or Silly String are allowed on the showfield.
52. No food or drink can be sold on the Showfield without the written consent of the Society. Complimentary hospitality is confined to tea, coffee, soft drinks and biscuits (unless agreed in advance with the Society).
53. Trade exhibitors must clear their trade-stand and restore the ground no later than 72 hours after the end of the Royal Show (unless an extension to this time has been agreed in advance with the Secretary). Failure to restore the ground may result in a penalty of £50.

Bye laws concerning Exhibitors in the Vintage Section:

54. Drivers of any Vintage Exhibits must be 16 years of age or above.
55. When running, exhibits must be supervised at all times by the owner or a designated representative. That person must be not less than 13 years of age.
56. The exhibit must not be used in any way, or for any purpose, other than that for which it was originally designed.
57. Any working exhibits must be displayed behind a suitable fence or barrier which ensures that the general public cannot go nearer than 2 metres from moving parts of the exhibit.
58. Exhibitors should provide appropriate safety notices where necessary.
59. Where appropriate, Exhibitors / Owners must hold adequate Public Liability Insurance in respect of each exhibit (ie tractors and working machinery).
60. On the Knockaloe Showfield site, all vintage vehicles must be driven at walking pace only.
61. People riding on vintage machinery or tractors must have individual seats. Standing on moving machinery or tractors is not permitted unless the vehicle is designed for that means of carriage.