

Ring Policy

A Ring Officer shall be appointed as per the The Budgerigar Council of South Australia Incorporated Objects & Rules

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1. All official Australian National Budgerigar Council (ANBC) rings are purchased from the ANBC contracted ring manufacturer.
2. All official ANBC rings are colour coded using the WBO ring colour sequence.
3. Official ANBC rings are issued through the Budgerigar Council of South Australia (BCSA) to Affiliate and Associate Societies or Individual Members.
4. Rings will be available to Individual Members in accordance with the ANBC ring issue date.
5. If necessary, supplementary ring orders can be made each year. However, while the BCSA will pay for the postage costs associated with the first supplementary order each year, Clubs or Individuals will be required to pay for any additional supplementary orders in that year.
6. Only birds wearing official ANBC rings can be shown in BCSA or Club shows that are deemed to be '**status movement shows**'. The BCSA and Clubs reserve the right to inspect birds entered for these shows to ensure compliance.
7. A Junior member on joining a Society and the Council shall receive the first 20 rings (club coded) free of charge for their first two years in the hobby.
Explanation: The Society supplies rings to the applicable Junior member and then seeks financial reimbursement from the BCSA.
8. Each Society shall, where possible, appoint a Ring Steward.
9. **The role of the Ring Officer of the BCSA:**
 - To prepare a master Ring Order Form annually for Affiliate Clubs.
 - To confirm with the BCSA Treasurer that all Affiliated Clubs are financial.
 - To receive ring orders from Society Ring Stewards or Individual Members and confirm that moneys for rings, packaging and registered postage costs have been received by the BCSA Treasurer.
 - To ensure that any individual members ordering rings that all monies have been paid to both their Society and the Council.
 - To keep records of council's memberships including member's status, member's Society and the date payments are received by council.

- To order rings from the ANBC contracted ring manufacturer by the allocated date for the following new ring year.
- To order supplementary ring orders with the ANBC contracted ring manufacturer as and when required.
- To arrange to distribute rings to Affiliate or Associate Societies to enable distribution by the start of the new ring year (or if required, directly to Individual Members by the start of the new ring year).
- To distribute rings to members as and when supplementary ring orders are received,
- To approve, subject to availability, Individual / Partnership / Family ring code applications.
- To keep records of rings ordered and distributed.
- To audit ring distribution and council membership.
- To provide a brief ring report to the AGM.

10. **The role of the Society Ring Steward:**

- To ensure that their Society is a financial Affiliate or Associate member of the BCSA.
- To ensure that all Individual / Partnership / Family members ordering Personally coded rings are financial members of the BCSA and of their Society at the time rings are ordered.
- To order Club coded rings as necessary.
- To forward ring orders and associated costs along with BCSA membership fees to the BCSA Treasurer and confirm same with the BCSA Ring Officer.
- To distribute rings to financial members of the BCSA and Societies.
- To ensure that Club coded rings are only issued in multiples of ten (10).
- To ensure that rings are only distributed in sequential order commencing from one (1) e.g. 001 to 010, 011 to 050, 051 to 080, 081 to 150 etc.
- To ensure that all ring transfers are processed through them to ensure accurate ring records are kept for auditing.
- To ensure that Club coded ring transfers only occur in multiples of ten (10).
- To keep records of rings ordered, received and distributed.
- To forward a ring audit to the Ring Officer after ring issue period.

11. **Procedure for ordering Personally coded rings**

- Individual / Partnership / Family members must ensure their Society and BCSA memberships are paid for the year in which the rings are to be issued. e.g. (rings ordered in 2017 for 2018 must be accompanied with 2018 membership)
- Personally coded rings orders must be placed with the BCSA Ring Officer by a date determined by the BCSA to enable ordering by the BCSA Ring Officer with the ANBC contracted ring manufacturer by the date determined by the ANBC.
- Ring codes are to be no more than four letters, four numbers or a combination of both. Two choices are to be submitted. The first choice will be approved subject to availability.
- If any ring code is relinquished that code will not be available for ten years to any other member.
- Personally coded rings must be ordered in multiples of twenty-five (25) e.g. 25, 50, 75, 100 etc.
- Individual/Partnership/Family coded rings are not to be transferred.
- Where applicable, Personally coded rings may be ordered through the BCSA Ring Officer where a Ring Steward does not exist for that member's Society.

12. **Procedure for ordering Club coded rings**

- Societies must ensure that their BCSA membership is paid up for the year in which the rings will be used. (e.g. - rings ordered in 2017 for 2018 must be accompanied with 2018 membership)
- Club coded ring orders must be placed with the BCSA Ring Officer by the date determined by the BCSA to enable ordering by the BCSA Ring Officer.
- Ring codes are to be no more than four letters, four numbers or a combination of both. Two choices are to be submitted. The first choice will be approved subject to availability.
- Club coded rings will be available through Affiliate or Associate Society Ring Stewards.
- Club coded ring orders must be in multiples of fifty (50).
- Club coded rings will only be available in multiples of ten (10) and in sequential order commencing from one (001) e.g. 001 to 010, 011 to 040, 041 to 080 etc.
- All Club coded ring transfers must be submitted through the Society Ring

Steward (or BCSA Ring Officer if no Ring Steward) to ensure accurate ring records are kept for auditing.

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