

BCSA EXHIBITOR STATUS MOVEMENT PROCESS

PURPOSE:

1. To provide a process for the advancement of an exhibitor through each status level.

PROCESS:

2. **A Junior exhibitor:** must be under the age of 16 yrs. A Junior exhibitor would be advanced to the status of Novice upon reaching the age of 16yrs or may be advanced earlier at the discretion of the BCSA if clearly warranted through show results.
3. **Novice Section:** A member when first joining a BCSA Affiliate / Associate Society must show in the Novice Section and will remain in this section until such time as the member has gained 20 points from recognised shows with at least three different owner bred birds within a 3-year period. Once the points have been achieved the member will automatically be elevated to Intermediate Section on January 1st of the following year.
A Novice can also apply to be promoted after 5 years if not promoted by points within that period. Promotion is to be conditional on an assessment of the overall competitiveness of their birds by BCSA nominated judges. The commencement of the five-year period is retrospective to the commencement of the Status Movement Process in 2010.
4. **Intermediate Section:** A member will enter this section through the status elevation process from the Novice Section or when rejoining the fancy at this level and will remain in this section until such time as the member has gained 30 points from recognised shows with at least three different owner bred birds within a 3 year period. Once the points have been achieved the member will automatically be elevated to Open Section on January 1st of the following year.
5. **Open Section:** A member will enter this section through the status elevation process from the Intermediate Section. The member will remain in this section only if they continue to exhibit budgerigars at recognised shows. Points will be awarded for the purpose of Clause 6 below. If a member chooses to not show for a period of 3 years without good cause, that member forfeits the right to remain in this section and will be relegated to the Intermediate Section.
6. **Request to revert to a Lower Status:** Beyond the Open Section ruling in 5. above, once advanced to Intermediate or Open, an exhibitor may only request a downgrading of status to Novice or Intermediate, respectively, if they have not won Major or Class awards accruing a total of 40 points over four years or if there are any other special circumstances.
7. It is to be noted that a member moving from a recognised interstate body may be accepted by the BCSA at their existing or a recognised equivalent level. Some States have different 'Status' than the BCSA e.g. Victoria at the time of producing this paper has Champion, Open, Intermediate and Beginner status thus this would potentially equate to, in a transfer situation to the BCSA, Champion and Open to Open, Intermediate remaining as Intermediate and Beginner to Novice.

CONDITIONS:

8. A member, unless a Junior, when first joining a BCSA Affiliate / Associate Society must commence in the Novice Section.
9. A former member when rejoining a BCSA Affiliate / Associate Society within a 3 year period will return to his or her previous status.
10. A member when rejoining a BCSA Affiliate / Associate Society (and has not been involved in the fancy in this state or elsewhere) after a period greater than 3 years may enter at any section up to but not including that of his/her previous status subject to formal BCSA approval.
11. The points required to progress through to the higher status must be accumulated by a minimum of three different owner bred birds.
12. Members are required to spend a minimum of 12 months in each section before progressing.
13. Movement through the exhibitor status will only be effective on January 1st each year (except in the case of dissolution of a partnership). Any resulting elevation or demotion will be communicated in writing by the BCSA to both the member and the respective Club Secretary.
14. The promotion comment "within a 3-year period" means that an exhibitor may be promoted in the second or third year if the allocated points are achieved. If the points are not achieved by the end of the third year, the first year's points are 'dropped' and the process continues.
15. Exhibitors living under the same roof shall not show at a status level lower than the highest level held by any person residing at the same address with the exception of Juniors who can exhibit as Juniors if residing with a Novice, Intermediate or Open exhibitor.
16. The date for accruing points for this system commenced on the 9th May 2010.

RECOGNISED SHOWS:

17. **Recognised Show** means an Affiliate or Associate member's show OR an Agricultural show that has prior approval of the BCSA Committee. All shows to be eligible must meet the '**Full Complement**' criteria.
18. **A Full Complement for Young Stock or Any Age shows** is a show with all ANBC varieties and both sexes listed separately in the Show Schedule.

The following criteria also apply:

- a. A total of 80 birds must be benched (not just entered) per 'age-group'.
- b. If a Young Stock show and Adult Bird show are combined with full awards for each, each 'age group' will be required to meet the 'Full Complement' criteria.
- c. A minimum of 20 birds must be benched in each status section, and by at least 3 exhibitors.
- d. If less than 3 exhibitors show or less than 20 birds are entered in a status section and all other criteria are met, no points will be allocated for that section. However, if the Novice or the Intermediate status sections do not comply and an exhibitor from either has a bird in the major awards, then the top ranked bird from that section will receive the actual points as if the status section had met the criteria.
- e. If a bird wins Grand Champion (or Champion Young or Champion Adult if judged separately at a show) in a 'Full Complement' show from a status section that does not

meet the requirement of point c. above, that bird shall gain full points as it has won against a Full Complement of birds.

19. **A Full Complement for UBC shows** is a show with all ANBC varieties listed (both sexes combined) in the Show Schedule.

The following criteria also apply:

- a. A total of 60 birds must be benched (not just entered).
- b. If less than 60 birds are benched the entire show will not be eligible for points.
- c. A minimum of 20 birds must be benched in each status section, and by at least 3 exhibitors.
- d. If less than 3 exhibitors show or less than 20 birds are entered in a status section and all other criteria are met, no points will be allocated for that section. However, if the Novice or the Intermediate status sections do not comply and an exhibitor from either has a bird in the major awards, then the top ranked bird from that section will receive the actual points as if the status section had met the criteria.
- e. If a bird wins Grand Champion in a 'Full Complement' show from a status section that does not meet the requirement of point c. above, that bird shall gain full points as it has won against a Full Complement of birds.

20. **A Full Compliment for a Novice and/or Intermediate Exhibitors only show** is an Any Age or Young Stock show with all ANBC varieties and with both sexes listed either separately or combined in the show schedule. However combined sexes only will apply if it is an UBC show.

- a. A minimum of 20 birds must be benched for either status and by at least 3 exhibitors for either status.
- b. *If less than 3 exhibitors show or less than 20 birds are entered in either status then no points will be allocated for that status.*
- c. Points will only be available for the Best Novice or Best Intermediate Bird. If a bird wins Grand Champion at a combined Novice and Intermediate only show, no additional points will be awarded.

21. A National Show is a Recognised Show that is held on behalf of the ANBC.

22. A Shield/State Show is the Logan Shield or a State Show or a combination of both. There are no Full Complement requirements for this show.

23. Points will only be allocated at a BCSA Affiliate/Associate or other recognised Any Age, Young Stock or Unbroken Cap (UBC) show (or combination of) if a Full Complement of birds is exhibited.

POINTS ALLOCATION:

24. Points will be allocated on the following basis:

Point Accrual

1 st place in a National Show Class	15 points
2 nd place in a National Show Class	10 points
3 rd place in a National Show Class	5 points
1 st place in a Shield/State Show Class	10 points
2 nd place in a Shield/State Show Class	5 points
3 rd place in a Shield/State Show Class	5 points
Young Stock Show Champion Bird of Show	5 points *

Young Stock Show	Best Open Young Bird	5 points
Young Stock Show	Best Intermediate Young Bird	5 points
Young Stock Show	Best Novice Young Bird	5 points
Open Show	Champion Bird of Show	5 points *
Open Show	Best Open Bird	5 points
Open Show	Best Intermediate Bird	5 points
Open Show	Best Novice Bird	5 points
UBC Show	Champion Bird of Show	5 points *
UBC Show	Best Open Bird	5 points
UBC Show	Best Intermediate Bird	5 points
UBC Show	Best Novice Bird	5 points
Novice only Show	Best Novice Bird	5 points
Intermediate only Show	Best Intermediate Bird	5 points

25. *Champion Bird of Show will receive 5 points for winning the show and an additional 5 points for winning the status section from which it came, therefore, a maximum of 10 points will be allocated.
26. If a combined Young Stock and Adult bird show is to be run then the Best Adult Bird and the Best Young Bird will each receive 5 points for winning that section of the show and an additional 5 points for winning the status section from which it came, therefore a maximum of 10 points each will be allocated for the Best Adult Bird and the Best Young Bird respectively.
27. Show Committees are to present to the BCSA full details of awards gained and exhibitor names within 14 days of the show date and these details must be presented in line with the recognised format of entries maintained on the BCSA web site for downloading.
28. After allocation at Recognised Shows, points will be assessed in December each year or any alternate date as from time to time may be decided by the BCSA.

DIPLOMAS:

29. An Open breeder is entitled to be called a Champion breeder for the ensuing year provided they accumulate a total of 85 points in the previous showing year.
30. A Diploma for the highest point scorer will be awarded by the BCSA in each status annually.

REVIEW PROCESS:

31. This document and the processes within will be reviewed and revised on an as required basis.

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Next Review: As Required