

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 Show Field 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 Show Field for all Exhibitors from the Saturday preceding the Show until the Sunday after the Show. Show Field exhibitors are required to enter the Show Field site, as directed via Gate B or C on the Knockaloe Driveway and exit via Gate E on the Peel side of Show Field. On non Show Days some large vehicles may be allowed to access the Show Field 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 Show Field until 5:30pm on Show Days.
4. Whilst on the Show Field 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. Inappropriate behaviour will not be tolerated.
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 submit their entries, online or by post, 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 and will be removed from the Show Field.**
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 for an entry already entered into a class 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).
12. 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.
13. 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.

14. 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).
15. 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".
16. All animals entered in the Cattle Section must be from Attested and Brucellosis Accredited Herds.
17. All livestock exhibitors must hold adequate public liability insurance in respect of all animals entered in the show. At no time should any livestock be left unattended.
18. All Bulls exceeding 10 months of age must be rung or bull grips used in conjunction with the halter, and no Bull must be left unattended.
19. Bulls must be handled in accordance with HSE Guidance – Notes GS36 'safe custody of bulls at agricultural shows', eg – all bulls to have two handlers.
20. Any animal deemed to be unruly by the Section Supervisor must be removed immediately from the Show Field with the Show Director's consent.
21. A foal is deemed to be such if born on or after the 1st day of January in the year of the Show.
22. 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.
23. 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.
24. 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 Field by the time specified on the entry form. Exhibits in the Arts and Crafts section must be on the Show Field by the time specified on the entry form.
25. Livestock must not be loaded for removal from the Show Field and other exhibits must not be removed from the Show Field 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.
26. Light horses may be removed from the Show Field after 1.30pm, unless they are required to be available for the Grand Parade. See Bye Law 36.
27. 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.
28. 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 or their handler at all times whilst on the Show Ground.
29. Pedigree Documents in respect of pedigree cattle must be available in the Show Ground for inspection by the Judge if he so requires. Where applicable ALL passports must be available on the Show Ground for inspection.
30. No person shall exhibit Stock from any farm, or an Animal where a disease within the meaning of the Isle of Man Diseases of Animals (Prevention) Act exists.
31. 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.

32. The decision of the Judges shall be final.

33. 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.
34. 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.
35. 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.
36. 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 Show Ground or car parks.
37. 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.
38. All First and Second Prize winners of livestock classes (including light horses) should be available to take part in the Grand Parade on Saturday Show Day.
39. Only persons authorised by the Section Supervisor or Show Director shall be inside the Rings at the show.
40. 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.**
41. 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.
42. 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 Exhibitors in the Vintage Section:

43. Drivers of any Vintage Exhibits must be 16 years of age or above and must hold a valid driving license, provisional and/or full licence.
44. 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.
45. The exhibit must not be used in any way, or for any purpose, other than that for which it was originally designed.
46. 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.
47. Exhibitors should provide appropriate safety notices where necessary.
48. Where appropriate, Exhibitors / Owners must hold adequate Public Liability Insurance in respect of each exhibit (ie tractors and working machinery).
49. On the Knockaloe Show Field site, all vintage vehicles must be driven at walking pace only.
50. 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.