Exhibitor Code of Conduct and Ethics of the Malanda Pastoral, Agriculture and Industrial Society Inc

Standards for fair competition, good sportsmanship and animal welfare

Commencement and Non-Retrospective Application

This Code of Conduct and Ethics of the Malanda Pastoral, Agricultural and Industrial Society Inc (hereafter referred to as the Malanda Show Society) shall take effect from Wednesday 23rd September 2026.

The provisions of this Code shall apply prospectively only and shall not be applied retrospectively to any conduct, incident, competition, event or activity that occurred prior to Wednesday 23rd September 2026.

No person shall be subject to disciplinary action, penalties or sanctions under this Code in relation to matters arising from previous years' activities conducted by the Malanda Show Society.

Nothing in this provision prevents the Society from addressing historical matters in accordance with any rules, policies or legal obligations applicable at the time of the relevant conduct.

1. Purpose

The Malanda Show Society is committed to fair competition, good sportsmanship, animal welfare and a welcoming experience for exhibitors, officials and patrons.

This Code outlines the behaviour expected of all exhibitors participating in the Malanda Show or any other competition or activity conducted by the Society.

2. Scope

This Code applies to:

- All Exhibitors and competitors.
- Owners, breeders and handlers.
- Parents, guardians and supervisors of junior exhibitors.
- Assistants and support people of exhibitors.
- Trade, commercial and display exhibitors.

- Any person acting on behalf of an exhibitor.

Exhibitors are responsible for ensuring that people accompanying or assisting them understand and follow this Code.

3. Compliance with competition requirements

Exhibitors must:

- Read and comply with the relevant schedule, rules, entry conditions and lawful directions.
- Provide complete, accurate and honest entry information.
- Enter animals, produce, exhibits and craft only in the correct classes. Guidance from stewards and volunteers is available to ensure exhibits are correctly entered.
- Ensure that entries meet all eligibility, ownership and identification requirements.
- Pay all applicable fees at the time of nomination and meet nomination, arrival and collection deadlines.
- Comply with biosecurity, workplace health and safety, veterinary and animal-movement requirements.
- Follow directions from authorised stewards, judges, officials and Society representatives.

4. Fairness and integrity –

Exhibitors must:

- Compete fairly and honestly and uphold the integrity of the Show.
- Respect other entries and allow them to be presented and judged without interference.
- Respect the independence of judges, stewards and officials, and communicate with them appropriately.
- Declare any known conflict of interest that may affect the fairness of a competition.
- As a condition of acceptance of all entries, agree not to engage in any social, professional, or other interactions with any official or judge contracted or subcontracted by the Malanda Show prior to or during the judging at the Malanda Show.
- Respect judging decisions and use the formal protest or complaints process where applicable.

5. Sportsmanship and behaviour

Exhibitors and their representatives must:

- Treat all people with courtesy, dignity and respect.
- Demonstrate good sportsmanship in victory and disappointment.
- Communicate and behave calmly, respectfully and inclusively.

- Support a safe and respectful environment for exhibitors, volunteers, judges, officials and patrons.
- Use appropriate language and behaviour, particularly around children and young people.
- Uphold the reputation of the Malanda Show and agricultural showing through responsible conduct.
- Interact positively with show patrons to educate and promote their product.
- Support Show events and classes that promote the development of the breed, skill or craft, including Young Judges and Paraders competitions, children's classes, demonstrations and educational presentations.

6. Animal welfare

Anyone responsible for an animal must:

- Present only animals that are fit, healthy and suitable for exhibition.
- Present animals that are free from ticks, flies, ringworm, warts and other visible signs of disease or infestation.
- Present animals of a suitable temperament to be safely handled, exhibited and managed in the Show environment.
- Treat the animal humanely and with appropriate care at all times.
- Provide suitable food, clean water, shelter, rest and supervision, and ensure bedding is kept clean and free from manure, faeces and excessive soiling where applicable.
- Use safe and appropriate handling, restraint, transport and presentation methods.
- Promptly seek veterinary or official assistance when an animal becomes injured or unwell.
- Comply with all applicable animal-welfare, medication and prohibited-substance requirements.
- Immediately follow any direction given to protect an animal's welfare.

Animal welfare takes priority over competition or commercial considerations.

7. Safety and property

Exhibitors must:

- Take reasonable care for their own safety and that of others.
- Maintain appropriate control of animals, equipment, vehicles and displays.
- Follow traffic, parking, electrical, fire, emergency and site-access requirements.
- Keep allocated areas reasonably clean, safe and free from avoidable hazards.
- Promptly report accidents, injuries, damaged property, hazards and near misses.
- Take reasonable care of all equipment and belongings of the Malanda Show and items borrowed or hired. Tampering with Malanda Show property including signs may affect the safety of other exhibitors and visitors.

- Display stud/promotional signage in exhibitor's designated area only and follow the Malanda Show's directions about its placement.

8. Alcohol/Smoking (E-Cigarettes) and prohibited substances

Malanda Show is a smoke free event. Designated smoking areas have been implemented in strategic locations.

Exhibitors must:

- Ensure they are fit to safely handle animals, operate vehicles or machinery, supervise children, and participate in Show activities.
- Consume alcohol responsibly and only in accordance with Queensland liquor licensing legislation and any conditions applying to the event.
- Comply with all laws relating to alcohol, tobacco, vaping products, and prohibited substances while on Show grounds.

Exhibitors are responsible for complying with all Queensland legislation relating to smoking, vaping, and the consumption of alcohol. Individuals who fail to comply with these requirements may be subject to enforcement action, including infringement notices or fines issued by the relevant authorities.

9. Photography and social media

Exhibitors must:

- Respect the privacy and safety of other people, particularly children and young people.
- Seek permission before sharing photographs of other exhibitors and show patrons on social media.
- Publish content connected with the Show that is positive, accurate, respectful and appropriate, and protect confidential information.
- Use social media respectfully when referring to judges, officials, other exhibitors and Malanda Show events.

10. Ring Access & Competition Areas

To ensure the safety of participants, the welfare of animals and the integrity of judging, access to competition areas is restricted.

Animal exhibitors must:

- Enter the competition ring or judging area only when directed by a steward, judge, or authorised Society representative.

- Ensure only authorised handlers, exhibitors or approved assistants accompany an animal into the ring.
- Follow all directions issued by stewards, judges and officials regarding entry, exit, and movement within competition areas.
- Keep access ways, judging areas and marshalling areas clear unless actively participating in the competition.
- Supervise children and ensure they remain outside restricted competition areas unless they are entered in the relevant class or authorised by an official.
- Respect barriers, restricted areas and any safety measures implemented by the Society.

Authorised Photographers

An authorised photographer is a person who has been approved by the Society to take photographs or video on its behalf at the event. This may include official event photographers, media representatives, or other persons specifically authorised by the Society. Authorised photographers only may enter the ring with the permission of a steward or authorised official and only when it is safe to do so.

11. Breaches and penalties

Where an exhibitor or their representative breaches this Code, competition rules or a lawful direction, the Society may:

- Issue a verbal/written warning directing the person to stop inappropriate conduct.
- Ask for the removal of a person, animal, exhibit, vehicle or display from an area.
- Disqualify an entry or withdraw an award, ribbon, prize or payment.
- Restrict or refuse future entries.
- Direct a person to leave the grounds.
- Refer the matter to governing body or relevant authority.
- Take another action allowed under the competition rules or law.

Urgent action may be taken, if approved by a majority of the management committee, without completing the full complaints process, where necessary, to protect people, animals, property or the integrity of the competition.

Withdrawal of Awards and Placings

Where an entry is disqualified or an award, ribbon, prize or payment is withdrawn as the result of a breach, all other placings awarded in the affected class shall remain unchanged. No other exhibitor shall be promoted to a higher placing, and the withdrawn placing shall remain vacant.

12. Acknowledgement

By entering this competition, I acknowledge that I have read and agree to comply with the Exhibitor Code of Conduct and Ethics. (Available on the Malanda Show Society website.)

Policy administration

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