

## **Policy: Allocation of Conformation Show Exhibition Dates**

### **1. Purpose**

- 1.1. The purpose of this policy is to ensure conformation shows are scheduled in a way to maximise the number of entries and provide equitable allocation of dates to affiliates.

### **2. Principles**

- 2.1. When allocating shows on the same day in different locations, the travelling times for exhibitors between events should be considered. Some exhibitors may choose to travel long distances, however, what is a reasonable and safe travelling distance should be considered.
- 2.2. Although affiliates may be in different zones, the proximity to clubs in a neighbouring zone should be considered to avoid diluting entries at either or both shows.
- 2.3. Affiliates are encouraged to collaborate and hold multiple shows at the same venue on the same weekend to increase entries.
- 2.4. All affiliates are encouraged to hold open shows in conjunction with any championship shows.
- 2.5. Dates for shows run by Agricultural Societies cannot be changed and will need to be considered when allocating dates.

### **3. Policy**

- 3.1. All conformation show dates must be approved by the Board of Directors. This includes new events and changes to existing approved events.
- 3.2. A limit of one cluster of shows at the same venue per day per zone, except where specific exceptions and conditions are noted under each zone.
- 3.3. No all-breeds conformation shows are to be held in Queensland during the period of the Brisbane Ekka however, specialty (breed, group, multi-breed) shows can be held.
- 3.4. An annual show dates calendar will be published at between nine and 12 months in advance. Affiliates have until 30 June of each year to request date changes for the following calendar year.
- 3.5. In special and exceptional circumstances affiliates may apply for an additional show. The request must be made in writing to the Board of Directors, whom have the discretion to approve or decline the request.

### **4. Show exhibition allocation by affiliate type and location**

#### **4.1. Breed Speciality Clubs (all zones)**

- a) A maximum of two championship shows per calendar year.
- b) A maximum of one national show per calendar year.
- c) A maximum of two open shows but at least one per calendar year.
- d) May be held in conjunction with an all breeds. group or multi-breed show.
- e) Cannot hold an all-breeds, group or multi-breed show.

#### 4.2. Group, Multi Breed or Speciality clubs (all zones)

- a) A maximum of two championship shows per calendar year.
- b) A maximum of two open shows but at least one per calendar year.
- c) May be held in conjunction with a breed specialty or an all-breeds show.
- d) Cannot hold a breed specialty or an all-breeds show.

#### 4.3. Zone 1 all breeds clubs

- a) A maximum of four championship shows per calendar year.
- b) A maximum of two open shows but at least one per calendar year.
- c) Affiliates must consider what shows are being held in the southern area of Zone 2 (Maryborough, Hervey Bay, Isis, Bundaberg, Callide Valley).

#### 4.4. Zone 2 all breeds clubs

- a) A maximum of six championship shows per calendar year.
- b) A maximum of two open shows per calendar year but are not required to hold any.
- c) Affiliates in the southern area of Zone 2 (Maryborough, Hervey Bay, Isis, Bundaberg, Callide Valley) must consider what exhibitions are being held in Zone 1.
- d) Affiliates in the far northern area of Zone 2 (Sarina, Mackay, Pioneer Valley) should not hold shows on the same day as an affiliate in Zone 3.
- e) A show may be held on the same day by an affiliate northern area of Zone 2 (Sarina, Mackay, Pioneer Valley) and an affiliate in the southernmost area of Zone 2 (show venues located south of and including Hervey Bay).

#### 4.5. Zone 3 all breeds clubs

- a) A maximum of six championship shows per calendar year.
- b) A maximum of two open shows per calendar year but are not required to hold any.
- c) All affiliates should not hold shows on the same day as an affiliate in the northern area of Zone 2 (Sarina, Mackay, Pioneer Valley).

#### 4.6. Agricultural societies (all zones)

- a) May hold two championship shows but only during their designated agricultural show period.

#### 4.7. Dogs Queensland Committees

- a) May hold up to four championship shows held over one weekend per calendar year for fund raising purposes.
- b) The allocation of shows should take into consideration any impact on entries of an affiliate.

#### 4.8. Dogs Queensland

- a) Dogs Queensland may partner with an affiliated club to provide administrative and organisational support to the club, but this does not permit an increase in the number of shows the affiliate is eligible to run.

