



## **SHOW RULES AND REGULATIONS**



## **Rabbit Breeders Association of Tasmania Inc.**

### **General Code of Conduct & Show Rules**

It is our choice as a Committee, to provide a venue to exhibit your rabbits. We will also ensure the shows run smoothly, be friendly and assist the Fancy, and if that means you must show beside someone you dislike, so be it. We do not wish to enter into personal opinion or discussion, and will not tolerate such at shows.

If you have a grievance with a person or product, please do not bring this to a show where members of the public and our own young members are present. Act responsibly and deal with it in the correct manner, with the relevant authorities. The Committee or Association as a whole WILL NOT enter into personal disputes, poor sportsmanship or inappropriate behavior, nor tolerate it at shows. We are interested in the Rabbit Fancy, promotion of such, in a family environment. We promote the wellbeing of rabbits both as pets and exhibition animals. Acts of cruelty will not be tolerated.

1. All rabbits will undergo a visual health check prior to entry into the venue. It is understood your rabbitry has been free from Myxomatosis for 120 days, and Calicivirus for 120 days prior. It is also understood that you have had no unexplained deaths in the previous 30 days. We recommend vaccination of your rabbits against Calicivirus. We ask that confirmed deaths from Myxo and Calici, be reported to the Club to allow other members to be warned in the event of disease spread. Failure to comply with this

rule is detrimental to the health of everyone's rabbits, Failure to comply could result in a permanent ban from all R.B.A.T. Inc and affiliated Clubs functions.

2. Payment of entry fees must be made in whole, prior to the show start. All cheques and money orders to be made payable to R.B.A.T. Inc. an Official entry form is requested to be filled out and signed. Emailed forms are acceptable, providing they are signed prior to start of the show.

3. Shows are run under the Rules and Regulations of the Rabbit Breeders Association of Tasmania Inc. under the guidelines and using the Breed Standards of the British Rabbit Council & ANRCL. By entering your rabbit, you are seeking the opinion of the judge on the day. The judge's decision is final.

4. All exhibits must be caged in safe, secure and leak-proof show cages. Wire topped cat carry cages are readily available and safe for both the steward to access and your rabbit for the day. Safety is of utmost importance. Please ensure your rabbits are caged in appropriate sized cages for their breed. The Committee reserves the right to refuse unsuitable cages.

5. All rabbits are entered at the sole risk of the owner. Please do not bring aggressive or sick animals to the venue. Discharge from eyes and nose may be contagious. If a rabbit cannot be handled safely by a judge or steward we reserve the right to disqualify the exhibit. Entry fees will not be refunded. If a rabbit is disqualified or refused entry due to health concerns, on two occasions, it will be refuse further entry to shows.

6. Competitive entries must be rung with an approved BRC ring for the breed, or tattoo. Non-Standardised exhibits may be rung with a proposed ring size for the breed.

7. It is common Courtesy to the judge to present your rabbit in a clean and groomed condition. We reserve the right to refuse entry to excessively stained or soiled animals.
9. Please ensure nails are trimmed. If in doubt, a steward or committee member will be able to assist.
10. We reserve the right to ask anyone causing a disturbance at shows or functions to leave the premises. Failure to comply will result in entries being forfeited, and may result in future entries being refused.
11. Ensure your rabbits are entered in correct classes for their age bracket. Remember, exhibits must be a minimum of 10 weeks old.
12. Most importantly, Please enjoy your day!



## **RABBIT BREEDERS ASSOCIATION OF TASMANIA INC**

### **Member's 'Code of Ethics'**

For all domestic, pet, pedigree, registered and/or show rabbits in my care I will to the best of my ability:

- On a daily basis make sure rabbits are well fed and supplied with clean water.
- Provide regularly cleaned, adequately sized, escape proof hutches or accommodation.
- Quarantine infectious rabbits and ensure they receive appropriate medical attention whenever required. Please notify the R.B.A.T. Inc Secretary or any Committee Member about Myxomatosis or Calici virus outbreaks or other contagious diseases that may put members rabbits at risk  
Confidentiality assured where necessary.
- Do not neglect, physically abuse, mistreat or allow needless suffering (Genuine cases of ill treatment should be reported to the R.S.P.C.A. or notify a R.B.A.T. Inc Committee member.
- Do not deliberately release a rabbit into suburbia or country area.
- Be responsible in breeding programs to improve the quality of the breed. Do not knowingly breed unhealthy rabbits or those

carrying a genetic disease or with deformities or other abnormalities.

- Show concern and consideration for breeding does especially, do not mate too frequently or before adulthood. (The criteria for adults would be according to the mature age of the specific breed and not necessarily to the BRC Show Standard of five months). Do not bring a pregnant doe to a show or display.
- Undertake not to mate different standard breeds unless working within a specific breeding program and then undertake not to sell or misrepresent crossbred offspring as purebred. Do not knowingly sell a rabbit as show quality with major disqualifying fault/s.
- Not to knowingly sell a kitten under the age of ten weeks, in poor health, affected by any contagious disease or with a genetic physical condition.
- Do not sell to children unless accompanied by an adult or without proven parental consent.
- Remove identification rings from rabbits sold or given away as pets to non-members.(This is also a RULE so do not breach as action from the Committee may be taken)
- Honour a promise or agreement to supply pedigree papers in a timely manner of selling your rabbits. If you choose not to issue pedigree papers or they are unavailable, it is advisable to notify the buyer at time of purchase.
- Be honest and provide helpful information when dealing with the public. Aim to conduct yourself in a manner so as not to jeopardize the reputation of the R.B.A.T. Inc and rabbit fanciers in general.

Failure to adhere or respect the R.B.A.T. Inc's 'Code of Ethics' may result in disciplinary action (i.e. Suspension) or forfeit membership, constitutional rights and privileges.

### **SHOW RULES**

(Notes)

1. In these Rules, reference to the male gender also infers to the female gender.
2. It is recommended that all show officials should read these show rules in conjunction with other sections as may deal with show matters.

These rules were approved by the Committee of Management of the Rabbit Breeders Association of Tasmania and the date of operations is 22.8.93 Subsequent amendments were passed and are included here-in and are effective from the 27.11.94. Further amendments were made and passed on the 13<sup>th</sup> June 27, 2009 and also 24<sup>th</sup> September 2011.

#### **I. ORGANISATION OF SHOWS:**

- II. The organizers of the show or their representative (usually the Show Secretary), shall:
  - a. Be fully responsible for carrying out and fulfillment of show rules and regulations of the club and the correct conduct of the show.
  - a. Be entirely responsible for payment to winners of the advertised prize money, where this is offered to exhibitors.
  - b. Provide judging tables and a pair of weighing scales for exhibits (N.B. – the ear measurement of Lops to be taken

with a continuous one piece ruler of at least 30 inches (76cms).

- c. Be authorised to refuse any entries, without assigning a reason to the potential exhibitor.
- d. Prepare judging books showing all pen numbers and class definitions and special prize definitions, but containing no information as to the identity or ownership of individual exhibits.
- e. Ensure that all shows, where Challenge Certificates are on offer, exhibits are checked in and out of the show by the use of their ring numbers.
- f. Appoint a judge or judges subject to the approval of the club.
- g. Advise the judge of the pen numbers of the absent exhibits prior to the judging of each class.
- h. Ensure that all exhibits bear 2 pen numbers per each show cage.
- i. Ensure that no person gives the judge any indication as to the ownership of the exhibit not already placed and that no attempt be made in any way to influence his awards.
- j. No Show Committee (or Committees holding their shows at the same venue at the same time) shall be permitted to bar juvenile exhibitors from entering an exhibit into any part of their show or shows unless under suspension or other penalty.



## **2.0 EXHIBITION BY JUDGE**

- 2.1 No person appointed to officiate as a rabbit judge at a show may:
  - a. Exhibit in the section in which they are judging, or
  - b. Judge Best In Show if rabbit in the line-up corresponds with a breed class in which that Judge has exhibited on that day.
- 2.2 No person may exhibit in the rabbit section who is judging any section for other exhibits in which there is a common award with rabbits.

## **3.0 JUDGES FAILING TO APPEAR**

- 3.1 Where a judge fails to keep his appointment, then the classes which should have been taken by him shall be judged by any other judge who have previously been recognized by the club as a judge.

## **4.0 EXAMINATION OF EXHIBITS**

- 4.1 The judge must examine all the exhibits as numbered in the judging book, see that they are placed before him by the Stewards and make awards as advertised, Promulgated or Instructed by the Show Committee.
- 4.2 In all varieties where their standards carry a weight disqualification or points penalty, the Exhibits shall be weighed by the judge before awards are finally made.

## **5.0 DISQUALIFICATION OF EXHIBITS**

- 5.1 The judge must pass any exhibit if he believes such exhibit is not in fit condition of health to be judged, and must disqualify any exhibit if he believes such exhibit is :
- a. Ineligible for the particular class in which it has been entered. Or
  - b. Has been improperly or excessively prepared for exhibition, or
  - c. bares a ring which is illegible or is irregularly ringed, or
  - d. Older than the age limit for the class or in a condition of more advanced development than is generally considered satisfactory for an animal of the particular breed at the maximum age limit of the class.
- 5.2 A passed or disqualified exhibit may not be brought out to be judged into any subsequent class in which it is entered.
- 5.3 No exhibit may be disqualified on weight grounds unless the exact weight of the exhibit is established by weighing at the time of judging, and unless disqualification on weight grounds is recognized in the official standard for the breed, and the exhibit is outside the specified weight.
- 5.4 In the event of a judge disqualifying an exhibit under show rules – 5.1a, 5.1c, or 5.1d he must report the full details of his reasons to the Club if so requested by the Show Secretary of the Rabbit Breeders Association of Tasmania Inc.

## **6.0 DISQUALIFICATION FOR EXCESSIVE OR IRREGULAR PREPARATION**

- 6.1 In the event of the judge disqualifying an exhibit under show rules 5.1b, he must report the matter to the show secretary who must take action in accordance with rule 4.0 of the rules governing the investigation of complaints.
- 6.2 Where there is joint judging and one judge considers that an exhibit has been improperly or excessively prepared for exhibition, the matter must be dealt with in accordance with the rules for improperly or excessively prepared exhibits.

## **7.0 MARKING OF JUDGING SLIPS**

- 7.1 The judge must mark all necessary awards on the judging slip after completing each class and state thereon the full ring number including letter and year, which he himself must check, of all First and Special Prize winners, winners of Challenge Certificates, Diplomas and R.B.A.T. Inc Trophies and after initialing or signing the slip, send it to the show secretary (Or a Deputy Officer) on completion of the page.

## **8.0 ALTERATIONS TO JUDGING SLIPS**

- 8.1 No alteration may be made in the awards as shown on the slip for any class after it has been initialed or signed by the judge, unless the judge and show Secretary agree that a genuine mistake has been made in the awards.

## **9.0 CHECKING AND PUBLICATION OF RING NUMBERS**

- 9.1 The judge must himself check all winning ring numbers and must include the full ring number of all First Prize, Challenge Certificates, Diplomas and special Prize winners in official Reports sent for publication.

## **10.0 SIGNING OF R.B.A.T. CHALLENGE CERTIFICATES AND DIPLOMAS**

- 10.1 The judge must check the ring number entered on the Challenge Certificate or Diploma before signing the statement on the card.
- 10.2 Where more than one judge officiates for a breed, the Challenge Certificate should be signed by all judges concerned in the award but in connection with a Diploma, the card should be signed on behalf of the judges concerned in the award by the judge who judges the exhibit in its straight breed class.

## **11.0 JUDGES NOT UNANIMOUS**

- 11.1 In the case of judges not being unanimous in their joint award, the majority vote shall decide. Where such voting is equal, the show Committee or Show Secretary acting on its behalf, shall appoint an umpire who, except in the case of specialist club shows, must be a Member of the Club and not an exhibitor at that show of the breed or breeds to be judged by the umpire judge. His decision shall be final.

## **12.0 CHANGE TO JUDGING BOOKS**

- 12.1 No Alteration or entry shall be made in the judge's book after judging has commenced unless there are very good grounds

for so doing and the Judge is made aware of those grounds. The responsibility for such alterations being the Show Secretary's only on behalf of the Show Committee.

### **13.0 MAXIMUM NUMBER OF JUDGES PER CLASS**

13.1 Not more than three judges shall judge in any one class.

### **14.0 ORGANISERS LIABLE FOR JUDGE'S FEE**

14.1 In the event of the cancellation of any show or part thereof, the organizers shall be held liable for the payment of any fee of any judge who had previously been engaged.

### **15.0 USE OF LEAD PENCILS ONLY ON JUDGING TABLE**

15.1 Only ordinary black lead pencils may be used by the judge and book steward at the Judging table.

### **16.0 SUSPENDED OR PROHIBITED PERSONS**

16.1 No person suspended or in any way prohibited from exhibiting by the club shall be Eligible to judge, umpire exhibit or act as an official at shows held under the Rules of the Club.

### **17.0 CONDITION OF ENTRY**

17.1 It is a condition of entry of each and every show held under the R.B.A.T. Inc. Rules that each exhibitor agrees for the purposes of the show to be bound by each and Every one of the R.B.A.T.Inc Articles. Rules And Regulations, copies of which can be obtained on application by the Secretary of the Association.

## **18.0 CANCELLATION OF AMALGAMATION OF CLASSES**

18.1 Classes at shows may be cancelled or amalgamated at the discretion of the Show Committee, except for :-

- a. Guaranteed Classes
- b. Classes having guaranteed prize money.
- c. Classes to which a Challenge Certificate has been offered.
- d. The Amalgamation of Rex straight breed classes with Normal Fur Straight breed classes at 2 and 3 star shows.

Provided that the right to amalgamate or cancel classes has been specifically reserved in the show schedule and advertisements, where a statement of the right to cancel or amalgamate classes must be placed next to details of prize money.

## **19.0 RINGS**

19.1 Every rabbit exhibited shall wear on its hind leg above the hock a ring approved by the Club of the stipulated size for the variety and the year in which it was born unless its Entries are confined to:-

- a. Gift classes.
- b. Classes confined to pet rabbits.
- c. Utility/Unrung classes.

c. Open shows where it is not made compulsory.

## **20.0 SIZE OF RINGS**

### **20.1 Size A - Polish**

Size B - Dutch, Himalayan, Miniature Rex, Tan, Tri-Colour Dutch, Jersey Wooley, Miniature Satin Rex

Size C - Argente Creme, Dwarf Lop, Lionhead, Miniature Cashmere Lop, Plush Lop.

Size D – Argente Bleu, Argente Brun, Argente Noir, Argente St Hubert, Beige, Cashmere Lop, Chinchilla, Fox - Silver, Golden Glavcot, Havana, Hulstlander, Lilac, Sable, Miniature Satin, Siberian, Silver, Smoke Pearl, Squirrel, Thrianta, Tri-Colour English, Wheaten.

Size E – Angora, Deilenaar, English, Harlequin, New Zealand Red, Perlfee, Rex, Satin, Schwarzgrannen, Sussex, Swiss Fox.

Size G – Argente de Champagne, Beveran, Blanc de Hotot, Blanc de Termonde, Fauve de Bourgogne, Hare, Marbuger Feh, Pointed Beveren.

Size H - Blanc de Bouscat, British Giant, English Lop, Flemish Giant, French Lop, Giant Papillion, Meissner Lop, New Zealand Black, New Zealand Blue, Zealand White, Vienna, American Flemish, German Angora.

Size J - Continental Giant.

Size K - Miniature Lop, Miniature Lion Lop, Miniature Papillion, Miniature Plush Lop.

Size L - Alaska, Californian, Chinchilla Giganta, German Lop, Rhineland, Sallander, Thuringer.

Size X - Netherland Dwarf.

## **21.0 IRREGULARLY RINGED EXHIBITS**

21.1 Exhibits shall be disqualified if they are ringed with rings which are:-

- a. Of the incorrect size for the variety.
- b. Of the incorrect year for the age of the exhibit.
- c. Illegible.
- d. Split.
- e. Other than those approved by the R.B.A.T. Inc. except as indicated in Rules 24 and 25.

## **22.0 USE OF USED RINGS**

22.1 Once a ring has been used on a rabbit in a competitive exhibition, it may not be used again on any other animal for exhibition.

## **23.0 RE-RINGING OF EXHIBITS**

23.1 Once a rabbit has been ringed, it shall not be permissible for the ring to be replaced by another, without the prior knowledge and consent of the Association.

## **24.0 EXHIBITS OWNED BY RESIDENTS ABROAD**

24.1 In the case of exhibits owned by a person resident abroad the marking scheme peculiar to The country of



origin shall be recognized by the Show Committee whether the rabbit is        Wearing a R.B.A.T. Inc ring or not.

## **25.0    IMPORTED EXHIBITS**

25.1 Owners of rabbits bought from abroad which cannot be ringed with R.B.A.T Inc rings, may Register the foreign rings in their names by special registration on payment of the Prescribed fee.

25.2 A rabbit imported with the officially recognized markings of the country of origin tattooed in it's ear, may be exhibited at shows held under the Associations rules if ringed with either a R.B.A.T. Inc. ring or a ring officially recognized in the country of origin, provided the ring has been duly registered with the Association in the exhibitor's name, or if it is marked only with the officially recognized tattoo marks of the country of origin and bears no rings provided the marks have been registered with the Club in the exhibitor's name.

## **26.0    DISTINGUISHING MARKS OR TATTOOS**

26.1 No exhibit having any man-made mark or tattoo marks other than those provided for the above shall be exhibited.

## **27.0    OWNERSHIP OF EXHIBITS**

27.1 Every rabbit exhibited at a show must at the time of the exhibition be registered in the records of the Club as the bona fide property of the exhibitor in whose name it is entered.

27.2 In the case of rabbits wearing a ring not issued in the first place to the exhibitor, the Registration of a transfer (on an approved card bearing the signature of the purchaser and the seller) must be completed prior to the entry of the rabbit to the show or prior to the Closing date for entries to the show, whichever is earlier. The registration of a transfer is Not completed until the receipt of an acknowledgement of the transfer by the purchaser of the exhibit.

## **28.0 EXHIBITS PREVIOUSLY OWNED BY A JUDGE**

28.1 No rabbit previously owned by a judge shall be eligible for exhibition under that judge until a period of three months has elapsed from the date of the transfer being recorded. Except when the judge has been changed after the closing of the entries.

## **29.0 CUSTODY OF EXHIBITS**

29.1 During the show, all exhibits shall be I the custody of the Show Committee and may not be handled either by the owner or by any unauthorized person without official permission, and except in the case of illness in a exhibit, shall remain at the show until the commencement of general dispatch. Permission to remove stock must be given by the Show Manager or The Show Secretary.

29.2 Handlers of exhibits shall be permitted to water rabbits during the lunch break or in the case of there not being a lunch break during the show.

### **30.0 RESPONSIBILITY FOR DAMAGE AND PREVENTION OF DOGS AT SHOWS**

30.1 The Club, the Show Committee, It's organizers, Stewards or Officers shall not be Responsible for any loss or damage occasioned to any exhibit at a show, but the Organizers of the show shall not permit any dog in the hall or other venue in which a Rabbit show is being held.

### **31.0 SMOKING AT RABBIT SHOWS**

31.1 Smoking is prohibited in any venue where a rabbit show is being held. You must be at Least 3 metres from the doorway of the venue.

### **32.0 PENNING AND BEDDING**

32.1 Angoras must not be penned below other exhibits. It is strongly recommended that all efforts should be made to ensure that waterproofed staging must be used at all times to protect the exhibits in the lower cages.

32.2 All exhibits are to be shown in a secure show cage with adequate room for the rabbit to turn around, preferably with a wire inset floor. Top opening cages are essential but, not compulsory.

32.3 Bedding should be shredded or sheet newspaper placed under the wire inset for an absorbent. Clean wood-shavings can be used, but it is the onus of the exhibitor to clean any mess left by this.

- 32.4 Any cage that is in disrepair and found to be a danger to the rabbit may, at the discretion of the Show Committee warrant a “condemned” sticker and will not be permitted to be used Shows unless repaired by the owner and passed by the Show Committee.

### **33.0 FITNESS OF EXHIBITS**

- 33.1 The power to determine the fitness or otherwise of the exhibit at a show shall be vested in the Show Manager appointed at the show, or in the judge, and only such Show Manager or Judge, (as the case may be) is empowered to state whether the exhibit is or is not in a fit condition to be judged.

- 33.2 Any exhibit which upon its arrival or during the show is suspected of being in an unhealthy condition, must be boxed and after inspection under Show Rule 33.1 above shall, with the Approval of the person referred to in Rule 33.1 be returned to the owner. Entry fees for such exhibits will be forfeited.

### **34.0 LATE ARRIVALS**

- 34.1 Any exhibit arriving too late for its class or classes may be judged in any later classes for which it was entered and shall be eligible for any special prizes for which judging has not been completed, unless this contravenes the regulations of the Show Society.

### **35.0 CHANGE IN ENTRIES**

- 35.1 No change in entries shall be permitted after the closing date, except when a bona fide and obvious error has been

made on the part of either the exhibitor or the Show Secretary.

### **36.0 BREED DEFINITIONS**

36.1 The following breeds are defined as Fancy Breeds and cannot compete for special prizes confined to Fur Breeds: Angora, Belgian Hare, Dutch, English, Flemish, Papillion, Harlequin, Himalayan, Cashmere Lop, Miniature Cashmere Lop, Dwarf Lop, English Lop, French Lop, German Lop, Meissner Lop, Miniature Lop, Netherland Dwarf, Polish, Rhinelander, Silver, Tan, Thrianta, Tri-Colour Dutch.

36.2 All other recognized breeds are defined as Fur Breeds and cannot compete for special Prizes confined to Fancy Breeds.

### **37.0 YOUNG CLASSES**

37.1 Classes for young rabbits must be described as open to those under or between some Given numbers of months; for example, under five months, between five and six months.

37.2 When the breed standards specify a young rabbit as being under 5 months of age, it shall Not be permissible for one wearing a current year's ring to be shown as an adult until 1<sup>st</sup> June. The qualifying date for Dutch is the 1<sup>st</sup> of May.

### **38.0 ENTRY IN YOUNG AND ADULT CLASSES ON THE SAME DAY**

38.1 No exhibit may be shown in an Adult and young class on the same day, nor May any rabbit Entered in an Adult breed class be eligible for young duplicate classes.

## **39.0 YEAR CLASSES**

39.1 Exhibits in classes for those born in a specified year must be born in and wear a ring of that year, all ages to be calculated to the first day of the show.

## **40.0 CLASS DEFINITIONS**

40.1 The following definitions are recognized:-

- a. CHALLENGE OR OPEN: Open to all except where confined to a breed or breeds or to a specified age.
- b. LIMIT: Exhibit not to have won more than three first prizes in open competition.
- c. NOVICE EXHIBIT: On the day of entry not to have won a first prize at any show except in members classes or at table shows.
- d. NOVICE EXHIBIT AND EXHIBITION:  
Neither the exhibit nor the owner of the exhibit on the date of entry to have won a first prize at any show except Members classes or at table shows.
- e. LADIES: Exhibit to be owned and exhibited by a Lady.
- f. GENTLEMEN: Exhibit to be owned and exhibited by a Gentleman.

- g. MEMBERS: Exhibitors to be a member of the Club or Society.
- h. OWNER BREEDER: The Owner of the exhibit to have been the bona fide property of the exhibitor at the time when the exhibit was born.
- i. PAIRS AND TEAMS: A pair must consist of two rabbits, and a team of three rabbits of the same variety, matched as closely as possible in size, colour etc. The sex unless specially stated in the schedule is optional.
- j. JUVENILE: Exhibitor to be over 4 and under 17 years of age.
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- k. SELLING CLASSES: Exhibit to be catalogued for sale at or under a price stated.
- l. GIFT CLASSES: Exhibit to be presented to the Show Committee by whom it will be sold.
- m. STUD BUCK: Rabbits exhibited in Stud Buck classes must be Adult animals.

(Note – in estimating the number of prizes won, all wins previous to the date of the entry must be counted when entering any class).

#### **41.1 BASIS OF PRIZE MONEY TO BE STATED**

- 41.2 The basis on which prize money shall be paid, shall be at the sole discretion of the Show Committee, provided always that such basis should be clearly stated in the show Schedule and show advertisements (or the latter only when no schedule is issued) so that

prospective exhibitors shall know the terms under which they enter and the stated Obligations must strictly be adhered to.

#### **42.0 WITHHOLDING PRIZE MONEY**

42.1 Prize money may only be withheld when the judge chooses not to award a prize in a Class.

#### **43.0 PAYMENT OF PRIZE MONEY**

43.1 Payment of advertised prize money must be made as soon as possible after the completion of the show and in any event within thirty days.

#### **44.0 PAYMENT OF SWEEPSTAKE PRIZE MONEY**

44.1 At all Sweepstake shows, a statement showing the number of entries in the class and the amount of prize money must be sent to prize money winning exhibitors.

#### **45.0 COMPLAINTS REGARDING PRIZE MONEY**

45.1 In the event of a complaint being received by the Club regarding non-payment of prize Money, the Chairman, as well as the Show Secretary of the Club concerned shall be notified.

#### **46.0 SPECIAL PRIZES CONFINED TO EXHIBITS AT YOUNG & ADULT STOCK SHOWS.**

46.1 At young stock shows, Challenge Certificates, Diplomas and R.B.A.T. Inc. cups and Trophies, shall be restricted to young



stock of ages recognized for the breed concerned. At Adult stock shows, these awards shall be restricted to adult animals.

#### **47.0 COMPLETION OF PRIZE CARDS**

47.1 The name of the exhibitor and the pen number must be given on all prize cards except where a catalogue listing the names of all the exhibitors is published, when it shall be optional to the show Committee to insert the exhibitors name or not, and the ring number Inserted on all first prize cards. The Prize cards (including Challenge Certificates, Diplomas, and Special Prizes) should be placed on the pens as soon as awards have been made. After the show, the Prize cards must be returned to the successful exhibitors in their boxes.

#### **48.0 SPECIAL PRIZES**

48.1 The Show Secretary must issue any special prizes entrusted to him at the time of payment of other prize money and, in the case of special prizes in the hands of the donors, must supply to the donors the full names and addresses of the winners immediately after the Show. Such Special Prizes must be dispatched by the donors to the successful exhibitors without delay, and in any event within one month of the show.

#### **49.0 LIABILITY OF GUARANTORS**

49.1 Unless the contrary is agreed upon in writing the liability of the guarantor shall be limited to the difference (if any)

between the prize money paid out and the entry fees received by the Show Committee for the class concerned.

## **50.0 THE RABBIT BREEDERS ASSOCIATION OF TASMANIA INC REPRESENTATIVES AT SHOWS**

50.1 An accredited representative of the Club shall, wherever possible be appointed to act in the interest of the fanciers, according to the rules drawn up by the Club. Such Representative must be provided by the show committee with a free ticket of admission.

## **51.0 SALES**

51.1 Rabbits not entered in a show will only be allowed in the area for the purpose of a display for sale, after application has been made to the Show Secretary and after being checked by the vetting in official.

51.2 A fee as set by the Club Committee will be made per cage whether any rabbit is sold or Not. This fee must be paid prior to the rabbit/s entering the show area.

## **52.0 PAYMENT FOR CLAIMED EXHIBITS**

52.1 A rabbit entered in a show may be offered for sale only when permission to do so has been requested at the time of entry to such a show.

52.2 The Show Secretary/Manager will provide a For Sale sign of uniform size and design to be displayed on the cage of such a rabbit.

52.3 All enquiries regarding such rabbits to be directed to the Show Secretary/Manager. Sale of rabbits will not be finalized until completion of judging of all classes the rabbit is to be exhibited in.

52.4 The purchase price of such rabbits must be made to the Show Secretary who will deduct 10% of the selling price (or an amount set by the committee) as a sale commission for the Association. The remainder of the purchase price shall be passed on to the seller of the rabbits.

52.5 All rabbits offered for sale at shows must be pure bred but not necessarily rung.

#### **54.0 COMPLAINTS AND DISQUALIFICATIONS AT SHOWS**

54.1 Except in the case of disqualification by the judge or judges under Show Rules 5.1a, 5.1d, 21.1, or 33.1 (as to which the judge's decision is final), every protest against any Exhibit or exhibitor at a show must be made in writing and must be delivered, duly signed to the Show Secretary.

54.2 If the complainant is present at the show when the cause for the complaint is apparent the protest must be so delivered to the Show Secretary before the close of the show. (NOTE – see section relating to Rules governing the investigation of the complaints).

54.3 No person may lodge a complaint alleging improper or excessive preparation of an exhibit for show prior to the judging of the exhibit in all the classes for which it has been entered, except in the case of the judge who shall take action in accordance with show rule 5.0.

## **55.0 ADJUSTMENT OF AWARDS AFTER DISQUALIFICATION**

55.1 If a prize winner is disqualified, the exhibits placed by the judge next in order of merit, and not lower than 'Reserve' (our fourth), shall be moved in order into a Higher place in the prize list and such placing's so thereupon decide the winner.

## **56.0 RETURN OF PRIZE MONEY OR AWARDS AFTER DISQUALIFICATION**

56.1 In the event of disqualification of a prize winner subsequent to the delivery of payment of the prize or prize money, such prize or prize money must be returned at once on receipt of the official application for same.

56.2 The action to be taken by the show officials when an exhibit is disqualified or a protest made is laid down in the section of the Rules Governing the Investigation of Complaints.

## **57.0 CLAIMED AND DETAINED EXHIBITS**

57.1 In the event of any exhibit being retained by the Show Secretary or Committee under the Rules Governing the Investigation of Complaints., The Show Secretary shall notify the Exhibitor by letter, which must be posted by the next available post.

## **58.0 REFERENCE TO THE ASSOCIATION**

58.1 Any matter arising out of a show or arising in connection with claims of a person as to Award made to any of his particular stock which is not covered by the Show Rules of the Club, shall be referred to the Investigation Committee or the

Committee of the Management of the Club as the case may be, whose decision shall be final.

## **59.0 JUDGES DECISION**

59.1 At any show or exhibition the judges decisions is always final, and any disagreement must not be discussed until judging of the show is complete.

## **RULES GOVERNING THE INVESTIGATION OF COMPLAINTS**

(note – In these Rules, reference to the male gender Also infers to the female gender).

These Rules were approved by the Committee of Management of the Rabbit Breeders Association Of Tasmania Inc, on 22-8-'93 and the effective date of operation is 22-8-'93. Amendments were Approved by the Committee of Management on 27-11-'94 and subsequent amendments were Approved by the Committee of Management on 13-6-'09.

## **1.0 THE INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE**

1.1 The Club has power by an Investigation Committee appointed under Article 9.0 to inquire into and deal with any complaint against any person/s or Association of Persons, whether or not they are a member/s of the Rabbit Breeders Association of Tasmania Inc, made to the Club relating to the breach of rules, or any matter in connection or

relating to rabbits or arising at shows held under R.B.A.T. Inc Rules.

- 1.2 The Investigation Committee shall be fully entitled to obtain and before actually considering the evidence, to act on such legal or other expert advice as it may consider necessary or desirable.
- 1.3 No complaint may be dealt with by the Investigation Committee unless and until the person complained of shall have received from the Club, notice in writing specifying the ground/s of complaint and not less than 14 days' notice of the date and time, and place when and which the investigation Committee will meet to consider the said complaints.

## **2.0 DISQUALIFICATIONS AND PROTESTS AT SHOWS: REPORT BY SHOW SECRETARY TO ASSOCIATION**

- 2.1 All disqualifications by the judge for irregular preparation or any protest, must be reported without delay by certified mail by the Show Secretary to the Secretary of R.B.A.T. Inc, together with the names and addresses of:-
  - a. the Exhibitor, and
  - b. the protester, together with a copy of the protests (or grounds for disqualification) and particulars as to notification of protest to exhibitor and as to non-access to exhibit.

## **3.0 NOTIFICATION OF PROTEST TO EXHIBITOR**

- 3.1 The exhibitor against whom a protest has been made or whose exhibit has been Disqualified must be notified

immediately by the first available post by the Show Secretary.

- 3.2 The investigation Committee shall not consider or deal with any protests until proof of notification of the protest to the exhibitor, shall have been provided by the Show Secretary to the satisfaction of the Investigation Committee.

#### **4.0 ACTIONS BY SHOW SECRETARY WHEN PROTEST LODGED OR DISQUALIFICATION MADE**

- 4.1 Whenever a protest has been lodged, or disqualification made at a show held under R.B.A.T. Inc Show Rules alleging ineligibility to compete in any class or improper or Excessive preparation of an exhibit, the Show Secretary shall take the following action, unless the exhibitor against whom the complaint is made, admits to the offence In writing to the Show Secretary before the conclusion of the show:-

- a. Immediately impound the exhibit involved in the protest and keep it in such place and manner that no unauthorized person can obtain access to it. The Show Secretary shall  
Have responsibility for the safe custody of the exhibit and the prevention of any interference with it during the period of impounding to dispatch to the examiners and must  
Prove if so requested by the Investigation Committee that no unauthorized person has had access to the exhibit.
- b. Immediately notify the exhibitor that a protest has been lodged and that the exhibit has been retained for examination.

- c. Request immediately from the Secretary of R.B.A.T. Inc the name and address of the person to whom the exhibit shall be sent by the Show Secretary where it will be examined by a panel of three examiners appointed by the R.B.A.T. Inc. The Secretary of the R.B.A.T. Inc. shall notify all members of the panel of examiners.
- d. The person to whom the exhibit shall have been sent by the Show Secretary to be examined by a panel of examiners, shall return the exhibit to the exhibitor after due housing        feeding, rest and examination.
- e. Any transportation or feeding costs incurred by the exhibit retained in such a manner must be met by the exhibitor.

## **5.0 ACTION BY EXAMINING JUDGES**

- 5.1 The examiners shall submit their reports in writing to the Secretary of the R.B.A.T. Inc.

## **6.0 APPOINTING OF EXAMINING JUDGES**

- 6.1 The examining Panel shall be appointed by the Committee of Management of the Club.

## **7.0 NOTIFICATION OF COMPLAINANT AND EXHIBITOR OF DECISION OF EXAMINING JUDGES**

- 7.1 The decision of the examining judges shall be communicated by the Secretary of the R.B.A.T. Inc to the person making the protest and to the exhibitor concerned



and shall be Final and binding upon all parties connected by the protest.

## **8.0 CONSIDERATION OF PROTESTS AND APPEALS BY INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE.**

8.1 Every protest or complaint referring to an exhibit or exhibitor at a show held under the Show Rules of R.B.A.T. Inc including any appeal received, except an appeal against a decision of the Investigation Committee, shall be considered and determined by the Investigation Committee.

## **9.0 SUBMISSION OF DEFENCE**

9.1 Any person or Body of persons against whom a complaint or protest has been lodged shall, within 21 days of being notified of such complaint or protest by the Secretary, or of Submitting such appeal, submit to the Secretary of R.B.A.T. Inc in writing and by certified Mail, such explanation/s in his defence or of his grounds of appeal as he shall desire to Give.

## **10.0 NEGLECT OR REFUSAL TO SUBMIT DEFENCE**

10.1 Neglect or refusal to submit and explanation or defence within the time so stipulated by Rule 9.0, shall not preclude or prevent the Investigation Committee from considering or Deciding or determining such complaint, protest or appeal as the case may be, Notwithstanding the absence of such explanation/s afore said.

## **11.0 RIGHT OF PERSONAL APPEARANCE BEFORE THE INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE**

11.1 Any person by or against whom a complaint, protest or appeal has been lodged, shall be Entitled to present in person to offer evidence of his own behalf at a meeting of the Investigation Committee, especially convened on 14 days notice to all parties concerned, To consider such complaint provided that application for such personal hearing is made in Writing to the Secretary of R.B.A.T. Inc at the same time as his explanation or protest or Appeal is offered.

## **12.0 RIGHT OF LEGAL REPRESENTATION**

12.1 Any Complainant, protester, appellant or respondent may, if he so desires, be represented Before the Investigation Committee by a practicing Solicitor or Barrister at law, provided the Party concerned shall not less than 10 days before the date fixed for the hearing thereof, Notify to the Secretary of R.B.A.T. Inc his intention to do so in which case the Investigation Committee shall have power to appoint an adviser for such hearing and any adjournment Thereof, a practicing Solicitor or Barrister at law.

## **13.0 POWERS OF INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE TO IMPOSE PENALTIES**

13.1 The Investigation Committee shall have the power to impose any or all of the following Penalties on any person/s against whom a complaint or protest or appeal is substantiated:-

- a. The disqualification of an exhibit.

- b. The removal of a members name from the roll of members of the Club.
- c. The Infliction of a fine of such amount (not exceeding \$50) as the Investigation Committee may decide.
- d. A censure or warning.
- e. The suspension of a member, for such time and in such manner and subject to such conditions as the Investigation Committee may decide.
- f. The disqualification of a person for life or for any shorter period from becoming a member of the Club and from becoming a member of any Club or Society or Body affiliated with the Club.
- g. The disqualification of a member or non-member for life or for any shorter period from exhibiting or taking any part at any show held under the R.B.A.T. Inc Rules.
- h. The disqualification of a member or non-member for life or for any shorter period from obtaining or retaining any R.B.A.T. Inc ring/s.

13.2 Suspension or disqualification under clause e. and f. in Rule 13.1, shall involve the following disabilities:-

- a. The publication and circulation of the name and address of the guilty offender.
- b. Loss of membership to the offender in the Club and all its affiliated Organisations

- c. Prohibition from acting in any capacity as an official judge or exhibitor at any show held under R.B.A.T. Inc Rules.
- d. Ineligibility to purchase any R.B.A.T. Inc rings or register any transfers of ring numbers to or from the person concerned.
- e. Prohibition from advertising or making other contributions to any publication of the Association.

#### **14.0 DEFAULT IN PAYMENT OF FINES**

- 14.1 In default of the payment of a fine, the offender shall be liable to be dealt with as if he has been suspended.

#### **15.0 FAILURE TO OBSERVE SUSPENDED CONDITIONS**

- 15.1 The non-observance of the conditions governing such suspension shall be dealt with as an irregularity in such a manner as the Committee of Management may decide.

#### **16.0 DISQUALIFIED EXHIBITS**

- 16.1 Any rabbit which has been disqualified and such disqualification upheld by the Suspension of the owner shall not be eligible for competition so long as the owner at the time of disqualification is under suspension. Neither shall this rabbit be eligible for Exhibition by any other person during the period mentioned above.

#### **17.0 APPEALS AGAINST DECISION OF INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE – THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT**

- 17.1 The Protester, complainant, appellant or respondent (unless he has failed to submit an Explanation to the Investigation

Committee shall have found the explanations given to them by the person to be irrelevant or frivolous) may appeal to the Committee of Management (which Committee of Management for this purpose shall exclude members of the Investigation Committee) of R.B.A.T. Inc against the findings of the Investigation Committee, provided that such person shall have forwarded by certified mail to the Secretary of R.B.A.T. Inc within ten days of the decision of the appeal, together with a Deposit of \$10, which may be forfeited if the appeal is not upheld.

17.2 The Committee of Management shall after considering all statements made by Appellant and by the members of the Investigation Committee in an appeal, have full Power to rescind or to vary or to uphold the decision of the Investigation Committee.

17.3 The Committee of Management shall have the power in any case which in its discretion shall appear to warrant it, to require either the complainant or the defendant or both, to Lodge with it, a duly completed statutory declaration as to the facts alleged by the party.

17.4 In all cases where the appeal is fully upheld and the decision of the investigation Committee reversed, the deposit made by the appellant shall be refunded to him.

#### 18.0 ACTION ON DECISIONS OF THE INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE BY AFFILIATED CLUBS

18.1 All affiliated organizations shall recognize and, where necessary comply with all decisions of the Rabbit Breeders Association of Tasmania Investigation Committee (except a

Decision which varied or rescinded here of by the Committee of Management) and with all Decisions of the Committee of Management.

## **19.0 PUBLICATION OF OFFENDERS NAMES**

19.1 All or any of the decisions of the Investigation Committee (or the Committee of Management acting as the appeals Committee) with the names of the persons affected and the nature of the alleged offences may at the discretion of the Committee of Management be published in any of the fancy newspapers or periodicals or in any way, and any person making an entry of rabbits or acting as an official or judge at a show held under these R.B.A.T. Inc Rules or being a member of the club, shall be deemed to have consented to such publication.

## **REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE AWARD OF R.B.A.T. INC** **SUPPORT**

These regulations were approved by the Committee of management of the Rabbit Breeders Association of Tasmania on 22-8-'93 and effective date of operation is the 22-8-'93.

Amendments were approved on 27-11-'94. Subsequent amendments were approved and effective from 13<sup>th</sup> .June. 2009.

## **1.0 APPLICATION FOR THE AWARD OF SUPPORT**

1.1 The official show application form, together with a draft copy of the schedule (including List of classes, names of judges and prize money offered (if any)), shall be sent to the Secretary of the R.B.A.T. Inc prior to the show, the appropriate period been given below.

- 1.2 The completion of the above mentioned application form shall be considered to be an Undertaking by the Officers and Committee of the show to abide by the Show Rules and Regulations of the R.B.A.T. Inc.

## **2.0 ALTERATION TO SCHEDULE**

- 2.1 No alteration may be made in the schedule, Judges or any prize money offered, after Submission with the application for support without the consent of the R.B.A.T. Inc except in the case of sickness of the judge.

## **3.0 SHOWS HELD AT THE SAME VENUE**

- 3.1 All sections and/or shows of rabbits staged at the same venue and on the same date must be held under the Show Rules of the R.B.A.T. Inc.

## **4.0 REFERENCE TO THE R.B.A.T. INC RULES IN ANY ADVERTISEMENTS & SCHEDULE.**

- 4.1 The words “Under R.B.A.T. Inc Rules” and the full name of the Club organizing the show must appear in any advertisements, schedule, and catalogue of the Rabbit Section. Where the Club grants show support, the show must be advertised in any official organ and details of R.B.A.T. Inc support (i.e. Challenge Certificates, Diplomas, Trophies and cash and other special prizes), must be stated in the schedule and all advertisements. The Show must also be advertised in any official organ in sufficient time for fanciers to send Entries.

## **5.0 WITHHOLDING, REFUSAL TO GRANT & CANCELLATION OF SUPPORT**

- 5.1 R.B.A.T. Inc. reserves the right to grant, withhold, refuse or cancel Challenge Certificates, Diplomas, Trophies, Cash and other Special prizes and all other show support at any Show and/or permission to hold a show under R.B.A.T. Inc Rules.

## **6.0 FEES FOR SHOW SUPPORT**

- 6.1 The fees for show support are as follows: ..... Challenge Certificates: as set by the Committee year to year....  
Diplomas: as set by the Committee year to year.

## **7.0 CREDIT FOR UNUSED CHALLENGE CERTIFICATES**

- 7.1 Credit for Challenge Certificates can only be claimed on return of unused certificates to R.B.A.T. Inc.

## **8.0 SHOWS WHICH CAN CLAIM SUPPORT**

- 8.1 Show support in any form can only be offered for award at shows organized by Clubs and Societies etc. Whose affiliation fees are fully paid up.
- 8.2 Any show to which support is offered must be a separate show. A points show or some Points classes for a Specialist Club cannot be offered support. To obtain star support (i.e. Challenge Certificates and open Diplomas), all exhibits must be penned, the show must be opened to any exhibitor who



could enter and the classes must cater for all Breeds and colours for which the show is run.

- 8.3 One star support may be granted for the first three shows held by a new club in which the Exhibits are not penned, provided that the Club making the application for this support has not previously applied for and been given star support for a show where exhibits were Penned.

## **9.0 CLASSIFICATION**

- 9.1 The classification of the show must be such that any breed can be entered (except for a three star Open Pen Specialist Show, where every colour of the particular breed must be Catered for). This requirement can be facilitated by including an A.O.V. class at the end of each section for Fancy, Lop, Normal Fur and Rex.

## **10.0 YOUNG CLASSES**

- 10.1 The age of young classes must be these recognized with the B.R.C. for the breed Concerned, or in the case of Rex, under five months.

## **11.0 YEAR CLASSES**

- 11.1 Year classes cannot be accepted as suitable classes for the award of support but any age Classes are permissible.

## **12.0 STAR GRADING**

- 12.1 Qualifications.

All shows to which Challenge Certificates are offered and graded into one, two, three, four or five Star shows. (A show not claiming star Challenge Certificates cannot be a Star Show). The conditions which decide the grading of shows, which can only be decided by The Committee of Management of the R.B.A.T. Inc are as follows:-

#### **12A.2 FOUR STAR ALL BREED CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW**

- a. Definition  
A show of sufficient magnitude, importance and prestige to the rabbit fancy to warrant this Grading.
  - b. Judges  
Must be R.B.A.T. Inc approved Judges.
  - c. Limit  
Of 2 such shows in Tasmania in each calendar year.
  - d. Prize Money and Challenge certificates for the straight breed classes, must be guaranteed at a minimum of \$3 per class (eg \$2.\$1).  
Duplicate class prize money is at the discretion of the Club/Society. The show must claim a Minimum of 20 Challenge Certificates and have at least one duplicate challenge class each for Fancy, Lop, Normal Fur and Rex and additional challenge classes are optional.
- Or
- e. No Prize Money  
The show must claim a minimum of 25 Challenge certificates and have two separate Duplicate challenge classes each for Fancy, Lop, Normal Fur and Rex.

- f.     Security  
In the case of 12A.2d above, the Committee of Management may want to satisfy itself (with details sent in confidence if necessary) that the assets of the Club/Society holding the show are sufficient to meet the liabilities.
- g.     Application for Show Support  
Must be made on the correct form and supported by a copy of the Schedule at least six (6) Weeks before the date of the show.

## **12B.2 FIVE STAR ALL BREEDS CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW**

- a.     Definition  
A Show of Sufficient Magnitude, Importance and Prestige to the rabbit fancy to warrant this grading.
- b.     Judges  
Must be R.B.A.T. Inc approved judges.
- c.     Limit  
Of 1 such show in Tasmania in each Calendar year.
- d.     Prize Money and Challenge Certificates  
For the straight breed classes, Must be guaranteed at a minimum of \$3 per class (eg \$2, \$1).  
Duplicate class prize money is at the discretion of the Club/Society. The show must claim a Minimum of 20 Challenge certificates and have at least one separate duplicate challenge Class each for Fancy, Lop, Normal Fur and Rex and additional challenge classes are optional.

Or

e. No Prize Money

The show must claim a minimum of 25 Challenge Certificates and have two separate Duplicate challenge classes each for Fancy, Lop, Normal Fur and Rex.

f. Security

In the case of 12B.2d above the Committee of Management may want to satisfy itself (with Details sent in confidence if necessary) that the assets of the Club/Society holding the show Are sufficient to meet the liabilities.

g. Application for Show Support

Must be made on the correct form and supported by a copy of the schedule at least six (6) Weeks before the date of the show.

## **12.2 THREE STAR ALL BREED CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW.**

a. Definition

A show of sufficient magnitude, importance and prestige to the rabbit fancy to warrant this Grading.

b. Judges

Must be R.B.A.T. Inc approved Judges.

c. Limit

Of two such shows held by each all breeds Club in each calendar year.

d. Prize Money and Challenge Certificates

For the straight breed classes, must be guaranteed a minimum of \$3 per class (eg \$2, \$1).

Duplicate class prize money is at the discretion of the Club/Society. The show must claim a Minimum of 20 Challenge Certificates and have at least one separate duplicate challenge Class for Fancy, Lop, Normal Fur and Rex and additional challenge classes are optional.

Or

e. No Prize Money

The show must claim a minimum of 25 Challenge Certificates and have two separate Duplicate challenge classes for each Fancy, Lop, Normal Fur and Rex.

f. Security

In the case of 12.2d above, the Committee of Management may want to satisfy itself (with Details sent in confidence if necessary) that the assets of the Club/Society holding the show Are sufficient to meet the liabilities.

g. Application for Show Support

Must be made on the correct form and supported by a copy of the schedule at least six (6) Weeks before the date of the show.

### **12.3 THREE STAR SPECIALIST CLUB SHOW**

a. A show of sufficient magnitude, importance and prestige to the rabbit fancy to warrant this grading.

b. Judges

Must be R.B.A.T. Inc approved judges.

c. Limit

Of three such shows for each Specialist club in each calendar year.

- d. For the straight breed classes, must be guaranteed at a minimum of \$3 per class (eg. \$2, \$1). Duplicate class prize money is at the discretion of the Specialist Club. The Show must claim a minimum of 3 Challenge Certificates and have at least one duplicate Challenge class.  
Or
- e. No Prize Money – The show must claim a minimum of 5 Challenge Certificates and have two separate duplicate Challenge classes.
- f. Application for show support  
Must be made on the correct form and supported by a copy of the classification at least six (6) weeks before the date of the show.

## **12.4 TWO STAR ALL BREED CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW**

- a. Definition  
A show of sufficient magnitude, importance and prestige to the rabbit fancy to warrant this Grading.
- b. Judges  
Must be R.B.A.T. Inc approved judges.
- c. Limit  
Of ten such shows held by each club in each calendar year.
- d. Prize Money and Challenge Certificates

For the straight breed classes, must be guaranteed as a minimum of \$3 per class (eg.\$2,\$1).

Duplicate class prize money is at the discretion of the Club/Society. The show must claim a Minimum of 20 Challenge Certificates and have at least one separate duplicate challenge Class for each Fancy, Lop, Normal Fur and Rex and additional challenge classes are optional.

Or

e. No Prize Money

The show must claim a minimum of 20 Challenge Certificates and have two separate duplicate Challenge classes each for Fancy, Lop, Normal Fur and Rex.

f. Security

In the case of 12.2d above, the Committee of Management may want to satisfy itself (with Details sent in confidence if necessary) that the assets of the Club/Society holding the show are sufficient to meet the liabilities.

g. Application for Show Support

Must be made on the correct form and supported by a copy of the schedule at least four (4) Weeks before the date of the show.

## **12.5 ONE STAR ALL BREED CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW**

a. Definition

A show of sufficient magnitude, importance and prestige to the rabbit fancy to warrant this grading.

b. Judges

Must be R.B.A.T. Inc approved judges.

- c.     Limit  
of twelve such shows for each Club/Society in each calendar year.
  
- d.     Prize money and Challenge Certificates  
May be guaranteed at the Club/Society's choice of prize money or may be on a Sweepstake basis (25% of entry fee per class to the Club/Society and 75% of entry fee to The first three prize winners (divided: 1<sup>st</sup> – 60%, 2<sup>nd</sup> – 30%, 3<sup>rd</sup> – 10%) The Show must Claim a minimum of 10 challenge Certificates and have two separate duplicate challenge Classes each for Fancy, Lop, Normal Fur and Rex together with at least four other challenge Classes.....

Or

- e.     No Prize Money  
The show must claim a minimum of 25 Challenge Certificates and have two separate duplicate Challenge Classes each for Fancy, Lop, Normal Fur and Rex.
  
- f.     Security  
In the case of 12.5d above, insofar as it relates to guaranteed prize money, the Committee of Management may want to satisfy itself (with details sent in confidence if necessary) that the assets of the Club/Society holding the Show are sufficient to meet the liabilities.
  
- g.     Application for show support  
Must be made on the correct form and supported by a copy of the schedule at least four Weeks before the date of the show.



### **13.0 CHALLENGE CERTIFICATES**

- 13.1 Challenge Certificates are offered to exhibits at shows (exhibited by individual members who are not in arrears with their subscriptions) which have proved in open competition to be representative of the breeds recognized by the R.B.A.T. Inc. To ensure that these Certificates shall only be awarded to animals of outstanding merit, the following rules shall apply:-
- a. The R.B.A.T. Inc. will offer to affiliated Clubs/Societies at shows held under its rules, Challenge Certificates for the best specimens of specified breeds.
  - b. These certificates must be awarded by a duly approved R.B.A.T. Inc Judge (and Specialist Club approved judge at three star open pen Specialist Club shows). No support May be awarded to any member who has been suspended by R.B.A.T. Inc.
  - c. The exhibit to which a certificate is awarded must be ringed in accordance with Show Rule 19.0.
  - d. The exhibit must in the opinion of the judge, be a worthy specimen of its breed, without serious fault, and the judge must sign the pen award card to this effect after checking the ring number.
  - e. The Committee of Management reserves the right to withhold a Challenge Certificate should it consider such a course desirable. In such an event, the Committee of Management will not be bound to give any explanation for it's decision.

- f. Challenge Certificates shall be offered at shows which are open and have a suitable classification and (except in the case of a Specialist Club Show) which cater for all recognized breeds, either by straight breed classes or any other variety classes.
- g. A straight breed class shall not be used as a duplicate class..
- h. A rabbit shall not be entered in two straight breed classes.
- i. It is not permissible to include in a schedule any class described as “may be duplicated”. Classes must either be straight breed classes or duplicate classes.
- j. Challenge Certificates are offered to all breeds and varieties or colours and must be claimed by the Club/Society, where a straight breed class is scheduled.

#### **14.0 GRADING OF CHALLENGE CERTIFICATES**

- 14.1 The challenge Certificate bear the number of stars corresponding to the grading of the show.

#### **15.0 A.O.V. (ANY OTHER VARIETY) CHALLENGE CERTIFICATES**

- 15.1 At all types of Challenge Certificate supported shows, an A.O.V. Challenge Certificate must be claimed by each section in order to allow every exhibit at the show a chance Of winning a Challenge Certificate unless all breeds in that section, are covered by their own Challenge Certificates.

#### **16.0 DIPLOMAS**

16.1 The R.B.A.T. Inc will offer to affiliated Clubs/Societies at shows held under it's rules one or more Diplomas as follows according to the number of Challenge Certificates claimed:-

Best In Show  
Best Fancy  
Best Lop  
Best Normal Fur or Rex  
Best Normal Fur  
Best Rex

Special Diplomas are granted for local shows (i.e. Table Shows).

16.2 Diplomas may only be won by individual members who are not in arrears with their Subscriptions.

16.3 Diplomas are granted subject to the same conditions as are indicated in the regulations Above regarding Challenge Certificates, and provided that (except in the case of Specialist Club Show) three Challenge certificates are offered in the appropriate Sections.

16.4 A Diploma for Best in Show is awarded at Specialist Club Shows.

## **17.0 JUVENILE DIPLOMAS**

17.1 Juvenile Diplomas are offered to shows with a minimum number of juvenile straight Breed classes judged to show standard. Classes for juveniles that are not judged to Show standard cannot be offered Diplomas.

17.2 A Juvenile Diploma is offered to any juvenile section if there are three straight breed Classes.

17.3 If there are three Fancy classes and three Fur classes, then two Juvenile Diplomas are offered.

17.4 If there are three Fancy, three Lop, three Normal Fur and three Rex classes, then four Juvenile Diplomas are offered.

17.5 There is no charge for Juvenile Diplomas.

17.6 Any Juvenile member winning six or more Juvenile Diplomas with one exhibit, is Awarded a plaque.

## **18.0 JUVENILE CLASSES AND SECTIONS**

18.1 Juvenile classes and sections may be held at all types of open pen shows but Challenge Certificates cannot be offered to these classes or sections.

## **19.0 LOCAL SHOW (TABLE SHOW) DIPLOMAS**

19.1 Any affiliated Club can claim one two, or three Diplomas for each open local show Which it holds. In addition, the Club may claim a Local Show "Best In Show" Diploma,

Which is supplied free. This Diploma is purely a Prize Card and does not entitle the Winner to any other prize. A local show is one for which star support cannot be Granted, e.g. it may not be a pen show.

19.2 Application must be made at least one month before the date of the show. No Special Form is required. The Club can

make application for as many shows as they like at the at the same time (within reason) in the same letter.

- 19.3 The only condition with regard to the judge is that he/she must be an individual member of The R.B.A.T.Inc. There is no need for the Club/Society to give the name of the judge. When applying for diplomas, providing they make certain that the judge is an individual Member of the R.B.A.T.Inc.
- 19.4 There is no limit to the number of shows held by any club to which local show diplomas can be offered.
- 19.5 The Diploma cards must be signed by both the judge and the show secretary (after the Details have been completed), but no show returns need to be sent to the R.B.A.T. Inc.
- 19.6 When one Diploma only is claimed, it is to be awarded to the best exhibit in the show.  
When two Diplomas are claimed, they are awarded to the Best Fancy Exhibit and the Best Fur (i.e. Normal Fur or Rex) exhibit. When four Diplomas are claimed, they are Awarded to the Best Fancy, Best Lop, Best Normal Fur and Best Rex.
- 19.7 All Diplomas won at local shows entitle the exhibitor to compete for a plaque.
- 19.8 Any Adult member of R.B.A.T. Inc winning seven Diplomas with the same exhibit, or any Juvenile member of the R.B.A.T.Inc winning five Diplomas with the same exhibit, will, on Application to the Secretary of the R.B.A.T. Inc. be awarded a plaque. As there are no Show returns, the Local Show Diploma cards themselves must be sent in support of

the Claim. There is no time limit whatsoever on the period over which the Diplomas need to be won.

## **20.0 CHAMPION POINTS SYSTEM**

The System appointed by the Rabbit Breeders Association of Tasmania Inc. is as follows :-

CHAMPION	Under (3)
Judges – 15 points	
GRAND CHAMPION	Under (4)
Judges - 20 points	
SUPREME CHAMPION	Under (5)
Judges - 25 points	

These points are taken from Challenge Certificates and Diplomas

### **GENERAL REGULATIONS**

These regulations were approved by the Committee of Management of the Rabbit Breeders Association of Tasmania Inc. and the effective date of operation is the 22.8.1993 and amended On the 26.6. 2009.

## **1.0 PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHIES**

- 1.1 The Perpetual Challenge Trophies held by the Rabbit Breeders Association of Tasmania Inc Are the property of the Club and cannot be won outright, and shall be offered for annual Competition under the conditions stated hereafter.
- 1.2 The Perpetual Challenge Trophies shall only be won by individual members of the R.B.A.T. Inc and members joining the Club as new members must forward their financial dues

so as To reach the Secretary of the Club at least 1 month prior to the opening of the show.

- 1.3 All the Perpetual Challenge Trophies offered for competition shall be awarded only where they have been won according to the awards of approved judges.
- 1.4 All the Perpetual Challenge Trophies shall be returned by the holders in the same good Order and condition in which they were received within one week upon written application for them from the Secretary.

## **2.0 STUD PREFIXES**

- 2.1 A stud prefix (not being a properly registered trade mark) shall not be recognized unless duly registered with the R.B.A.T. Inc. Individual members shall have the privilege of Registering a prefix subject to the approval of the Committee of Management, and no Member except the person in whose name a prefix is registered shall be allowed to use it.

A stud prefix shall consist of no more than two words and shall not be named after a Town or place or a famous person.

- 2.2 All stud prefixes registered by the Rabbit Breeders Association of Tasmania Inc shall be Operative on and after the approval is granted.
- 2.3 The fee registering a stud prefix shall not be subject to renewal and must accompany the Application for registration. The registration of the stud prefix will lapse upon the individual Member ceasing to be a member of

the Rabbit Breeders Association of Tasmania Inc. The  
Once only  
fee for a prefix stud registration shall be set by the  
Committee year to year.

- 2.4 The Committee of Management reserves the right to cancel the use of a stud prefix at any Time and should such action be taken, the individual member shall not be entitled to the Repayment of any registration fees paid in respect thereof.
- 2.5 The right to hold and use a registered stud prefix shall terminate immediately upon the Committee of Management being satisfied that there is in existence a properly registered Trademark of the same name likely to cause confusion with the one registered with the R.B.A.T Inc and in such event, the individual member whose registered stud prefix ceases, Shall not be entitled to the repayment of any registration fees paid in respect thereof.

### **3.0. R.B.A.T. INC. DISTRICT ADVISERS**

- 3.1 The Committee of Management will appoint and publish a list of accredited R.B.A.T.Inc. District Advisers (referred to as an accredited representative in Show Rule 50.0) who will be willing to offer practical advice relating to Rabbit keeping to individual members and to members of Affiliated Associations, Clubs, and Societies, etc.
- 3.2. Whilst every care will be taken, the Committee of Management cannot accept any Legal Liability for advice given.





## **4.0 DISEASE, QUARANTINE AND SHOWING**

- 4.1** If you knowingly have RCD or any other contagious disease in your rabbitry and then show, Judge, Steward or handle rabbits at a show and this can be proved by our Complaints Committee, then a life expulsion from RBAT Inc Membership and Showing will be imposed.
- 4.2** Any member in whose rabbitry a case of RCD or any other contagious disease is confirmed may not Show, Judge, Steward or handle rabbits belonging to others until the elapse of a 120 day period following the last death of a rabbit due to these diseases.
- 4.3** Interstate Judges will be provided with a Judging Acceptance Slip requesting Traveling Expenses Etc. and also included will be the question – Have you had RCD or any other contagious diseases in your rabbitry within the last 120 days or any unexplained deaths. It is compulsory that this Form be returned to Committee before we accept them for their appointment.
- 4.4** No person knowingly having RCD or any other contagious diseases in their rabbitry is permitted to sell stock of any age for a period of 120 days following the last death due to RCD or any other contagious diseases. Any person knowingly doing the above and this can be proved by our Complaints Committee, then a life expulsion from RBAT Inc Membership and Showing will be imposed.
- 4.5** That RBAT Inc. highly recommends that any rabbits having suffered unexplained deaths within a rabbitry be sent for Veterinary Testing for RCD and or confirmation thereof. Any person unable or unwilling to have Veterinary Testing

performed are automatically placed into a 120 day quarantine period.

- 4.6** Members are to avoid rabbit related activities (Where rabbits are present) for a period of 30 days after their last death.

These Rules relating to RCD were put in place on the 25<sup>th</sup> January, 1997 and amended to include other Contagious diseases on the 24<sup>th</sup> April, 1999. Rule change on the 4<sup>th</sup> April 2012 and again on the 8<sup>th</sup> September 2012. Rule change on 15<sup>th</sup> August, ratified 9<sup>th</sup> September 2017 to reflect 120 day Quarantine Period to be imposed not 3 months.

## **SHOW RULES**

Regulations relating to the R.B.A.T. Inc

Support

General Regulations

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26<sup>th</sup> June 2009

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