

EXHIBITING AT SHOWS

EXTRACT OF RULES & REGULATIONS

The following is an extract from the Droughtmaster Stud Breeders' Society Limited Rules and Regulations, November 2023, as they relate to exhibiting at shows.

14. EXHIBITING AT SHOWS

The following clauses apply to Royal Shows, Feature Shows, Futurities, Beef Expos and Agricultural Shows, which are hereinafter, collectively referred to as 'shows'.

General

- 14.1 The Board may select any number of Droughtmaster Feature Shows each year.
- 14.2 When exhibiting cattle at shows, Droughtmaster members must comply with the rules of the organising body of the relevant show (i.e. Beef Australia, Royal Queensland Show, an Agricultural Show hosting a Feature Show).
- 14.3 If a rule in these Rules and Regulations is inconsistent with a similar rule of the organising body, the rule of the organising body will apply.
- 14.4 If the organising body does not have a rule in place (similar to, or relating to, the content of a rule in these Rules and Regulations), these Rules and Regulations will apply.
- 14.5 People who are deemed suitable by the Droughtmaster Society may be selected to judge Droughtmaster stud cattle at any show.
- 14.6 Only D4 and D5 registered Droughtmasters can be exhibited at Royal Shows, Feature Shows, Futurities and Beef Expos. Only D3, D4 and D5 registered Droughtmasters can be exhibited in the stud beef cattle section of an Agricultural Show.
- 14.7 Registered Droughtmaster cattle that are exhibited at shows must have a readily identifiable permanent brand or tattoo, which must include the animal's identification number. This rule does not apply to a calf under the age of three months that is exhibited as a cow and calf unit.
- 14.8 Registered Droughtmaster cattle that are exhibited at shows must conform to the Standard of Excellence as set out in the Constitution of the Droughtmaster Society and these Rules and Regulations.
- 14.9 Droughtmaster cattle that are exhibited at shows must be thoroughly tractable and able to be led safely.
- 14.10 For the purpose of determining the class in which an animal will be exhibited, the age of the animal will be calculated from the first day of the month in which the show is convened.

Dentition

- 14.11 The Droughtmaster mouthing standard will govern the maximum permissible dental development of Droughtmaster cattle that are being exhibited at shows. The maximum dental development is based on the actual age of the animal on show day, and not the age as determined by the relevant organising body for the purpose of setting classes and class entries.
- 14.12 When mouthing is a prerequisite at the show, a mouthing official will be appointed by the Society to evaluate the dental development of Droughtmaster cattle that are being exhibited at the show.
- 14.13 A Droughtmaster will not be eligible for exhibition or judging at a show if:
- (a) In the case of an animal under 19 months (*580 days) of age on the day of mouthing at the show, it has a permanent tooth or teeth, or there is evidence the animal has had a permanent tooth or teeth.
 - (b) In the case of an animal under 25 months (*763 days) of age on the day of mouthing at the show, it has more than two (2) permanent teeth, or there is evidence the animal has had more than two (2) permanent teeth.
 - (c) In the case of an animal under 30 months (*915 days) of age on the day of mouthing at the show, it has more than four (4) permanent teeth, or there is evidence the animal has had more than four (4) permanent teeth.
 - (d) In the case of an animal under 36 months (*1,098 days) of age on the day of mouthing at the show, it has more than six (6) permanent teeth, or there is evidence the animal has had more than six (6) permanent teeth.

Days of age calculated at 30.5 days per month.

For the purposes of evaluating dentition, the animal is deemed have a tooth or teeth if the tooth or teeth have erupted through the gum.

- 14.14 When mouthing is a prerequisite at the show, all animals of age must be mouthed at the event, and the results recorded at that time. If an animal is not mouthed in accordance with these Rules and Regulations, and there are adequate facilities available in which the animal can be mouthed (i.e. a crush or head bale), the animal cannot be presented for judging.
- 14.15 An animal, which is found to be ineligible based on its dentition, will be debarred from judging at the relevant show, and any subsequent shows thereafter.

Nose Rings / Nose Grips

- 14.16 When exhibiting at a show, all animals (with the exception of a calf being exhibited as a cow and calf unit), must have a permanent nose ring, or nose grip, as set out below:
- (a) bulls that are twelve (12) months of age or over must have a permanent nose ring.

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- (b) bulls that are nine (9) months of age and under twelve (12) months must have nose ring or nose grip.
- (c) females that are nine (9) months of age or over must have nose ring or nose grip.

Pregnancy Status

- 14.17 The pregnancy rule will apply if the organising body (Beef Australia, Royal Queensland Show or host Agricultural Show for a Feature Show) requires the rule to be applied. The rule, when implemented, requires a veterinarian to certify the pregnancy status of a female that is exhibited at the show. The furnishing of a pregnancy certificate may not be compulsory; however, in the absence of a pregnancy test certificate issued by a veterinarian, the female may be judged as 'empty'.

Group Classes

- 14.18 The following rules will apply to the following classes at shows:
- (a) **Breeders' Group** – Must be three animals of mixed sexes. All animals must be bred and owned by the exhibitor, must be from the same Stud Prefix, and must be entered in the general classes.
 - (b) **Sire's Progeny Group** – Must be three animals of mixed sexes. All animals must be bred and owned by the exhibitor, must be from the same Stud Prefix, and must be entered in the general classes.
 - (c) **Dam's Progeny** – Must be two animals of either sex. Both animals must be bred and owned by the exhibitor, must be from the same Stud Prefix, and must be entered in the general classes.
 - (d) **Pair of Bulls or Pair of Females** – All animals must be bred and owned by the exhibitor, must be from the same Stud Prefix, and must be entered in the general classes.

Cow and Calf Units

- 14.19 A calf shown as a cow and calf unit must be under 9 months of age.
- 14.20 Calves that are part of a cow and calf unit cannot be exhibited as an individual entry.

Most Successful Exhibitor

- 14.21 The 'Most Successful Exhibitor' is awarded to the stud prefix that has achieved the highest number of points at the event.

Objection Process

- 14.22 In circumstances where there is an objection in relation to compliance with the Standard of Excellence as set out in the Constitution, or compliance with these Rules and Regulations, the person raising the objection must complete a Society objection

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form and thereafter, deliver the form to the CEO of the Society, or if the CEO is absent or unavailable, to a Director of the Society.

- 14.23 The Directors in attendance at the event, and the relevant Droughtmaster Show organising committee, will make a ruling in relation to any objection that has been received.
- 14.24 Objections of this kind must not be directed to the Judge that is officiating over the Droughtmaster judging at the event, or representatives of the organising body of the relevant show or event.
- 14.45 Society objection forms will be available at each Show.