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A GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 1 The National Competitions will be open to all members of affiliated clubs, amateur or professional, and to overseas competitors provided they are members of an affiliated club in their own country, with the provision that any trophies won should remain in New Zealand.
- 2 All rules will be adhered to rigidly and no award made to any exhibitor who breaks rules.
- 3 There shall be both Junior and Open Divisions. Juniors may compete in Open Divisions but not in both simultaneously with the same exhibit. The definition of "Junior" shall be "*One who has not reached the age of sixteen years by January 1st in the year in which the competition is held*".
- 4 All club exhibitions may provide for inter-club classes but only one exhibition per year shall provide for the New Zealand National Championships.
- 5 When an exhibition qualifies as a New Zealand National Championship Exhibition entries in all classes in the Schedule must be accepted and provided for in terms of these rules.
- 6 Championship classes will carry the designation "New Zealand National Championship." All awards will be dated and show the name of the centre in which the exhibition was held and shall be signed by the National Association's President or his/her nominee.
- 7 The right to hold Championship Classes will be granted on priority of application as received by the Secretary of the National Association or, in the event of applications being received simultaneously, by vote by remit. The securing of this right shall mean that all other clubs have precedence thereafter until each has had a turn or agreed to forgo it. Clubs claiming precedence against a lodged application shall lodge their claim with the Association within two weeks of receiving notice of application and must supply the date and place of their own proposed exhibition **as a firm commitment**.
- 8 Affiliated clubs may present to the National Association trophies or awards to be competed for in any New Zealand Championship Competition.
- 9 National Competition Rules and the Schedule can be changed by remit at any time, subject to any remit that specifies a length of time that specifies the Schedule remain static. In order to permit organising committees to finalise their arrangements they shall not be bound to use any rule or schedule changes passed within six calendar months prior to the Show unless they desire to do so.

B DUTIES OF EXHIBITION ORGANISERS

1 The National Association shall supply one printed copy of the Schedule of Competition Classes and Rules to the Host Club. This shall be the Master Copy from which all other copies shall be made by the Host Club. This will be the Schedule for that year's Show.

2 Exhibition organisers shall include information of the nature and size of showcases to be used and the maximum area allocated to each exhibit. They shall supply a copy of the procedures to be followed in order to enter the Competition itself.

3 In the Schedule of classes for the National Championship Competitions the dimensions for the entries in the mineral and fossil classes shall be determined each year by the Host Club using past dimensions as a guide to the approximate area but using the precise measurements on the actual shape of the showcase available to the Host Club. Competitors will be advised of the true shape of their allocated space and whether it is flat or stepped.

4 Exhibition organisers shall appoint a Referee who is conversant with the rules and his/her decision in matters of dispute will be final. The duty of the Referee shall be to check all entries prior to the judging to see that they conform to the Schedule for the classes entered and to be on-hand for the judging to rule on matters of legality.

5 A Chief Steward, whose duties will commence with the reception of the entry forms and will include the collating of the same, reception of exhibits and any other matter to provide for the smooth running of the Show, shall be appointed.

6 All reasonable care shall be taken of the exhibits but beyond this there shall be no liability for damage or theft on the part of the organisers or their club or on the appointed steward and his associates.

7 Notwithstanding the above Clause 6, clubs may take out and advertise an insurance policy against fire or theft, to cover the exhibits as an encouragement to exhibitors and, if this is done, exhibitors should be informed of the extent of the policy so that they may carry further insurance of their own if they wish to do so.

8 The National Association shall select Show Judges from a panel of persons presented by the Host Club. The decision of the National Association shall be final and binding upon all competitors.

9 Worksheets, as adopted in National Association judges' courses, one for each entry showing the distribution of points as prescribed in the Schedule shall be supplied to the Judges along with a copy of such rules as are relevant to the Judges' task. These work sheets shall be sent to, or handed to, the exhibitor within one month after the closing of the exhibition.

10 The organisers shall supply to the Referee, Chief Steward, Assistant Stewards and Judges a sheet listing their various duties.

11 No person, being a Judge, shall be permitted to compete simultaneously in any class which he/she is judging.

12 All entries shall be protected from easy public interference, eg in a sealed display case, and Stewards shall re-check on this immediately after the completion of judging. Organisers may ask for reasonable help of competitors in this matter.

13 The closing date for entries will be at the discretion of the exhibition organisers but it is recommended that this be set about one month prior to the opening of the exhibition in order to give the organisers time to make proper provision for the exhibition of competition entries.

14 Judges should be instructed on the definitions for the classes they are judging by the Referee prior to the judging.

C DUTIES OF JUDGES

- 1 All judging shall take place before the exhibition is open to the public except where unforeseen emergencies occur.
- 2 Judges will use their prescribed score sheets when making judgements and will adhere to their provisions, but within these will be entitled to use and weigh such sub-heads as he/she wishes, eg in qualities such as workmanship he/she may make allowance for recalcitrant as against easy material as he wishes, or weigh design against finish as he wishes. Such decisions are conceived to be a prerogative. Judges will be required to fill in marks on the judging sheet.
- 3 No Judge shall ask others to help him make his judgement and no person shall offer comment to the Judge while judging is in progress excepting in matters of legality, where the Referee shall advise with reference to the rule.
- 4 Judges will accept the Referee's ruling on matters of legality.
- 5 Judges will enter awards made on the score sheets of award winning entries and will sign all sheets which will be handed out before the exhibition closes. Only when judging is complete will Stewards and their assistants place cards showing awards on entries and turn identification cards face up.
- 6 **Judges are expected to comment on exhibits.**
- 7 No awards other than those provided for shall be made.
- 8 First, second and third awards shall be made where entry numbers allow. Where two 1st equal awards occur in a class, the next highest entry in that class shall be placed 3rd, and where three 1st equal awards occur in a class the next highest scoring entry shall be unplaced. Similarly, where a 2nd equal award occurs in a class, the next highest scoring entry shall be unplaced. A disc showing 1st, 2nd, or 3rd is to be placed in the showcase beside the winning entries. These discs are to be retained by the National Association at the breaking down of the Show.
- 9 No judgements shall be altered once the exhibition is opened to the public.
- 10 Judges may, while judging, handle exhibits in Division One, Division Two and Division Five (except Class 86) of the Schedule if absolutely necessary, but may not handle exhibits in Division Three and Division Four, except micromounts.

D DUTIES OF COMPETITORS

- 1 No competitive exhibit shall exceed the dimensions laid down in the Schedule.
- 2 All entries shall be the competitor's own work in the terms of the Schedule.
- 3 All labelling shall be the duty of the exhibitor –
 - a Each entry shall be accompanied by a white card (50mm x 25mm) bearing the competitor's name and club name on one side and the Section and Class numbers on the other. The entry number is to be added to this side at the time of placing.
 - b Another label containing other information such as type of material, location found, or name of entry must be included, only large enough for information.
- 4 The competitor shall advise on their Entry Form the means of delivery and return of their entry.
- 5 Where, owing to the absence in person of the competitor or the competitor's representative from the exhibition, it is desired that the Steward shall set out the exhibit, explicit directions shall be given by the competitor but the Steward shall not be held to blame for unwittingly misinterpreting these.
- 6 The Steward shall not be called upon to spend what may be considered undue time or expense on a directed arrangement. Arrangements to be made by stewards shall be simple.
- 7 Special requirements for lighting or other uses of electric power shall be at the discretion of the exhibition organisers and the competitor shall have the responsibility of –
 - a Asking in plenty of time for his requirements to be met, if possible.
 - b Ensuring that his installation meets safety requirements.
- 8 The competitor will accept all provisions concerning damage or loss as laid out in these rules.
- 9 All exhibitors will accept the Judges' rulings as final.
- 10 No exhibit tabled may be removed until the exhibition is declared closed by the organisers and it should be removed promptly by the exhibitor or, in his absence and at his direction, by his representative who should be provided with credentials.
- 11 Where stewards are required to dispatch exhibits to owners at the close of the exhibition all entries must include named containers/packaging materials, self-addressed return packaging and postage. The competitor shall be liable for any extra costs involved on account of under-estimation on his part.
- 12 No competitor shall enter for NZ National Competition any identical exhibit which has already won an award in a previous NZ National Competition.
- 13 For the purposes of the Lloyd Claydon Memorial Trophy, the competitor must list all the NZ affiliated clubs to which he or she belongs on his or her Entry Form.

14 A competitor should acquaint himself with the Competition Rules for National Exhibition Classes as provided by the Secretary of his club.