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1. DEFINITIONS

Definitions used in this document shall be in accordance with Clause 3.1.

In the document, unless the contrary intention appears clearly from the context, words referring to persons in the masculine gender shall include females, and words in the singular shall include the plural, and words in the plural shall include the singular.

2. ABBREVIATIONS

Abbreviations used in this document shall be in accordance with Clause 3.1.

3. APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS

3.1. Constitution of the Pinzgauer and PinZ²yl Cattle Breeders Society; doc: PGPZ-01

3.2. Pinzgauer and PinZ²yl Herd Book and Breed Standards; document: PGPZ-02

3.3. Pinzgauer and PinZ²yl Inspection of Breeding Animals; document: PGPZ-03

4. PURPOSE

This document contains the Pinzgauer and PinZ²yl Cattle Breeders Society of South Africa's rules and guidelines for shows and judging of both the Pinzgauer and PinZ²yl breeds.

5. SHOWS

5.1. WHY DO WE SHOW?

Since the early times, shows have played a significant role in the evolution of livestock. Appearance and performance ought to be integrated, because stud animals should not be sold solely on their performance figures. The ideal combination for a superior animal would be visual appeal, good performance and a reputable pedigree. Shows and judging are valuable resources in this regard and they should not be negated by ignorance, scepticism and an unwillingness to accept the facts. Although shows are not the only marketing tool for stud breeders, they are a powerful marketing platform that provides excellent exposure and publicity for a herd and a breed.

Shows moreover offer breeders the opportunity to interact with other breeders and experts, exchange management and breeding ideas, and familiarise themselves with their breed and the needs of the industry. At a show breeders can evaluate the animals of other breeders and compare them with their own, observe how the animals are judged by experts and hear the Judges' comments and reasons for their choices and grow wiser in the process.

A further underlying value of shows for breeders is that many breed societies aim to improve the general quality of animals in South Africa. They realise that an animal which meets the breed standards is more likely to be an efficient producer. The two most important steps for breeders, particularly beginners, who intend to participate in shows, are the selection of the animals and their subsequent preparations for a show.

5.2. REQUIREMENTS FOR CATTLE ON SHOW:

- (a) The animal must be in show condition.
- (b) All cattle must be free of transmissible disease and external parasites including active ring worm, warts, lice, ticks, mange and foot rot.
- (c) The animal must be properly trained/halter trained.
- (d) Bulls six months and older must have a nose ring fitted and in use.
- (e) Cattle must be neatly presented.
- (f) Cattle must have the correct means of identification (Clause 3.1, Constitution: Annexure A, Clause 4: Identification).
- (g) All cattle on show must be branded.
- (h) Minor trimming is allowed. Full body clipping is not permitted.
- (i) No hoof trimming permitted.

5.3. RESPONSIBILITY OF THE BREEDER/EXHIBITOR

- (a) Official show uniforms for the handlers and halters to be used. This allows for uniformity and a professional presentation:
 - (i) PinZ²yl: Khaki two-piece overall, black T-shirt, white gumboots and PinZ²yl cap.
 - (ii) Pinzgauer: Green two-piece overall, red T-shirt, white gumboots and Pinzgauer cap.
 - (iii) All bulls must be fitted with a white noseband halter with no branding on the halter.
 - (iv) All females must be fitted with a white shipping halter with no branding on the halter.
- (b) Branding, except for the standard breed logo, is not allowed on any clothing worn by the handlers in the show ring. In the case of branding of Society sponsors, all handlers will wear the same sponsored brand. The focus in the show ring by the judges must be on the animal and not on the breeder/exhibitor.
- (c) No product sales or branding will be allowed in the show ring area except banners or branding of the sponsors and Society approved ringside banners for the exhibitors (See website for specifications/suppliers).
- (d) All stud banners in the stables as well as in the show ring are to be of the same size and format and may be displayed as determined by Council, in order to promote uniformity (See website for specifications/suppliers).
- (e) Personalized banners (exhibitor initiative and specification) may only be displayed as advised by the Stall Steward, in order to promote uniformity.
- (f) All cattle must be registered at SA Stud Book.
- (g) Breeder/exhibitor must be a member of the Pinzgauer and PinZ²yl Cattle Breeders Society.

- (h) Stalls are kept clean neat and tidy with the wellbeing and comfort of the cattle a priority.
- (i) Give personal attention to his/her animal(s) and have the cattle ready at the collecting area in good time.
- (j) Cattle waiting to enter the ring must gather at the collecting area set up by the Gate Steward. After cattle have been judged they must be returned to the stalls.
- (k) An accredited veterinarian must inspect all cattle prior to the show for Tuberculosis (TB) and Contagious Abortion (CA) and issue a certificate of clearance, which is not more than twelve (12) months old at the time of the show.
- (l) All cattle in the stalls must be properly secured and are the responsibility of the Breeder/exhibitor at all times.
- (m) Cattle entry forms must be sent to the Society before the closing date.
- (n) No Breeder/exhibitor may enter the show ring during judging unless invited to do so by the Judge or Ring Steward.
- (o) No cattle can be removed from the show grounds before the deadline set down by the authorities.
- (p) Bulls participating in the Phase C performance testing competition may not be entered into the breed classes at the same show.
- (q) No cattle may be entered into the Interbreed without participating in the Breed Show.
- (r) No Breeder/exhibitor is allowed to parade his/her cattle around the judging ring while judging is taking place.
- (s) Fully responsible for the accommodation, wellbeing and conduct of his handlers.
- (t) Responsible for the fodder and bedding of the animals.

5.4. RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SOCIETY

- (a) Set up the classes to be judged.
- (b) Send invitations to all breeders to participate in the show.
- (c) Collect all entries and publish them in a catalogue.
- (d) Collect all entry fees where the Society is responsible for this duty.
- (e) Communicate all arrangements around the show with the breeders/exhibitors.
- (f) Send inspectors to breeders before a show to make sure breed standards are met and cattle are in good show condition, if required.
- (g) Appoint Judge(s), Ring/Gate/Stall Stewards, announcer and administrative staff for the breed judging.
- (h) Ensure all trophies, rosettes, sashes and certificates are available at the show on judging day.

- (i) The person appointed by the Council to oversee the show will have the final say regarding which cattle will participate in the interbreed group classes.

5.5. RESPONSIBILITY OF THE HOST SHOW COMMITTEE

- (a) Facilities are available and well maintained.
- (b) All entries are paid for by Breeders/exhibitors.
- (c) Adequate stalls are available for the cattle entered.
- (d) Adequate water and water troughs are available.
- (e) Entry passes and badges are available for Breeders/exhibitors and Judges.
- (f) Security of all cattle at the show.
- (g) Contingency planning must be in place in case of emergencies..

5.6. RESPONSIBILITY OF THE JUDGES/RING STEWARDS

- (a) Judges must be qualified to judge the breed.
- (b) Judges may not be biased and must at all times act with integrity.
- (c) Judges may not be in possession of a show catalogue while judging.
- (d) Judges may not judge their own cattle or have any links, family or otherwise, to the cattle to be judged.
- (e) The Judge may be asked by the Society to explain his reasons for placing the cattle where he did, in order to mentor Breeders/exhibitors.
- (f) The Ring Steward may not judge or influence the Judge in his decision.
- (g) The Ring Steward is the only person to assist the Judge in communication with handlers in moving their cattle around the ring.
- (h) The Ring Steward is responsible for safety in the ring and may request a handler to remove his animal from the ring if he feels safety could be compromised.
- (i) The Ring Steward with the Gate Steward has the final say as to when the gate of the ring shall be closed and a late arrival may not enter the ring if the gate is closed.

6. JUDGING

6.1. REQUIREMENTS AND CRITERIA

- (a) All performance requirements and criteria applicable to judging of the Pinzgauer and PinZ²yl Breeds are specified in the Constitution of the Society; Clause 3.1, and the Herd Book and Breed Standards; Clause 3.2.
- (b) The Judge must fill the ethical role of an ambassador of the breed being judged and judging is also an educational and instructive task. Spectators and Breeders/exhibitors expect to be convinced by placings and simultaneous discussions that the desired animals are placed on merit in accordance with the Breed Standards.

- (c) To be ethical and successful in judgment, the Judge must at all times be impartial and only the actual qualities of an animal should play a role during evaluation.

6.2. TRAINING AND APPOINTMENT OF JUDGES

All prospective judges shall undergo formal training, evaluation and examination under supervision of the Council, before being appointed as a qualified Judge. The process shall be as follows:

- (a) Any Member can attend a “Beginner Judge Course”, followed by a “Junior Judge Course”. On successful completion of the Junior Judge course and at least six shows as Ring Steward in association with Council appointed Judges, Junior Judge status may be awarded by Council on written recommendation from a Senior Judge.
- (b) A Junior Judge shall attend, as part of a practical experience phase, 6 shows as Junior Judge in association with Council appointed Judges, over a minimum period of 12 months, to become eligible for appointment by Council as a Judge. Appointment as Judge will only take place on recommendation from a Senior Judge. Prior experience as Junior Judge or Judge may be taken into account in order to reduce the show attendance requirement.
- (c) Senior Judges will be appointed by Council to provide continued mentorship to the appointed Judges.
- (d) The opportunity exists for Judges to qualify as Interbreed Judges under the auspices of the Interbreed Judge Association.
- (e) Training courses:
 - (i) *Beginner Judge Course* – Theoretical training on the anatomy of cattle and the general visual traits that are important when judging. Practical “judging” and placing of at least 3 animals.
 - (ii) *Junior Judge Course* – Thorough knowledge of this document, Shows and Judging of Breeding Animals, as well as the documents described in Clauses 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3 will be required, and examined accordingly. This will be followed by practical testing whereby a group of at least 5 animals are placed to the satisfaction of the course leader.

6.3. OTHER ACTIVITIES OF THE JUDGES

Judges may perform other duties with the approval of Council, including:

- (a) Conduct judging demonstrations.
- (b) Present lectures on the subject of judging.
- (c) Provide mentorship during judging.
- (d) In general, provide mentorship on the breeds and breeding.

7. AUTHENTIC VERSION OF THIS DOCUMENT

This document having been drawn, submitted and considered in English, the English version shall be deemed to be the authentic version.