



RULE 20 OF 2014: AWEBSA: MEMBERS

INTRODUCTION

AWEBSA is fully aware that there are many forms of budgie breeders across the country and indeed the world. Finding a home for the persons breeding wild-type budgies and the massive pet trade together with the exhibition budgerigars is perhaps the biggest challenge and one the Association is not afraid to tackle.

It would be an acceptable argument that it could be a natural progression from a pet budgie in a cage to keeping some wild-type budgies in a colony breeding system and then attempting and perfecting the quality of exhibition budgerigars and the competition going along with that.

AWEBSA will offer membership in each category and also introducing a Beginner status where members that just started in the exhibition part of the hobby can learn their trade before moving higher to Novice, then Intermediate and finally Champion statuses. Promotion from one status to the next would be based on points gained during approved Provincial and National shows of the Association.

For those budgie breeders that would like to remain with the breeding of wild-type budgies that would be great as we also believe that in a colony breeding system, for example, one would stand the best opportunity to breed new colours or mutations.

AWEBSA would also seek to actively cater for the Association's junior members and pensioners.

We are also offering a Trade Member category for those businesses that support budgies through their services and products.

Another tough matter that we are aware of is the matter of members sometimes of the same family but of different statuses breeding budgies at the same address and often in the same aviary. The challenge could be further exacerbated by the higher ranking member ringing birds for the other member of a lower status. The counter argument is often that even when members are at different addresses they could still ring birds for each other.

R20.1 CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERS

The members of the Association shall be classified in accordance with the Constitution as follows:

R20.1.1 Membership in the exhibition budgie category

- R20.1.1.1 Honorary Life members;
- R20.1.1.2 Ordinary members;
- R20.1.1.3 Pensioners;
- R20.1.1.4 Junior members; and
- R20.1.1.5 Partnerships.

R20.1.2 Membership in the wild-type budgie category

- R20.1.2.1 Honorary Life members;

R20.1.2.2 Ordinary members;

R20.1.2.3 Pensioners; and

R20.1.2.4 Junior members.

R20.1.3 Membership in the pet budgie category

R20.1.3.1 Social members.

R20.1.4 Membership in the Trade category

R20.1.4.1 Trade members (Pet shops, Veterinary Surgeons and other suppliers.)

R20.2 MEMBERSHIP GENERAL, JOINING AND RENEWING

R20.2.1 These General Clauses apply generically to all categories of membership of the Association;

R20.2.2 Clauses under this Rule specific to each category of membership also apply;

R20.2.3 All Rules framed in terms of the AWEBBSA Constitution are applicable;

R20.2.4 Members must familiarize themselves with the contents of the AWEBBSA Constitution as well as all the Rules of the Association available on the AWEBBSA Facebook Page and Official Website or from the General Secretary;

R20.2.5 Where applicable, members must also familiarize themselves with the contents of the Constitution of the Club that he or she joined;

- R20.2.6 Members are required to adhere to the Association's Code of Conduct and must acknowledge accordingly on the Official Application for Membership form of the Association;
- R20.2.7 Where two or more members, including all members of one family and including Juniors, breed or keep their budgies at one establishment, aviary or dwelling, such exhibitors must exhibit in the highest status any one of the said members is qualified to enter;
- R20.2.8 Clause R20.2.7 shall not be interpreted to include any unrelated residents of an apartment house or complex who maintain separate apartments and aviaries or to include unrelated subtenants of an exhibitor who maintain aviaries of their own;
- R20.2.9 Application for membership shall be made in writing and on the official application form of the Association available from Club secretaries, on the AWEBBSA Facebook Page and Official Website or from the AWEBBSA General Secretary;
- R20.2.10 If the member join from a society with similar statuses as AWEBBSA (Champion, Intermediate, Novice and/or Beginner) and was awarded points for achievements on the show bench, the status and points may be carried over to AWEBBSA provided:
- R20.2.10.1 That together with the Application for membership a written motivation and evidence are supplied via the club the member is joining providing the details of the points required to be

recognised. The closed coded ring number used at the previous Society must be clearly identified;

R20.2.10.2 That the club has done due diligence and support the application;

R20.2.10.3 The AWEBSA EXCO must approve the recognition of points and the points list must be adjusted accordingly; and

R20.2.10.4 Failure to submit the required information would result in the member commencing on zero (0) points and birds wearing the closed coded ring of the other society being disqualified from being exhibited.

R20.2.11 Application for membership of the Association shall be made to a club that is a member of the Association:

R20.2.11.1 Details of clubs and contact details are available on the AWEBSA Facebook Page and Official Website or from the General Secretary; and

R20.2.11.2 Where a member club is not available the applicant can make application to join AWEBSA directly for the time being and submit the application form to the General Secretary directly.

R20.2.12 The application shall be proposed and seconded by two members of the Association who are also members of the club through which the application is made:

R20.2.12.1 This will not be applicable in instances where the applicant joins the Association directly; and

R20.2.12.2 In such cases the application will be presented to the Governing Body members for acceptance.

R20.2.13 The Application must be accompanied by the annual subscription fee of the club which must include the affiliation fees due to the Association:

R20.2.13.1 This will not be applicable in instances where the applicant joins the Association directly. Only the Affiliation fees of AWEBSA will then be payable; and

R20.2.13.2 The club must pay over the AWEBSA affiliation fees to the Association.

R20.2.14 Each application shall be considered in an open meeting of the club which is authorised to accept the applicant as a provisional member of the Association and of the club. This will not be applicable in instances where the applicant joins the Association directly as a National Member.

R20.2.15 The club shall thereupon forward the application together with the AWEBSA affiliation fees to the Treasurer of the Governing Body;

R20.2.16 In the event of the application not being favourably considered by the club the application shall be forwarded without delay to the AWEBSA EXCO together with the reasons for non-approval thereof;

R20.2.17 Application forms for membership in areas where no club is in existence must be submitted to the AWEBSA General Secretary directly by the applicant:

R20.2.17.1 Such applications for National membership will be considered by the AWEBSA EXCO and approved or rejected; and

R20.2.17.2 Should the AWEBSA EXCO reject an application for National membership the reasons must be reported to the Governing Body who could over-rule the decision if it is found that the reasoning is not sound and factual.

R20.2.18 Upon approval of the application and confirmation of receipt of payment of the affiliation fees the General Secretary will allocate a code number to the applicant and inform the club that the application has been approved;

R20.2.19 An AWEBBSA membership certificate will be issued to the new member;

R20.2.20 The member will be added to the AWEBBSA social media groups by the General Secretary;

R20.2.21 Affiliation fees and ring prices in the different categories will be determined by the Governing Body and published by 1 November of each year on the AWEBBSA Facebook Page, Official Website as well as notifications to the respective Club Secretaries;

R20.2.22 Affiliation fees due by members to the Association must be paid by 30 November of each year for the following year:

R20.2.22.1 AWEBBSA affiliation fees of members belonging to a club must be paid to the respective clubs together with the club subscriptions for the ensuing year and not to AWEBBSA directly;

R20.2.22.2 National members must pay their affiliation fees to AWEBBSA directly and inform the General Secretary accordingly and by sending through proof of payment;

R20.2.22.3 Cash deposits must be avoided due to the high bank charges linked to it. Members that pay cash must deposit sufficient funds to cover the bank charges;

R20.2.22.4 Failure to pay fees due will result in the member not being able to obtain rings until the affiliation fees have been paid;

R20.2.22.5 Members will be suspended from exhibiting at shows, if any; and

R20.2.22.6 If the affiliation fees are still unpaid by the end of February of the ensuing year, the member will be suspended from all privileges and benefits of the Association and will have to apply in writing for reinstatement providing reasons for his/her failure to comply inter alia with this Rule.

R20.2.23 A member may belong to more than one society or association but may only exhibit birds rung with the official closed coded ring of AWEBBSA or a closed coded ring approved by the AWEBBSA EXCO at shows held under the auspices of the Association; and

R20.2.24 Members are discouraged to belong to more than one AWEBBSA affiliated clubs as it adds no value to the objectives of the Association.

R20.3 RESIGNATION FROM THE ASSOCIATION

R20.3.1 Notice of resignation from the Association shall be given in writing to the secretary of the club of which they are members at the time and each notice shall be accepted and immediately forwarded to the General Secretary of the Association:

R20.3.1.1 This will not be applicable in instances where the applicant joined the Association directly; and

R20.3.1.2 National members must submit their resignation in writing to the General Secretary of the Association.

R20.3.2 On resignation from the Association, the member shall automatically cease to be a member of all clubs;

R20.3.3 Should the club cancels its affiliation of AWEBBSA the member will automatically cease to be member of the Association. Should the member wish to remain affiliated to AWEBBSA the member must inform the AWEBBSA General Secretary and he/she will be moved to the National Membership list;

R20.3.4 No refund of moneys paid to a club or the Association shall be due to such a past member.

R20.4 RE-JOINING THE ASSOCIATION

R20.4.1 Members re-joining the Association shall apply for membership in the manner prescribed for all new members and may be re-allocated their original code numbers if still available;

R20.4.2 Such members may, at the discretion of the AWEBBSA EXCO, be re-admitted at the show status held at cessation of membership or any status below that; and

R20.4.3 Such members shall forfeit their show points earned in terms of the Rules during their previous period of membership.

R20.5 RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF MEMBERS

R20.5.1 Each member, on first joining the Association, shall be allocated a unique ring code number and issued with a certificate of membership;

R20.5.2 The ring code number shall be reserved for the member's private use for the duration of his membership and for five (5) years thereafter;

R20.5.3 Members shall be responsible for the observance of all the Clauses of the AWEBBSA Constitution and the Rules framed thereunder and shall be deemed to have full knowledge thereof at all times; and

R20.5.4 Members are entitled to attend and participate in discussions at meetings of any club but shall only be entitled to vote at meetings of a club of which they are members.

R20.6 PENALTIES

Any member suspended in terms of this Constitution shall be debarred, during such suspension, from the privileges of membership of the Association or of any club.

R20.7 MEMBERSHIP IN THE EXHIBITION BUDGIE CATEGORY

R20.7.1 Show Status

R20.7.1.1 Show status shall be classified into Beginner; Novice, Intermediate and Champion sections;

R20.7.1.2 All members of the Association shall gain show status and promotion in terms of the Constitution and the Rules framed in terms thereof;

R20.7.1.3 Points may be accumulated over a number of show seasons;

R20.7.1.4 Members holding any particular show status who qualify for higher show status during a show season may be promoted to the higher show status from the next show provided written application is made to be promoted and the application is approved prior to the next show; and

- R20.7.1.5 Members that apply for promotion in this manner will forfeit the right to be Champion of status of the lower status despite having the most points for that particular status at this point in time.

R20.7.2 Honorary Life members

- R20.7.2.1 Ordinary members who have rendered exceptional service to the Association over a protracted period of time (i.e. ten years plus) may be considered for recognition and awarding of the title of Honorary Life member by the Governing Body;
- R20.7.2.2 Written motivation shall be submitted annually to the Governing Body through club secretaries at least sixty (60) days prior to the AGM of the Association;
- R20.7.2.3 Honorary Life members of the Association shall be elected by majority vote at the AGM of the Governing Body;
- R20.7.2.4 The election of Honorary Life members shall be restricted to a maximum of one per year;
- R20.7.2.5 Honorary Life members of the Association will not be liable for any affiliation fees payable;
- R20.7.2.6 The requirements applicable to ordinary members also apply to Honorary Life members of the Association; and
- R20.7.2.7 In the event of an Honorary Life member of the Association being found guilty of misconduct he/she will forfeit this honour.

R20.7.3 Ordinary members

- R20.7.3.1 Ordinary members will qualify for show statuses of Beginner; Novice, Intermediate and Champion, respectively;

R20.7.3.2 Ordinary members are permitted to exhibit in the Wild-Type and Open categories; and

R20.7.3.3 A fully paid up individual member affiliated to AWEBBSA that permitted to exhibit budgies at AWEBBSA Shows and qualifies for provincial and national honours.

R20.8.4 Pensioners

R20.8.4.1 An ordinary member that has reached the age of sixty-five (65) years old will be classified as pensioner and qualify for a reduced affiliation fees if he/she so desires; and

R20.8.4.2 A member affiliated to AWEBBSA in order to exhibit budgies and qualify for provincial and national honours.

R20.8.5 Junior members

R20.8.5.1 Junior members are members younger than 18 years old on or before 31 December of the preceding year affiliated to AWEBBSA; and

R20.8.5.2 The requirements applicable to ordinary members also apply.

R20.8.6 Partnerships

R20.8.6.1 Partnership members of any partnership must exhibit solely in the status in which the highest ranking member of said partnership is qualified to exhibit;

R20.8.6.2 The following partnerships are allowed:

- Between individual members who are of equal show status at the time the partnership is registered;

- Between husband, wife and children of members even if they are of different show status; and
 - Between individual members who are of different show statuses at the time the partnership is registered;
- R20.8.6.3 The partnership shall assume the show status then held by its members, or in the case of differences in show status, assume the show status then held by its highest ranking member;
- R20.8.6.4 Application for the prospective partnership shall be made to the AWEBBSA EXCO through one of the members' clubs prior to "the partnership" entering or competing at any shows;
- R20.8.6.5 Clause 20.8.6.5 also applies to a "new" member joining an existing partnership;
- R20.8.6.6 All members applying to be part of a partnership must paid-up and affiliated members to the Association;
- R20.8.6.7 The AWEBBSA EXCO is empowered to register such partnerships immediately once all of the above conditions are met and shall advise all club secretaries of such registration;
- R20.8.6.8 After registration, a partnership shall compete and gain higher show status as for an individual member and shall be allocated a new closed coded ring number and only the points of the highest ranking member, if any, shall be allocated to the partnership;
- R20.8.6.9 On dissolution of a partnership, the AWEBBSA EXCO must be notified and the points held by the partnership shall be credited to each individual member of the dissolved partnership, who shall each then also assume the show status held by the partnership at the time of dissolution and may continue to exhibit his own rung birds as well as his share of the birds rung during the span of the partnership;

- R20.8.6.10 In the event of the death of one or more members of the partnership, the surviving members may continue to exhibit birds wearing the coded rings allocated to the partnership;
- R20.8.6.11 The requirements applicable to ordinary members also apply; and
- R20.8.6.12 Should one of the members of the partnership be suspended for disciplinary reasons it will result in the partnership being suspended from all activities of the Association until such time as the matter is resolved.

R20.9 MEMBERSHIP IN THE WILD-TYPE BUDGIE CATEGORY

R20.9.1 Honorary Life members

- R20.9.1.1 Only members who have rendered exceptional service to the Association over a protracted period of time (i.e. ten years plus) may be considered for election as Honorary Life members by the Governing Body;
- R20.9.1.2 Written motivation shall be submitted annually to the Governing Body through club secretaries at least sixty (60) days prior to the AGM of the Association;
- R20.9.1.3 Honorary Life members of the Association shall be elected by majority vote at the AGM of the Governing Body;
- R20.9.1.4 The election of Honorary Life members shall be restricted to a maximum of one per year;
- R20.9.1.5 Honorary Life members of the Association will not be liable for any affiliation fees payable;
- R20.9.1.6 The requirements applicable to ordinary members also apply; and

R20.9.1.7 In the event of an Honorary Life member of the Association being found guilty of misconduct will forfeit this honour.

R20.9.2 Ordinary members

R20.9.2.1 Ordinary members will qualify for showing wild-type budgies at Provincial Shows of the Association;

R20.9.2.2 Fully paid up Exhibition budgie members automatically qualify as Wild-Type members;

R20.9.2.3 Statuses of Beginner; Novice, Intermediate and Champion, will not apply; and

R20.9.2.4 All fully paid up members will show in one status.

R20.9.3 Pensioners

R20.9.3.1 An ordinary member that has reached the age of sixty-five (65) years old will be classified as pensioner and qualify for a reduced affiliation fees if he/she so desires;

R20.9.3.2 The requirements applicable to ordinary members also apply; and

R20.9.3.3 A member affiliated to AWEBBSA in order to exhibit wild-type budgies at provincial shows.

R20.9.4 Junior members

R20.9.4.1 Younger than 18 years old on or before 31 December of the preceding year breeding Wild-Type budgies and Affiliated to AWEBBSA; and

R20.9.4.2 The requirements applicable to ordinary members also apply

R20.10 MEMBERSHIP IN THE PET BUDGIE CATEGORY

R20.10.1 Social membership

R20.10.1.1 Applies to individuals irrespective of age that joins and register his or her pet budgie; and

R20.10.1.2 Members will receive invitations to display their pets at our provincial shows in various fun categories as determined by the Show Committee and compete for prizes.

R20.11 MEMBERSHIP TRADE CATEGORY

R20.11.1 Open to Trade (Pet shops, Veterinary Surgeons and other suppliers.) that align themselves with the objectives of Association and join;

R20.11.2 Trade Members will be invited to display, free of charge, their goods at shows and exhibitions arranged by the Clubs and Association;

R20.11.3 Trade Members whose fees are up to date will be permitted to advertise (business card size) on the Association's webpage and a link will be created to either their Facebook page or their own webpage; and

R20.11.4 Trade Members would be expected to promote the Clubs and Association to their customers.