



RULE 7 OF 2014: AWEBSA CLOSED CODED RINGS

INTRODUCTION

Breeding and exhibition of budgies mean that their identification and bloodlines are important. Exhibiting and gaining points towards promotion in the exhibition category of budgies, for example, Champion of Section, Provincial Champion and AWEBSA Grand Champion mean the linking of birds to the rightful owner is essential.

Similar motivation applies to those hobbyists breeding wild-type budgies. Closed rung birds improve record keeping, the breeding of mutations, establishing the age of birds and therefore most likely the marketability and value of surplus stock.

AWEBSA encourages all persons breeding budgies to become members of the Association and to purchase rings from the Association via the AWEBSA Ring Coordinator on the approved ring order form. The Association has the following types of rings available:

- Plastic and Metal closed coded rings for Exhibition budgies; and
- Plastic and Metal closed coded rings for wild-type budgies.

Should a member wish to change from one category to another, the member will retain his/her ring code but the emblem may change according to the type of closed coded ring utilized.

AWEBSA will enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the respective Ring Supplier(s) within twenty-four (24) months of the founding of the Association, i.e. by 7 September 2016.

AWEBSA members are, in addition, allowed to exhibit birds wearing closed coded metal rings obtained from other Societies **prior** to them joining the Association.

THE FOLLOWING ARE APPLICABLE IN RESPECT OF CLOSED CODED RINGS:

- R7.1 On first joining the Association each member is allocated a ring code by the General Secretary, usually beginning with the first character of the member's surname, followed by up to 3 numbers (four in total).
- R7.2 The ring code will be unique – issued only to one (1) member and when a partnership is formed a different ring code will be allocated to it.
- R7.3 AWEBSA members can pick a code up to a maximum of four (4) numbers or four (4) characters or a combination of both totaling four (4), free of charge, and if not already in use or reserved, it will be allocated to them, e.g. FUN1 or LARK or L1 or S123 or 1968:
 - R7.3.1 The ring code preference must be indicated by the applicant on the Application Form for membership when first joining the Association;
 - R7.3.2 Members joining from another Society must indicate the ring number of that Society should they change to another number when joining AWEBSA;

- R7.3.3 The said ring number will also be registered against the member by the Ring Coordinator in order to avoid possible duplication of numbers and facilitate the exhibition of budgies wearing those rings on AWEBSA shows; and
- R7.3.4 Failure to disclose the ring number may result in the member not being able to exhibit birds wearing those closed coded rings.
- R7.4 Rings will be consecutively numbered and the year printed thereon – as a result every bird bred and rung would have a unique number.
- R7.5 AWEBSA may provide different colours of closed coded rings per breeding season (calendar year).
- R7.6 The Association's emblem on the plastic closed coded rings for exhibition budgies and Wild-Type budgies will be the King Protea.
- R7.7 The print on the plastic rings will be Arial bold and in capitals in order to provide a clear and legible ring number.
- R7.8 Metal closed coded rings are available for members as an alternative option and at additional cost. No emblems will appear on the metal rings other than the letters "ZA" in the place of the King Protea.
- R7.9 Members of the Association will be able to exhibit birds rung with both types of their closed coded rings, especially those members that joined from another Society where only metal rings were in use, provided the ring number was disclosed at the time of joining AWEBSA. This will also apply to AWEBSA members that started with metal rings when first joining the Association and then converted to plastic rings.

R7.10 AWEBSA members are obliged to obtain all their closed coded ring requirements for exhibition and wild-type budgies via the Association's Ring Coordinator by completing the Association's approved ring order form:

R7.10.1 Failure to comply with this clause will result in action being taken against both the ring supplier(s) and the member;

R7.10.2 No ring orders will be processed unless proof of payment is received by the Ring Coordinator and receipt of payment confirmed by the Treasurer;

R7.10.3 The Ring Coordinator will place orders, where required, with the ring supplier(s) on Monday of each week unless it's a public holiday. When a public holiday is on a Monday then the order will be placed on the first working day following;

R7.10.4 The Ring Supplier(s) must confirm completion of each order and invoice AWEBSA accordingly for payment.

R7.10.5 The invoice reflecting the order number must be forwarded to the Ring Coordinator for verification and sign off;

R7.10.6 The Ring Coordinator must then submit the invoice to the AWEBSA Treasurer for EFT payment; and

R7.10.7 The Ring Coordinator will coordinate all queries from members regarding delays, non-receipt and quality of rings with the Ring Supplier(s).

R7.11 The "ring season" will be from 1 January to 31 December of each year:

- R7.11.1 Ring orders for the coming year will be accepted and processed from 15 November of the preceding year;
- R7.11.2 Rings will be made available to paid-up AWEBBSA members only, i.e. for the coming year, from 20 December of the preceding year;
- R7.11.3 This must be strictly enforced by the Ring Coordinator, Club Managements and the Ring Supplier(s); and
- R7.11.4 Clubs are encouraged to have their AGM's in time in order for affiliation fees to be collected and paid over to AWEBBSA timeously.
- R7.12 The price of rings will be agreed upon between the ring supplier/s and the AWEBBSA EXCO prior to 15 November of the preceding year. Clubs must be informed accordingly by the General Secretary.
- R7.13 All exhibits that were awarded Best of Colour on Show, Best in Section and Best on Show, for example, shall have been bred by the exhibitor and shall wear the closed coded ring allocated to the member or as approved by the AWEBBSA EXCO.
- R7.14 Rings of exhibits winning awards will be checked, recorded and ownership verified. Exhibiting birds not wearing an approved closed coded ring would be a serious offence and will be severely dealt with in terms of the AWEBBSA Disciplinary Code.
- R7.15 The Show Committee may do additional spot checks on rings of exhibits that did not win major awards, for example.
- R7.16 Using or permitting the use of closed coded rings purchased from the Association at any establishment other than at a bona fide address of the

member, or in the case of a partnership at a bona fide address of any of the members of that partnership, is strictly forbidden.

- R7.17 In the case of partnerships the exhibit shall wear at least the closed coded ring of one of the members of the partnership or the closed coded ring allocated to the partnership.
- R7.18 Exhibits wearing a split plastic ring in addition to the exhibitor's approved closed coded ring will be permitted.
- R7.19 Exhibits wearing two approved closed coded rings of the members will be permitted, i.e. one closed coded ring per leg.
- R7.20 The General Secretary of the Association will keep a record of all matters related to rings issued to members as well as additional matters related to rings.
- R7.21 Any member rejoining the Association shall be entitled to request the reissue of his original official code number subject to availability. The re-issue of the code number shall not entitle the person to qualify for unbroken membership of the Association.
- R7.22 A widow or widower of a member not being a member of the Association at the time may on applying for membership request for their deceased spouse's ring code number to be allocated to him/her. They shall exhibit in their deceased spouse's status but their year of joining will be amended to indicate their personal date of joining.
- R7.23 All ring code numbers issued to members will remain exclusive and will not be reused by the Association for a period of five (5) years from the date of

resignation, retirement, or death or the last payment of membership subscription.

- R7.24 Closed coded rings must not be tampered with in any way. Any evidence of tampering will be severely dealt with in terms of the AWEBSA Disciplinary Code.
- R7.25 Members are required to report to the Ring Coordinator any problems with rings issued to them immediately after these are discovered.
- R7.26 All birds not wearing the Association's or approved closed coded ring allocated to the Exhibitor, i.e. mainly bought birds or birds with no closed coded rings must be entered into the Open class. The birds so identified and exhibited will not be allocated points but may win any award(s) on offer according to the prize list.
- R7.27 Wild-type budgies will have their own unique show schedule and exhibits rung with the Association's or approved closed coded ring allocated to the member for wild-type budgies can be entered accordingly.