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NOMINATIONS CLOSE:

Friday 12 August 2011

REGULATIONS OF FLEECE COMPETITION

1. The Regulations appearing in this Schedule form part of the General Regulations and conditions of entry to an Event at the Royal Melbourne Show. In the event of any inconsistency between the General Regulations and these Regulations, the General Regulations shall prevail to the extent of the inconsistency unless the General Regulations provide otherwise.

ENTRY FORMS

2. All entry forms must be forwarded to the Event Coordinator, the Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria Limited, Melbourne Showgrounds, Epsom Road, Ascot Vale, Vic 3032 before 4:00 pm Friday 12 August 2011.

ENTRY FEES

3. An Entry Fee of \$15.00 per exhibit is required if the fleece is not donated to Camp Quality
4. No Entry Fee applies to an exhibit donated to Camp Quality.
5. No Entry Fee applies to an exhibit entered in the District Fleece Competition.
6. All donated fleeces and Exhibits entered in the District Fleece Competition will be sold, with the proceeds from their sale donated to the Camp Quality.

FLEECE DELIVERY

7. All Exhibits must be delivered to the RASV or Australian Wool Handlers, Frederick Street, Brooklyn, Vic, 3012 by Friday 12 August 2011.
8. All exhibitors must place an Exhibit Card inside each fleece bag.
9. Exhibits must be delivered in sturdy (preferably clear) plastic bags, or wool packs, with Exhibit Cards placed inside.
10. Fleece bags will be available from the RASV upon request.
11. Black and Coloured fleece Exhibitors are required to state if the fleece entered is either a Ram or a Ewe/Wether on the Entry Form and Exhibit Card.

FLEECE COLLECTION

12. All fleeces not donated to Camp Quality must be collected from the Showgrounds on the following dates and times:

- a) Tuesday 4 October 2011 between 4:00pm and 6:00pm.
- b) Wednesday 5 October – Friday 7 October 2011 between 10:00am - 4:00pm.

Any fleece not collected will be sold, with the proceeds of the sale donated to Camp Quality

FLEECE DISPLAY

13. The RASV will make every effort to display all Exhibits entered in the Fleece Competition for the duration of the 2011 Royal Melbourne Show.

EXHIBITS

14. There are no restrictions to the number of Exhibits entered by an Exhibitor.
15. Fleeces are to be shorn from sheep that have been the true property of the Exhibitor for at least six months prior to being shorn.

MICRON CATEGORIES

16. The following micron (μ) categories will apply to all Merino classes:

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| a) Ultra fine: | 16.5 and finer |
| b) Superfine: | 16.6 – 18.5 |
| c) Fine: | 18.6 – 19.9 |
| d) Medium: | 20.0 – 21.9 |
| e) Strong: | 22.0 and broader |

TESTING

17. All Skirted and District fleeces will be micron, staple length, strength and yield tested by the Australian Wool Testing Authority Ltd (AWTA).
18. Test results will be used during the judging process.

LOSS OR DAMAGE

19. The RASV shall not be responsible for loss or damage to any Exhibit irrespective of the cause of such loss or damage.

FIRST TIME EXHIBITORS

20. Exhibitors will be considered first time Exhibitors if they have never competed at the Royal Melbourne Show, or if they have not competed in any of the previous 10 Royal Melbourne Shows.

DISTRICT FLEECE COMPETITION

21. An Exhibit in the District Fleece Competition must have previously won a Championship at a District Agricultural Show.

**JUDGING**

22. Judging will take place on Friday 26 August 2011.

23. Judges may transfer fleeces into a more appropriate class if it is considered to have been entered in an incorrect class. Unskirted or insufficiently skirted fleeces will be correctly skirted under the direction of the Chief Steward or Supervisor in charge.

24. Fleeces that in the opinion of the Judges are overgrown, will be judged accordingly and potentially penalised by up to 20 points.

25. The RASV reserves the right to draw a 200gram sample from each Exhibit for its own use.

26. No Championship will be awarded if, in the opinion of the Chief Judge, no Exhibit warrants a Championship Award.

27. Ribbons will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place getters. Highly Commended ribbons may be awarded to a fleece meeting the agreed criteria.

WEANER FLEECES

28. Weaner fleeces must be untipped and shorn from hoggets or weaners.

JUDGING CRITERIA

29. Fleeces to be judged on the following point systems in the relevant competition:

AUSTRALASIAN LAMBS' WOOL (classes 1 - 9)

Trueness to type	10 points
Length	6 points
Soundness	6 points
Handle	16 points
Colour or bloom	16 points
Character	10 points
Density	6 points
Evenness	10 points
Yield %	20 points

Maximum 100 points

Samples in the lambs' wool competition to contain no less than 450g of wool, and must be untipped and shorn from lambs, not hoggets or weaners.

SKIRTED (classes 10 - 41) AND DISTRICT (classes 48 - 61) FLEECE

Sheep fleece judging will be based on the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers (NCWSB) scale of points. Judges will take account of the objective measurements and will apply a "productivity bonus" if the clean fleece weight (CFW) is heavier than that required for maximum points on the NCWSB scale.

Trueness to type	10 points
Length	10 points
Soundness	10 points
Handle	8 points
Colour or bloom	6 points
Character	10 points
Density	6 points
Evenness	10 points
Clean fibre content	<u>30 x actual CFW</u> Benchmark CFW
Maximum	100 points

BLACK & COLOURED FLEECE (classes 41 - 47)

Fleece weight	15 points
Cleanliness	15 points
Handle	15 points
Tensile strength	10 points
Length	10 points
Character	10 points
Evenness of count	10 points
Brightness	10 points
Fibre wastage	5 points
Maximum	100 points



AUSTRALASIAN LAMBS' WOOL COMPETITION

CLASS 1 - SUPERFINE MERINO LAMBS' WOOL

CLASS 2 - FINE MERINO LAMBS' WOOL

CLASS 3 - MEDIUM MERINO LAMBS' WOOL

CLASS 4 - STRONG MERINO LAMBS' WOOL

CLASS 5 - POLWARTH LAMBS' WOOL

CLASS 6 - CORRIEDALE LAMBS' WOOL

CLASS 7 - COMEBACK LAMBS' WOOL

CLASS 8 - CROSSBRED LAMBS' WOOL

CLASS 9 - BRITISH LONG WOOL LAMBS' WOOL

CHAMPION LAMBS' WOOL

PRIZE: RASV SASH

MOST SUCCESSFUL AUSTRALASIAN LAMBS' WOOL EXHIBITOR

PRIZE: TROPHY AND SASH TO THE VALUE OF \$100 SUPPORTED BY ARCADIAN WOOL BROKERS LTD.

Points allotted on the basis of first, 3 points; second, 2 points; third, 1 point. Where points are equal, the highest number of first prizes will decide award. There must be a minimum of two exhibitors in each class before points will be allotted.

SKIRTED FLEECE COMPETITION

CLASS 10 - MOST ATTRACTIVE MERINO WEANER FLEECE

CLASS 11 - MOST ATTRACTIVE NON-MERINO WEANER FLEECE

CLASS 12 - SKIRTED FLEECE OF ULTRA FINE MERINO RAM'S WOOL

CLASS 13 - SKIRTED FLEECE OF ULTRA FINE MERINO EWE OR WETHER'S WOOL

CLASS 14 - SKIRTED FLEECE OF SUPERFINE MERINO RAM'S WOOL

CLASS 15 - SKIRTED FLEECE OF SUPERFINE MERINO EWE OR WETHER'S WOOL

CLASS 16 - SKIRTED FLEECE OF FINE MERINO RAM'S WOOL

CLASS 17 - SKIRTED FLEECE OF FINE MERINO EWE OF WETHER'S WOOL

CLASS 18 - SKIRTED FLEECE OF MEDIUM MERINO RAM'S WOOL

CLASS 19 - SKIRTED FLEECE OF MEDIUM MERINO EWE OR WETHER'S WOOL

CLASS 20 - SKIRTED FLEECE OF STRONG MERINO RAM'S WOOL

CLASS 21 - SKIRTED FLEECE OF STRONG MERINO EWE OR WETHER'S WOOL

CLASS 22 - SKIRTED FLEECE OF DOHNE RAM'S WOOL

CLASS 23 - SKIRTED FLEECE OF DOHNE EWE OR WETHER'S WOOL



CLASS 24 - SKIRTED FLEECE OF CORRIEDALE RAM'S WOOL
PRIZE: J.F. GUTHRIE PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY SUPPORTED BY THE LATE J.F. GUTHRIE FOR THE MOST VALUABLE SKIRTED CORRIEDALE RAM FLEECE IN THE SHOW.

Inscribed each year with the winner's name.

CLASS 25 - SKIRTED FLEECE OF CORRIEDALE EWE OR WETHER'S WOOL

CLASS 26 - SKIRTED FLEECE OF POLWARTH RAM'S WOOL

CLASS 27 - SKIRTED FLEECE OF POLWARTH EWE OR WETHER'S WOOL

CLASS 28 - SKIRTED FLEECE OF ROMNEY WOOL

CLASS 29 - SKIRTED FLEECE OF BORDER LEICESTER RAM'S WOOL

CLASS 30 - SKIRTED FLEECE OF BORDER LEICESTER EWE OR WETHER'S WOOL

CLASS 31 - SKIRTED FLEECE OF ENGLISH LEICESTER RAM'S WOOL

CLASS 32 - SKIRTED FLEECE OF ENGLISH LEICESTER EWE OR WETHER'S WOOL

CLASS 33 - SKIRTED FLEECE OF LINCOLN RAM'S WOOL

CLASS 34 - SKIRTED FLEECE OF LINCOLN EWE OR WETHER'S WOOL

CLASS 35 - SKIRTED FLEECE OF CHEVIOT WOOL

CLASS 36 - SKIRTED FLEECE OF DOWNS WOOL

CLASS 37 - SKIRTED FLEECE OF PERENDALE WOOL

CLASS 38 - SKIRTED FLEECE OF FINE COMEBACK EWE OR WETHER'S WOOL, 25 μ & FINER

CLASS 39 - SKIRTED FLEECE OF COMEBACK EWE OR WETHER'S WOOL, 25.1 - 27 μ

CLASS 40 - SKIRTED FLEECE OF CROSSBRED EWE OF WETHER'S WOOL 27.1 - 30 μ

CLASS 41 - SKIRTED FLEECE OF STRONG CROSSBRED EWE OR WETHER'S WOOL, 30.1 μ & BROADER

CHAMPION SKIRTED FLEECE
PRIZE: RASV SASH

MOST SUCCESSFUL EXHIBITOR
PRIZE: RASV SASH

MOST VALUABLE SKIRTED FLEECE
All skirted fleeces will be automatically entered into this competition.
PRIZE: \$200 SUPPORTED BY LANDMARK LTD.

BLACK & COLOURED FLEECE COMPETITION

CLASS 42 - EXTRA FINE BLACK & COLOURED FLEECE, 64^S AND FINER, 21.9 μ & FINER

CLASS 43 - FINE BLACK & COLOURED FLEECE, 58^S - 60^S, 22 - 25.5 μ

CLASS 44 - MEDIUM BLACK & COLOURED FLEECE, 50^S - 56^S, 25.6 - 30 μ

CLASS 45 - STRONG BLACK & COLOURED FLEECE, 44^S - 46^S, 30.1 TO 38 μ

CLASS 46 - EXTRA STRONG BLACK & COLOURED FLEECE, 40^S AND STRONGER, 38.1 μ & BROADER

CLASS 47 - BEST SAMPLE BLACK & COLOURED LAMBS' WOOL, 450GRMS, ANY COUNT/MICRON

CHAMPION BLACK AND COLOURED FLEECE
PRIZE: RASV SASH

MOST SUCCESSFUL EXHIBITOR
PRIZE: RASV SASH



DISTRICT FLEECE COMPETITION

**CLASS 48 - CHAMPION MERINO FLEECE –
GIPPSLAND DISTRICT/PORT PHILLIP
DISTRICT**

**CLASS 49 - CHAMPION MERINO FLEECE –
WIMMERA DISTRICT**

**CLASS 50 - CHAMPION MERINO FLEECE –
NORTH EASTERN/MURRAY VALLEY
DISTRICT**

**CLASS 51 - CHAMPION MERINO FLEECE –
NORTHERN DISTRICT**

**CLASS 52 - CHAMPION MERINO FLEECE –
WESTERN/SOUTH WESTERN DISTRICT**

**CLASS 53 – CHAMPION MERINO FLEECE –
GOULBURN VALLEY RIVERINA DISTRICT**

**CLASS 54 - CHAMPION MERINO FLEECE –
MIDLANDS/CENTRAL & UPPER GOULBURN
DISTRICT**

**CLASS 55 - CHAMPION NON-MERINO
FLEECE – GIPPSLAND/PORT PHILLIP
DISTRICT**

**CLASS 56 - CHAMPION NON-MERINO
FLEECE – WIMMERA DISTRICT**

**CLASS 57 - CHAMPION NON-MERINO
FLEECE – NORTH EASTERN/MURRAY
VALLEY DISTRICT**

**CLASS 58 - CHAMPION NON-MERINO
FLEECE – NORTHERN DISTRICT**

**CLASS 59 - CHAMPION NON-MERINO
FLEECE – WESTERN/SOUTH WESTERN
DISTRICT**

**CLASS 60 - CHAMPION NON-MERINO
FLEECE – GOULBURN VALLEY RIVERINA
DISTRICT**

**CLASS 61 - CHAMPION NON-MERINO
FLEECE – MIDLANDS/CENTRAL & UPPER
GOULBURN DISTRICT**

CHAMPION DISTRICT FLEECE

PRIZE: RASV SASH

PRIZE: GOODS TO THE VALUE OF \$250 FROM
ANY BRANCH, SUPPORTED BY ELDERS LTD
PRESENTED TO THE EXHIBITOR OF THE
HIGHEST SCORING FLEECE IN THE DISTRICT
FLEECE COMPETITION.

OTHER AWARDS

POLWARTH SHEEP BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA (VICTORIA BRANCH) PERPETUAL CHALLENGE

PRIZE: TROPHY VALUED AT \$1,500 WILL BE AWARDED TO THE MOST ATTRACTIVE POLWARTH FLEECE IN THE SHOW.

Each year the winner's name to be inscribed. To be eligible for this trophy, ram fleeces must not weigh less than 4.9kg and ewe fleeces no less than 3.4kg.

THE HENRY W. HOPKINS MEMORIAL AWARD

PRIZE: TROPHY SUPPORTED BY MR. D HOPKINS TO BE AWARDED TO A FIRST TIME EXHIBITOR AS AN ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD.

The award is for the highest points and can be drawn from either the skirted fleece or lambs' wool classes.

SASHES AWARDED TO

ALL CHAMPIONS AND MOST SUCCESSFUL EXHIBITORS IN EACH COMPETITION

ROSETTES AWARDED TO

SKIRTED FLEECE COMPETITION

BEST ULTRAFINE MERINO FLEECE
BEST SUPERFINE MERINO FLEECE
BEST FINE MERINO FLEECE
BEST MEDIUM MERINO FLEECE
BEST STRONG MERINO FLEECE
BEST CORRIEDALE FLEECE
BEST POLWARTH FLEECE
BEST BRITISH BREED FLEECE
BEST NON-MERINO FLEECE
BEST NON MERINO FLEECE FROM A COMMERCIAL GROWER
BEST MERINO FLEECE FROM A COMMERCIAL GROWER
BEST COMEBACK OR CROSSBRED FLEECE

LAMBS' WOOL COMPETITION

BEST CORRIEDALE LAMBS' WOOL
BEST MERINOS LAMBS' WOOL
BEST POLWARTH LAMBS' WOOL
BEST BRITISH LONGWOOL LAMBS' WOOL
BEST COMEBACK OR CROSSBRED LAMBS' WOOL

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

ON THE DAY OF JUDGING, ALL EXHIBITORS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE AFTERNOON AWARDS PRESENTATION, DETAILS OF WHICH WILL BE PROVIDED AFTER CLOSE OF ENTRIES.

THE ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF VICTORIA WOULD LIKE TO THANK AND ACKNOWLEDGE THE FOLLOWING SPONSORS:

POLWARTH SHEEP BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA (VICTORIAN BRANCH)

THE LATE J.F. GUTHRIE

MR D. HOPKINS – “CHALLICUM”



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