

ROTORUA DISTRICT SCHOOLS AGRICULTURAL CLUB CONSTITUTION

(Updated 20th November 2023)

Section A - Administration

Membership in the group is open to all schools in the Rotorua County and Galatea.

- (a) An executive committee composed of two delegates from each affiliated school will control the group.
- (b) Written notice of any proposed change in the constitution must be made two weeks before the annual meeting.
- (c) The Annual Meeting is to take place no more than one month after Group Day.
- (d) Quorum at all meetings must be a majority of schools.
- (e) Each member school must pay an annual levy of \$40.00 including GST to be eligible to be part of Group Day. Waikite Valley School will invoice each school in September for October payment. The funds are for the purpose of maintaining and purchasing assets for Rotorua District Agricultural Club.
- (f) An Equipment Register is to be maintained as equipment passes from one host school to another.
- (g) All participating school Pet Days to be run under rules of the constitution to make it fair and to promote consistency.
- (h) The Group Day bank account is closed, and that Waikite Valley School holds the money in trust until appropriate use is decided by the Rotorua District Schools Agricultural Club committee. The money held in trust is used to support the upgrade of equipment for the set up of Group Day.

Section B - Classes

- (a) Calves must be born between 20th July and 25th September.
- (b) Lambs and kids must be born between 20th July and 25th September.
- (c) Classes for competition:
 - 1. Junior – Years 0, 1, 2 and 3
 - 2. Intermediate – Years 4 and 5
 - 3. Senior – Years 6, 7 and 8
 - 4. Open – All Primary School children (Yr 0-8).
- (d) Each school is limited to two entries from each comparable event at their own school day and all these competitors to be eligible to compete in all classes within their respective sections i.e.: Senior, Intermediate and Junior.
- (e) Each competitor is limited to one calf or one lamb (or one kid in the case of the open ring).
- (f) Unless written permission is obtained, the child must lead his or her own calf or lamb (or kid in the case of Open section).
- (g) Calves must be hand fed.
- (h) No clipping, oiling or trimming of lambs, calves or kids.
- (i) No washing or artificial bleaching of lambs or kids. Dagging permitted. Spot sponging allowed on the day at the steward's discretion.
- (j) Lambs, calves, kids may be covered.

- (k) Animals only to be fed titbits and bottles whilst tethered and not once judging has commenced.
- (l) Lambs must be lead with a collar and lead only – no harness or halters allowed.
- (m) All entries in the Secretary's hands by 9.30am on Group Day.
- (n) All calves over the age of one (1) month must be accompanied with a TB status card or any calf from a farm under movement control or suspended and is over six (6) weeks must be tested no more than 60 days prior to moving.

Any evidence of any of the above mentioned will lead to elimination.

Section C - Judging

- (a) The judge's decision is final. No appeals allowed. No reruns allowed.
- (b) Judges Register to be updated and maintained by Group Day Committee. Register to include Senior or Junior Judges. Where possible, judges should be selected from those who have attended judge's field days.
- (c) First placegetters only to be judged for Champion in each event of the calf and lamb classes. Second placegetters to standby outside the Championship ring. The second placegetter to the Champion only is then judged and considered for Reserve Champion along with the two other first placegetters already judged.
- (d) The Champion Calf is to be judged on child effort, care and attention, leading and calling.
- (e) A copy of Group's rules to be sent to judges two weeks before the Group Day and these should be discussed with the chief stewards on the morning before judging begins.
- (f) A judge who has officiated at any school may judge on the Group Day in the same year.
- (g) Judging of calves and lambs to take place simultaneously.
- (h) Order of judging of calves and lambs to be:
Junior, Intermediate and Senior
- (i) Lambs to be judged only on child effort – leading, calling and care and attention.
- (j) **Open ring** – open to all Pet Day participants (calves, lambs and kids), not eligible for Championship rings. In all categories a 1, 2, 3 & 4th place ribbons will be awarded in each section. Judges also have the option of awarding 2x Very Highly Commended ribbons in each section should they see fit. All participants who do not receive any ribbons throughout competition will receive a participation ribbon.
- (k) Points system
 - 6 points for Champion of each event
 - 4 points for Reserve Champion of each event
 - 7 points for 1st
 - 5 points for 2nd
 - 3 points for 3rd

1 point for 4th

- (l) That for contributing points to be eligible for the shields, there are to be at least 3 schools in each animal class. I.e. lambs and calves.
- (m) Care & Attention to be judged outside the ring with the Champion being judged in the ring. The question and answer time is on a one-on-one basis, not in a group situation.

Section D

- (a) All Championship awards to be ribbons.
- (b) **Open Rings** – Rosettes to be awarded, not ribbons.
- (c) Every participant in the Championship rings that does not receive a placing will receive an **undated** participation ribbon.

Section E - Group Day Details

- (a) School responsibilities as already designated by controlling school
- (b) Marshalls/stewards to be supplied by the host school 14 required, 2 for each pen – (1 assisting judge/animals and the other getting children and animals ready and catching with the call if needed)
- (c) The host school to provide morning tea and lunch for Stewards and Judges.
- (d) Host school to retain all stall revenue.
- (e) As many loading ramps as possible to be provided.
- (f) Separate washing area to be provided.
- (g) All preparation of animals after washing to be done in tethering area.
- (h) No adults, except marshalls, are to be permitted in the tethering area. I.e. one lamb and one calf marshall from each school.
- (i) Date of Group Day to be set at A.G.M.
- (j) Animals with lice will not be permitted to enter.
- (k) Entire animals will be permitted.
- (l) A hand mower and catcher must be used to mow all rings.
- (m) White pigtail standards are to be used as ring markers.

Section F - Group Day Programme

Calves

- A. Leading Champion & Reserve
- B. Calling Champion & Reserve
- C. Care and Attention Champion & Reserve
- D. Supreme Champion & Reserve

Lambs

- A. Leading Champion & Reserve
- B. Calling Champion & Reserve
- C. Care and Attention Champion & Reserve
- D. Supreme Champion & Reserve

Section G – Head Steward

A Head Steward will be elected each year at the Annual Meeting. The Head Steward is responsible for –

- Judges and Stewards briefing meeting immediately before Group Day each year
- Judges training day every two years
- To help ensure the smooth and efficient running of all rings during the day
- To assist the organising school with selection of Judges for Group Day
- Maintain the Judges register

Order of Group Day:

Lake Rerewhakaaitu School, Mihi School, Broadlands School, Kaharoa School, Mamaku School, Ngakuru School, Reporoa School, Waikite Valley School, Galatea School, Upper Atiamuri School.

School Numbers

Galatea	Black	1-20
Reporoa	Green	21-40
Lake Rerewhakaaitu	Blue	41-60
Ngakuru	Red	61-80
Waikite Valley	Maroon	81-100
Mihi	Orange	101-120
Broadlands	Purple	121-140
Kaharoa	Gold	141-160
Mamaku	White	161-180
Upper Atiamuri	Pink	181-200