

# TOOWOOMBA ROYAL SHOW

26 - 28 MARCH

**SHEEP DOG  
TRIALS  
SCHEDULE**

**2026**



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# People First Bank Toowoomba Royal Show 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> March 2026



**Committee Person in Charge**  
Diana Bryant

**Chief Steward – Sheep Dogs**  
Gary & Julie Spry

**Committee**  
Mr. K & Mrs C Hinselwood  
Mr G & Mrs J Spry, Mr M Campbell,  
Mr John Crombie, Mrs Peta Mason

## **ENTRY FEES** (Includes judging fee of \$2.00 per dog)

Novice: \$18.00 non-members; \$16.00 RASQ Toowoomba Members per dog

Encourage: \$15.00 non-members; \$13.00 RASQ Toowoomba Members per dog

Open: \$20.00 non-members; \$18.00 RASQ Toowoomba Members per dog

Improvers: \$18.00 non-members; \$16.00 RASQ Toowoomba Members per dog

**NO REFUNDS ALLOWED. Please complete your entry form carefully as this regulation will be strictly adhered to. Please note which days the events are on before entering as there are no refunds once entered and the Committee unfortunately can't guarantee you can compete on the only day you can attend.**

*Run under QWSDAI rules. Handlers must be a member of QWSDAI or another State Working Sheep Dog Association. All dogs must be registered working dogs – Registration numbers to be provided.*

## **EXHIBITORS PASSES:**

All exhibitors will need to purchase an Exhibitor Passes at the **discounted rate of \$20 to enter.**

the grounds. **Passes must be purchased and paid for with the entry.** If not purchased with entry form full gate ticket prices will apply. A limit of two exhibitor passes per 1-5 animals and four passes for over 5 animals per entrant applies.

**The issue of passes is controlled by the RASQ. All queries are to be directed to the show office**

**PH: 4634 7400.**

- **Camping is available Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> and Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026 @ \$40 per site per night. (maximum 4 people per site)**
- **Camping to be booked and paid with online entries.**
- **Gates will be open between 12:00 noon and 4:00 pm on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March for Wednesday night campers to enter.**

## **ENTRIES CLOSE**

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February at 5:00 pm

**ONLINE ENTRIES ONLY (no email or paper/posted entries will be accepted)**

Enter online at ([www.showdayonline.com](http://www.showdayonline.com))

Entries will not be accepted after 5:00 pm on the closing date.

## **THREE SHEEP TRIALS**

Classes 25001 to 25004 to be conducted over the 3 days of Show – Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March to Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2026 commencing at 6:30 am. Open starts Thursday in the Main Ring. Novice starts Thursday in the Novice Ring once enough sheep available to commence.

## **SHEEP DOG TRIALS**

Sheep Dog Trials at the 2026 People First Bank Toowoomba Royal Show will be open to all Registered Working Sheep Dogs.

## **PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES**

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March at completion of trials.

## **DRAW DETAILS – CHIEF STEWARDS**

Gary and Julie Spry – 0402 436 477 (Sheep Dog Trials)

## **THREE SHEEP DOG TRIALS**

### **CLASS 25001- GEORGE JOHNSTON THREE SHEEP NOVICE TRIAL (Start Thursday)**

A final will be held for the six highest scoring dogs to compete.

1<sup>st</sup> prize - \$130 plus ribbon

2<sup>nd</sup> prize- \$110 plus ribbon

3<sup>rd</sup> prize - \$90 plus ribbon

4<sup>th</sup> prize - \$70 plus ribbon

5<sup>th</sup> prize - \$50 plus ribbon

6<sup>th</sup> prize - \$40 plus ribbon

### **CLASS 25002- THREE SHEEP IMPROVER TRIAL (Start Thursday)**

To be held in conjunction with The Open Trial on the basis of all improver and novice dogs. A final will be held for the six highest scoring dogs to compete.

1<sup>st</sup> prize - \$130 plus ribbon & Guy Allfrey Memorial Trophy

2<sup>nd</sup> prize - \$110 plus ribbon

3<sup>rd</sup> prize - \$90 plus ribbon

4<sup>th</sup> prize - \$70 plus ribbon

5<sup>th</sup> prize - \$50 plus ribbon

6<sup>th</sup> prize - \$40 plus ribbon

*ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF QUEENSLAND GUY MAURICE ALLFREY MEMORIAL TROPHY - AWARDED BY THE SHEEP DOG TRIAL COMMITTEE FOR THE WINNER OF CLASS 25004.*

**CLASS 25003- THREE SHEEP OPEN TRIAL (Start Thursday)**

A final will be held for the six highest scoring dogs to compete.

1<sup>st</sup> prize - \$500 plus ribbon

2<sup>nd</sup> prize - \$300 plus ribbon

3<sup>rd</sup> prize - \$200 plus ribbon

4<sup>th</sup> prize - \$150 plus ribbon

5<sup>th</sup> prize - \$100 plus ribbon

6<sup>th</sup> prize - \$80 plus ribbon

**CLASS 25004- ENCOURAGE AND TRIAL (Start at completion of Novice Trial - Friday)**

A final will be held for the six highest scoring dogs to compete.

1<sup>st</sup> prize - \$80 plus ribbon

2<sup>nd</sup> prize - \$70 plus ribbon

3<sup>rd</sup> prize - \$60 plus ribbon

4<sup>th</sup> prize - \$50 plus ribbon

5<sup>th</sup> prize - \$40 plus ribbon

6<sup>th</sup> prize - \$30 plus ribbon

**QUEENSLAND CHAMBER OF AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES SHOW RULES**  
**Rules for Show Societies, Stewards, Judges, Exhibitors and Competitors at Agricultural Shows.**

1. This show is conducted subject to the rules of the Queensland Chamber of Agricultural Societies Inc., the constitution and rules of this Society and any other regulation, which appears within the Schedule for individual sections of this Show. Should there be any conflict between the rules of the Queensland Chamber of Agricultural Societies Inc, the constitution and rules of this Society and the regulations appearing in any schedule, the constitution, rules and regulations appearing in the schedule of this Society shall prevail.
2. The President, Steward and/or the Committee person in Charge of any section of this Show shall have the right to refuse any entry by an Exhibitor without expressing reason at any time up to the commencement of judging of the section to which that entry applies.
3. The Society reserves the right to refuse entry to any stallholder if the Society reasonably believes that it is necessary to do so in order to ensure that the standard, quality and safety of the Show is maintained.
4. The President, Committee person in Charge or Steward of any section shall have the right to alter or amend the programme or the time of any event.
5. This Society will not under any circumstances hold itself liable for any accident, loss, damage or non-delivery of livestock or other exhibits at the Society's Show, and it shall be a condition of entry that each exhibitor shall hold this Society blameless and indemnify it against any legal proceedings arising through any accident, loss, non-delivery or damage whatsoever.
6. Exhibitors must obey all lawful orders of the President, Secretary, and the Committee person in Charge or the Steward of the section in which the Exhibitor is entered. Failure to abide by any such order may incur a fine of an amount to be determined by the President of this Society or on the order of the President, the Exhibitor may be removed from the grounds together with the exhibit.
7. Stewards shall have the power to remove exhibitors or other persons from the vicinity of the Judge while judging.
8. The Judge's decision in any section shall be final.
9. Any protest by an Exhibitor must be lodged in writing with the Committee person or Steward in charge of any Section within 30 minutes of the completion of the event together with a fee of \$100.00. The fee will be forfeited if the protest is considered to be frivolous or vexatious. The protest shall be heard according to the rules of the natural justice by a Dispute Committee of three appointed by the President of this show and the decision of the Disputes Committee shall be final.
10. Ribbons will be awarded at the Judge's discretion notwithstanding that there may be provision in the schedule for the awarding of ribbons.
11. Exhibitors shall ensure that they and all animals are entered and shown in the correct class.
12. All exhibitors must present their exhibit for judging at the appointed time and place. Judging shall not be delayed for an Exhibitor who is not ready and the Committee person in Charge or Steward of the section shall have the right to exclude and disqualify the exhibitor competing in that section who does not present on time.
13. If, in the opinion of the Committee person in Charge or Steward of the section, any animal or exhibit is entered in the wrong class, the Committee person in charge or Steward of the Section shall have the power to enter the animal or exhibit in its correct class prior to the commencement of judging of that class.
14. Where there is an age limit on an Exhibitor, any of the following shall be accepted as proof of age:
  - A. A birth certificate
  - B. A Driver's Licence
  - C. Current passport
15. Exhibitors shall at all times behave in a proper and courteous manner to judges, Show Officials and other exhibitors. Should an exhibitor behave in an offensive or improper manner, the Committee person in Charge, or Steward of the section shall have the right to exclude and disqualify that Exhibitor from competing in the Section.
16. All Exhibitors and/or grooms entering the showground shall obey the lawful directions of the President, Committee, Stewards or Employees of the Show Society and failure or refusal to do so, shall entitle the President of this Society to disqualify the Exhibitor and/or his/her exhibit from competing at the show and may order the removal of the Exhibitor and /or his/her exhibit from the grounds.
17. A Judge shall not adjudicate at more than one show, where practical, within 60 days unless judging different sections where it can be reasonably anticipated a number of the same exhibits are to be judged.
18. Judging cards and performance records shall be completed by the Committee person in Charge, Steward and/or the Judge of a Section (if required) during or immediately after the judging of the Section or at the Judge's convenience.
19. Judges must be suitably attired when judging.
20. Competitors must be suitably attired when exhibiting.
21. If a Judge is unable to fulfil a judging commitment, the Judge shall notify the Show Society as soon as possible so replacement can be arranged.
22. A Judge shall not send a substitute Judge. All invitations to judge shall be sent by the Society.
23. A Society shall report to the Queensland Sub-Chamber of Agricultural Societies Inc. any Judge who fails to attend A show to which he or she has accepted an invitation to judge or, who has failed to judge at the time advertised for the commencement of the class provided that the failure to attend or appear is without reasonable cause.
24. A Judge may not officiate in one Section of a Show and compete or exhibit in another Section at the same show unless exceptional circumstances exist, such as sickness or unavailability of the appointed Judge.
25. An Exhibitor shall not compete in a section if the Exhibitor is a member of the Judge's immediate family.
26. An Exhibitor shall not compete nor show any animal in a section if the animal has been owned or leased by the Judge or a member of the Judge's immediate family or if the Judge is the Exhibitor's employer or business partner.
27. An Exhibitor shall not compete if the Exhibitor or any member of the Exhibitor's immediate family has provided accommodation for the Judge within three months prior to or during the holding of the Show.

28. An Exhibitor shall not compete if the Exhibitor or any animal being shown by the Exhibitor has been given tuition by the Judge's business partner within three months prior to or during the show.
29. An Exhibitor is ineligible to compete if the Exhibitor has employed or has been employed by or has been a business partner of the Judge of the Section within three months prior to or during the show.
30. An Exhibitor shall not compete if the Exhibitor has given tuition to the Judge or has fed or trained an animal owned or leased by the judge within three months prior to or during the show.
31. A Judge shall not visit the livestock-housing complex of the Show Society, nor the owners, nor inspect or discuss any animals entered in the Show prior to or during the judging of the relevant section.
32. No Exhibitor shall deface or alter registration papers or performance cards for any exhibit.
33. A Judge or Steward must not knowingly permit an ineligible Exhibit or Exhibitor to compete.
34. No Exhibitor nor a member of the Exhibitor's immediate family or anybody employed by the Exhibitor shall approach a Judge with regard to a decision made by the Judge unless they first obtain permission from the Committee person in Charge or Steward of the Section.
35. In Breed Classes, all animals must have current Registration and Ownership Certificate with the relevant Breed Society.
36. In Breed Classes, registration papers (where applicable) must be available at the Show as proof of registration.
37. An Exhibitor required by the Show Section Schedule or rules of this Society to parade an exhibit in the Grand Parade and who fails to do so, shall not be entitled to and shall forfeit any prize money or trophy to that Exhibitor and/or for that Exhibit.
38. The Exhibitor shall ensure that they and their exhibit comply with all statutes, regulations and by-laws applying to the showground at the time of the show including but not limited to all animal health requirements.
39. Exhibitors and Space Holders who bring electrical equipment into the showground must comply with current legislation.
40. Where animals are being led, worked and displayed, it is the responsibility of the owner/handler at the time to ensure the animal does not become a public safety liability.
41. Dogs, other than those owned by members of the Canine Control Council, must be kept in a closed float, a vehicle or on a short leash and must be suitably muzzled as to prevent it being able to injure or bite any person or other animal.
42. Any competitor who receives any physical or electronic communication aid during the judging of an event will have all nominations cancelled. The persons concerned may be asked to leave the showground.
43. Energised electric fences are prohibited on the Showground at any time unless in a specified area and suitably signed.
44. Rules for individual Sections shall be as per the attached Schedule/s and they shall be read in conjunction with the rules.
45. Every official, competitor and helper has the right to be treated with dignity and respect. In support of this right, the RASQ has zero tolerance for any form of bullying, harassment, discrimination and violence. Any person subjected to any of these forms of harmful conduct is encouraged to report it in writing to the RASQ Committee or Section Head Chief Steward. All reports will be handled promptly and confidentially.

#### **ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE POLICY**

1. The Queensland Chamber of Agricultural Societies Inc. will not tolerate unacceptable behaviour from any judge, steward or person performing duties at an Agricultural Show or Show Committee organised function, who is affected by alcohol or drugs.
2. The Chamber considers that all persons assisting at a Show or function should be free of any intimidation or embarrassment caused by any person who is affected by alcohol or drugs.
3. The Executive of the Show Society or person in charge of the Event must ensure that any Judge, Steward or Person is not subject to any behaviour, which is a personal embarrassment to the Members of the Show Society or renders the Show Society in disrepute.
4. Any reports of alcohol or drug abuse will be treated seriously and action will be taken immediately to remedy the problem.
5. Disciplinary action may be taken against any person who is in breach of these protocols.
6. Any Judge, Steward or person affected by alcohol or drugs by their actions may be liable under the Workplace, Health and Safety Act.
7. Disciplinary action arising from any incident involving alcohol or drug abuse may involve a warning, dismissal or referral to authorities.

#### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**Due to current changes to public liability the following clauses have been included in the Show Society's Rules and Regulations.**

**Please note: When you sign off on your entry form you will be agreeing to the following inclusions.**

- Agree to compete/exhibit at the 2026 Royal Agricultural Society of Queensland Toowoomba Royal Show at my own risk.
- Agree not to make any claim against the Royal Agricultural Society of Queensland for any injury or loss sustained to me, my property or the livestock exhibit under my care at the 2026 Toowoomba Royal Show.
- Agree to compete/exhibit at my own risk and to indemnify and keep indemnified the Royal Agricultural Society of Queensland, together with any other organization or person involved in the conduct of any show against all claims, suits, actions, or demands, which may be brought in respect of any injury or other loss sustained to me, my property, or the livestock exhibit under my care in the course of competing/exhibiting at the show and agree to exonerate the committee of management of the Show Society together with any other organization or person involved in the conduct of any agricultural show from all loss or injury to me, my property or the livestock exhibit under my care whether due to alleged negligence or otherwise.
- Acknowledge that no insurance is provided on my behalf, and I am responsible for arranging my own public liability and all other insurances.



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