**Hauraki Plains Rural Show**

Boys and Girls Agricultural Club Aims and Rules 2009

**AIMS**

1. The foster the love of animals and hence to convey sound rearing practices and proper care of animals
2. To encourage a natural interest in the land and in farming culture

Rules for the Hauraki Plains Rural Show

1. The name of the show shall be “Hauraki Plains Rural Show”
2. Senior membership shall be restricted to Primary School pupils 11 years and older, Intermediate 8 years to 10 years inclusive, Junior 8 years and under on the 1st November.
3. Only one animal per exhibitor is permitted.
4. In the event of small entries, the age groups may be restricted to Senior – 10 years and over on November 1st of the show year, and Junior – 5,6,7,8,9 years on November 1st of the show year.
5. Animals must be born from July 1st. Competitors shall be encouraged to take charge of animals within four weeks of birth, and not later than the 1st week in September, and thereafter, as far as is reasonably possible, personally care for the animals throughout the competition.
6. Competitors shall use any kind of food in any amount.
7. In cases of doubt, Light Breeds shall be – Jersey, Ayrshire and all crosses sired by a light breed sire.
8. In cases of doubt, Heavy Breeds shall be – Friesian, Shorthorn and all crosses sired by a heavy breed sire.
9. Competitors shall lead their own calves before the judges, unless the committee grants permission otherwise, but this permission may not be granted in the leading class.
10. Clipping, plucking, trimming and oiling of calves shall be prohibited.
11. Animals entered in the Rural Show must have completed at their own School Calf Club, unless they were unable to attend due to illness of either animal or child, or a child is home schooled, or where their school does not have a calf club, whereby entry shall be permitted subject to the consent of the competitors gaining permission from the Rural Show Committee.
12. Substitution of an animal in case of death or disablement shall be permitted subject to the competitors permission from the Rural Show Committee.
13. A substitution animal may not be one that has already been to a Calf Club Day.
14. No preschoolers are entitled to enter the Rural Show.
15. Classes with less than 5 entries in rearing and handling and type section shall be combined
16. Engraving of trophies will be provided by the committee after lunch on the day of the show.
17. Judges for this show shall be drawn from the Thames Valley Central Judges panel.
18. Ribbons: The first four placings in each class will receive ribbons at the Rural Show. They will also receive a monetary prize – determined by the committee before each event. There shall also be a Championship ribbon and Reserve Championship ribbon for Leading, Rearing and Handling, Type.
19. **Champion of Champion shall be judged on a point system over Leading, Rearing and Handling, and Type, excluding Championship unless in the case of a tie. If still a tie, a lead off will be held.**

**Points to be: 4 - (1st), 3 – (2nd), 2 – (3rd), 1-(4th). Champion - 4, Reserve Champion – 2.**

1. In cases of dispute, the Rural Show Committee’s decision shall be final.

Lamb and Kid Competition – shall be judged on Leading, Calling and Rearing and Handling.

* Lamb and Kid classes shall be split into Senior, Intermediate and Junior only if entries received prior to the event exceed 50.
* Rules for Leading the same as calves
* Washing of lambs is discouraged, but permitted as per the Hauraki Plains Calf Club Competition rules.
1. The Rural Show Committee has the right to use discretion to alter age groups to overcome large groups.

Dairy Beef Competition – shall be judged on Leading, Rearing and Handling and Type

* In the case of doubt Dairy Beef shall be – all male calves, or calves of beef origin.
* Dairy beef calves to be allowed to compete in the Leading Championship.
* Championships separate from the dairy heifer classes to be held for dairy breed Type and Rearing and handling.