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## **REGULATIONS**

### **CLOSE OF ENTRIES**

1. Entries in the School Steer Spectacular must be received by the South Coast Beef Spectacular Committee no later than **5:00pm on Friday 5 April 2019**. Entry Forms must be accompanied by all fees at this time.
2. Late entries will only be considered subject to availability of space and the payment of a \$25 late fee.

### **ENTRIES**

3. Entry Fee for the School Steer Spectacular is \$110 per steer. This includes costs of stalling and bedding at the Showgrounds. All Entry Fees are GST free and nonrefundable.
4. Entry fee for Steer Judging and Parading is \$100 for up to 20 students/school.  
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5. A National Vendor Declaration showing consignment to Milton District Meats (PIC 12345) C/- South Coast Beef, must accompany livestock traveling to the Nowra Showgrounds and submitted to the Chief Steward on arrival.  
\*Note: In the notes section of the NVD please write the following information:  
Day 1 – Leave - Name of school  
Day 5 – Arrive - Milton District Meats
6. Only steers (male castrates showing no secondary sex characteristics) are eligible to compete in the School Steer Spectacular hoof and hook competition.
7. An animal or carcass which, in the opinion of the School Steer Spectacular Committee, shows secondary sex characteristics will be deemed to be a bull and will not be eligible for an award.
8. All Exhibits shall state the breed, cross of breeds or mixture of breeds.
9. All Exhibits will be weighed on the afternoon of Tuesday 7 May 2019
10. At the time of weighing entrants are required to nominate the Market Category in which they want their steer and carcass to be judged.
11. Each Exhibit must be tractable, and shall be led for Judging.
12. All steers must be paraded live before the Judge to be eligible for judging as a carcass.
13. All cattle must at all times have a nose ring or bulldog clip when being led.
14. All cattle must have a neck rope attached when penned in the cattle stalls
15. For the purpose of this competition Hormone Growth Promotants are not permitted.
16. All Exhibits must be either polled, dehorned or tipped within 3cm of their head.
17. All Exhibits must comply with the Property Identification Code and National Livestock Identification Scheme legislation of NSW. Exhibits not appropriately identified by means of an electronic identification will be deemed ineligible. The complete NLIS identification number must be provided at the time of entry.
18. South Coast Beef (SCB) reserves the right to reject or limit entries at their absolute discretion, at any time, and for any reason. In this regard, Exhibitors are advised that slaughter capacity for entries in the School Steer Spectacular (SSS) is limited. If entries exceed the number that can be suitably accommodated, it may be necessary for SCB to ballot-out entries.



19. The School Steer Spectacular Committee reserves the right to insist that ineligible animals be immediately removed from the Showgrounds at the expense of the Exhibitor.
20. The School Steer Spectacular Committee reserves the right to make such determinations and directions on any matter in relation to the conduct of the School Steer Spectacular as it deems necessary.
21. The School Steer Spectacular Committee reserves the right to penalise, disqualify or make ineligible for any award any Exhibit in the School Steer Spectacular that is determined to be outside of acceptable specifications in regard to weight, fat depth, meat colour, fat colour and fat distribution.
22. All Exhibits for the School Steer Spectacular are required to be housed as directed at the Showgrounds. Any proposed departure from this requirement by an Exhibitor must receive prior written permission from the School Steer Spectacular Committee.
23. A complete Timetable of Arrangements for the School Steer Spectacular will be forwarded to each Exhibitor prior to the Spectacular. The timetable that appears in this Schedule is subject to change and will be finalised at the earliest possible time.
24. Exhibits that do not meet weight and fat specifications for the selected market will be penalised in the live and carcass judging and it may also be reflected in the Exhibit's sale price.
25. To be eligible for the Grand Champion School, entries must present for judging in each of the following classes:
  1. Led Steer,
  2. Report Presentation (one report required for each steer), and
  3. Beef Steer Carcass.



## Scoring System for School Steer Spectacular Competition

### LED STEER JUDGING

- The led steer classes will be assessed on the degree to which they meet the specifications for either one of two Market Categories, as follows:

Characteristic	Market Specifications	Market Specifications
Category	Light weight Domestic Trade	Medium weight Domestic Breaking Carcass
Carcass weight (HSCW)	140 - 190kg	190.1 -240kg
	Penalty 1pt/kg outside of specified range	
Dentition	Milk teeth only	
	Any other dentition will be disqualified	
Sex	Male castrate only No secondary sex characteristics	
P8 Rump Fat	5 – 8mm	5 – 10mm

- Points for the Led Steer classes which will count towards Champion School will be awarded as follows:

First place	90 points
Second Place	85 points
Third Place	80 points
Highly Commended	78 points
Commended	75 points

### REPORT PRESENTATION

- Each entrant is required to deliver a five (5) minute Report Presentation to a panel of judges on their project. Report Presentations will be assessed on both delivery and content.
- Content of the presentation must analyse both the science and economics of the project as experienced by the school team and include the husbandry, handling and preparation of the animal.

Points for the Report Presentation will be allocated as follows:

Report - Presentation	(max. 10 points)
Report – Hardcopy	(max. 10 points)
Science of the project	(max. 10 points)
Economics of the project	(max. 10 points)
Handling and preparation of the steer	(max. 10 points)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>max. 50 points</b>

- Full details of this element of the Spectacular are explained in the information sheet:  
*2019 SSS Project Report Presentation*



## BEEF CARCASS JUDGING

6. Carcasses will be judged within the general parameters of the Australian Beef Carcass Appraisal System (ABCAS), incorporating carcass attributes relevant to Market Specifications and Saleable Meat Yield out of a total of 100 points.

### Market Specifications for School Steer Spectacular: 50 points

Characteristic	Light Weight Domestic Trade	Medium Weight Breaking Carcass	Points
Carcass weight (HSCW)	140 - 190kg	190.1-240kg	20
Dentition	Milk teeth only		
Sex	No secondary sex characteristics		
P8 Rump Fat	5 – 8mm	5 – 10mm	20
Fat Colour	Light white (<3 AUS-MEAT)	Light white (<3 AUS-MEAT)	5
Meat Colour	1B – 1C (AUS-MEAT)	1B – 2 (AUS-MEAT)	5
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>50</b>

7. Carcasses which fall outside the respective specified ranges for Meat Colour will be disqualified.

### Saleable Meat Yield for School Steer Spectacular: 50 points

Characteristic	Light Weight Domestic Trade	Medium Weight Breaking Carcass	Points
Eye Muscle Area	sqcm	sqcm	25
12 <sup>th</sup> /13 <sup>th</sup> Rib Fat	3 – 7mm	4 - 9mm	15
Fat distribution	Adequate and even		10
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>50</b>

8. Carcasses will not be penalised for bruising should any occur.
9. Carcasses will be sold by South Coast Beef on behalf of the entrants for which a commission of 3% will be charged.
10. Full details of the carcass judging system to be used are available on a separate information sheet.  
*2019 School Steer Spectacular Carcass Judging System.*



## South Coast Beef School Steer Spectacular – Other Activities

An Entry Fee of \$100 per school will entitle up to 20 students to participate in “Other Activities” detailed below.

### PARADER WORKSHOP

Interested students are encouraged to enter the Parader Workshop. This Workshop, conducted by a leading cattle breeder and judge, will provide students with the opportunity to receive practical instruction, assessment and feedback on their parading technique.

### PARADER COMPETITION

Schools are encouraged to bring along to the Spectacular additional cattle for use in the Parading and Junior Judging Competitions. These cattle will not be judged in the Spectacular classes ie, Led Steer, Report Presentations or Beef Carcass but will be used purely for the large number of students who enter the Paraders and Junior Judging activities.

**Note:** *No steer entering the School Steer Spectacular Hoof and Hook Competition is required to undergo health testing and therefore will be of “Unknown” health status. Any cattle brought onto the Showgrounds for any other purpose than to compete in the School Steer Spectacular hoof and hook competition is brought on at their owner’s risk.*

In the Parader Competition students will be judged on:

- a) Preparation – the work done prior to the show
- b) Presentation - of the parader and the animal
- c) Parading Skills – leading and standing
- d) Knowledge – students should be prepared to answer some elementary questions about their animal should they be asked by the Judge.

### JUNIOR JUDGING COMPETITION

A Junior Judging competition will be held in which students; Junior (Years 7 & 8), Intermediate (Years 9 & 10) and Senior (Years 11 & 12) age groups will compete, firstly within age groups and then for a Championship across all ages.

### HERDSMAN COMPETITION

This award is given to the school which best attends to their cattle, stall hygiene and presentation

### JACKPOT - STEER LIVEWEIGHT ASSESSMENT

Entry into this Jackpot is by way of a separate purchased ticket (\$5) which will entitle up to four students to submit an entry. The task is to assess the liveweight of a pen of four steers both individually and as a pen total. *See Jackpot Entry Form for details.*

### EDUCATION WORKSHOPS/ SEMINARS

The South Coast Beef School Steer Spectacular will include a number of educational workshops for students to attend during the course of the two days. We are very pleased to have a number of experienced people involved in the beef cattle industry who will be running these workshops. More information regarding these workshops will be available in the event program.