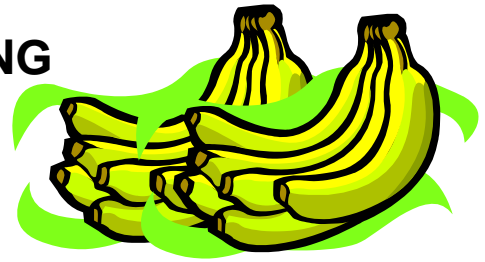


# ***INNISFAIL & DISTRICT SHOW SOCIETY INC.***

## **\*\* AUSTRALIAN BANANA PACKING CHAMPIONSHIP 2019\*\***



### **CLUSTER SECTION PROCESS** **(TWO (2) PERSON TEAM ONLY)**

- You may provide your own tools for the dehanding and clustering , but, tools must be registered and given to a **Committee Organiser three (3) days prior to the Show**
- Understand the Rules. – **JUDGES DECISION IS FINAL**
- You must nominate Team for the Cluster Section. Those teams cannot alter after nomination.
- Team Members must wear T/Shirts provided, and wear Footware.
- Workplace health & safety conditions will be adhered to throughout. For example, if a contestant cuts themselves, then the **blood bin rule will apply**
- The start/finish line will be at the Judges discretion. (Show Time Clock Stop Start)
- It is a team event and both team members can complete any task together.
- You both must stay in the defined area. Overstepping will incur cost of points in that section.
- You both will start by activating the time clock and then proceed to the dehanding station. You can either dehand with a knife or spade and may use a protective glove. Dehanding tools will be placed at dehanding station.
- Both Bunches complete with bunch covers will be hanging at the dehanding station. Bunches must be de flowered by both team members before dehanding commences. Both stalks must be removed and placed in drums provided after dehanding process has been completed.
- All fruit including waste etc, must pass through the trough and onto packing wheel.

- From trough, all fruit must be sorted and clustered onto packing wheel. A knife may be used to cluster and trim. No fruit will remain in the trough.
- Once all fruit has been removed from the trough the packing of fruit can commence.
- The committee believes there is enough fruit to pack a minimum of 3 cartons. If not, packable fruit must be placed in carton. Lids cartons and plastics will be provided for easy access.
- The cartons to be packed are 6 per layer cluster cartons with fold out lids.
- A cluster of bananas is 3 to 9 bananas
- You will choose and nominate one carton by not lidding that particular carton with the lid being placed under that carton for the judges to judge and allocate points to. All finished cartons of fruit must have correct weight, which will have a minimum of 16.2kg and a maximum of 16.7kg excluding lid (3-9 fingers per cluster).
- Any deformed fruit, waste, cut fruit etc must be placed in the bin on the wheel. Surplus fruit will be left on the wheel for judging.
- After all fruit has been processed, both team members will proceed to stop the time clock.
- Packed cartons other than the above nominated carton will be overall visually assessed by the judges of that section.
- Immediately after the time clock stops, the team must carry out an inspection of the carton (in area provided) with the judge to allocate points to the final product (P.P.S.).
- Points will be allocated to every phase of the process, which involves: Dehanding, sorting, clustering, grading, packing, lidding, teamwork, time taken, packed product inspection, etc.
- Officials will have the right to disqualify entrants if they are deemed to be under the influence of a drug and/or alcohol.
- Presentation of prize money and trophies will commence immediately after finals on Friday evening. **JUDGES DECISION IS FINAL**

**GOOD LUCK!**



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