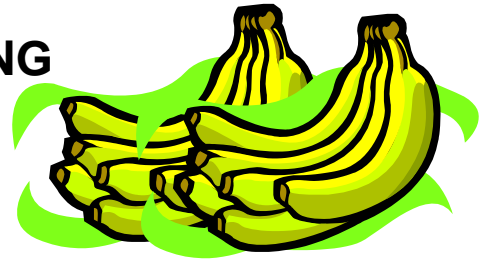


# ***INNISFAIL & DISTRICT SHOW SOCIETY INC.***

## **\*\*AUSTRALIAN BANANA PACKING CHAMPIONSHIP 2024\*\***



### **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 Australian Banana Packing Championship and complete all paperwork as necessary. The team persons cannot alter after nomination.
- Team Members must wear T/Shirts provided, and wear Footwear.
- It is a team event and both team members can complete any task together.
- The start/finish line is the start/stop on the time clock.
- 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 provide your own tools for the dehanding and clustering. Tools must be given to the committee organiser 3 days prior to the event. You can either dehand with a knife or spade and may use a protective glove. Dehanding /clustering tools will be placed at dehanding station on a drum.
- Both Bunches complete with bunch covers will be hanging at the dehanding station. 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.

- Fruit must be sorted and clustered onto packing wheel. A knife may be used to cluster and trim. No fruit to remain in the trough.
- All fruit must be removed from the trough before the packing of the fruit can commence.
- The committee believes there is enough fruit to pack a minimum of 3 international cartons. If there is not, packable fruit must be placed in carton. If there is excess fruit, it is to be left on the wheel.
- The cartons to be packed are 6 per layer cartons with fold out lids. Lids, cartons, bags, plastics, sap paper will be provided for easy access.
- A cluster of bananas is 3 to 9 bananas
- You will choose and nominate one carton by not lidding the particular carton with the lid being placed under the carton for judging. The other two cartons to be lidded. All finished cartons of fruit must be correct weight, which is a range from 6.2kg and 16.7kg excluding lid.
- 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 will be visually assessed by the judges of that section.
- Immediately after the time clock stops, the team must carry out an inspection of the nominated unlidded carton with the judges 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, communication, time taken, product inspection, product care etc.
- Workplace health & safety conditions will be adhered to throughout. (Footwear a must) If a contestant cuts themselves, then the **blood bin rule will apply (D.Q)**
- Officials will have the right to disqualify entrants if they are deemed to be under the influence of a substance and/or alcohol.
- Presentation of prize money and trophies will commence immediately after finals on Friday night. The winning team to receive trophies and prize money with the runners up prize money only to be awarded.
- **JUDGES DECISION IS FINAL AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WILL BE ENTERED INTO**

***BEST OF LUCK!***

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