

THE LONDON AND SOUTHERN COUNTIES BUDGERIGAR SOCIETY

PART ONE

GENERAL RULES 2026

This Society is affiliated to The Budgerigar Society and is contractually bound to its Rules. Matters not covered by the following Rules should be referred to the current Budgerigar Society Rule Book for implementation.

TITLE

1. The Society shall be called the **LONDON AND SOUTHERN COUNTIES BUDGERIGAR SOCIETY** (hereinafter called the **Society**) and shall be affiliated to the Budgerigar Society.

AREA OF THE SOCIETY

2. The area of the Society shall be all the area included in London and the counties of Essex, Middlesex, Kent, Surrey, Sussex, Hampshire, the Isle of Wight and Jersey.

OBJECTS

3. The objects of the Society are:-
- a) To promote the breeding and development of the Budgerigar.
 - b) To protect the interests of breeders and exhibitors.
 - c) To facilitate the exchange of ideas by the publication of a Journal covering the Society's fields of work.
 - d) To support the exhibition of Budgerigars by granting patronage to shows.
 - e) To reward work of outstanding merit with awards or other marks of recognition, (such as the **Silver Star**).
 - f) To encourage the membership of the Society to keep Budgerigars in conditions conducive to the health and well being of budgerigars.

MEMBERSHIP

4. Membership of the Society shall consist of those persons who shall have been elected to Honorary Life Membership at an AGM of Members of the Society and those persons who shall have completed an application for membership and paid the Annual Subscription applicable to them or journal membership for those wishing only the benefit of receiving the journal without entitlement to any other benefit. Application for membership shall be made to the General Council (G.C.) through the Subscription Secretary. The GC may accept or reject any application for membership without stating any reason for their decision, the subscription to be returnable in the event of non-election. Written notice of his/her acceptance or rejection shall be given to each applicant by the Subscription Secretary.

All members will be issued with their own personal Ring Code Number and no re-issue of that Code Number can take place for at least 10 years from the date of retirement, death or the last payment of a subscription.

Honorary Life Membership shall consist of:-

- a) Members elected to such status prior to 2001.

b) Members automatically accepted at an Annual General Meeting of the Society (A.G.M.) in recognition of forty years continuous subscription membership.

c) Persons elected by a two third majority at an A.G.M.:

(1) On the recommendation of the G.C. of the Society for meritorious service (but not more than two persons in any one year).

(2) Persons nominated by and seconded by members of the Society prior to 31st October (but not more than two persons in any one year).

5. If any member shall fail to pay his/her Annual Subscription on or before 31st January following the due date he/she shall be deemed to be a defaulter and cease to be a member of the Society. No member in arrears shall participate in any of the privileges of the Society nor be allowed to compete for any of the Society's Awards. Lapsed members can be reinstated on payment of arrears and the current subscription to the Subscription Secretary.

FINANCIAL YEAR

6. The Society's Financial Year shall commence on the 1st January and end on the following 31st December.

OBSERVANCE OF RULES

7. Members shall be responsible for the due observance of all the Rules of the Society for the time being in force and shall be deemed to have full knowledge thereof at all times.

SUBSCRIPTION

8. The Annual Subscription for members for the ensuing year shall be determined by the votes of members at the Annual General Meeting after taking into consideration the recommendations of the G.C. The Annual Subscription shall become payable on the 1st January each year and shall be payable to the Subscription Secretary at the current rate.

The subscription categories shall be determined as follows:

a) Ordinary Member (including overseas, seniors and disabled).

b) Partnership.

c) Any Partnership living in the same household including husband and wife.

d) Family Membership-which shall be available for any member of the same family living at the same address of which one or more is a junior. Rate to be that of the adult/s + £1 per junior.

e) Junior and Junior partnerships (over the age of 8 and under 16 years of age on 1st January and showing in Junior classes).

f) Journal membership.

PARTNERSHIPS

9. Members entering into partnership with each other and members of a partnership dissolving such partnership must give written notice to the General Secretary. All show entries must be in the name of the partnership and made in the section of the highest ranking member of the partnership and all partners must be fully paid up members of the Society. For partnerships being dissolved a certificate may be obtained on request from the General Secretary by either partner to enable them to show partnership ringed birds in young bird classes under their own names for the remainder of the show season. (see also current B.S. Rule).

ANNUAL ELECTION

10.(1) Rules for the election of the G.C. shall be conducted as follows:

- a) Before the Annual General Meeting of the Society each year a ballot of the members shall be held to elect ten members for the G.C. (if required).
- b) The results of the ballot to be opened by the chairman at the AGM from a sealed envelope and announced at the meeting.
- c) Auditors and Scrutineers, who shall not be members of the G.C., shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and shall hold office until the following Annual General Meeting.
- d) All candidates for election must be fully paid up members.
- e) Those seeking election to the G.C. for the first time must be proposed and seconded by fully paid up members and must forward their proposal form and biographical notes to the General Secretary by 31st October of the year preceding the ballot.
- f) The publication of election addresses is limited to 150 words in The Society's Publication.
- g) No member may propose or second more than one candidate.
- h) All elected members and officers of the Society shall hold office until the following Annual General Meeting unless removed by a resolution of an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Society or unless they cease to be a member of the Society or they absent themselves from three committee meetings in succession without reasonable explanation acceptable to the G.C. (this also applies to the officers of the Society).
- i) If the number of candidates seeking election is ten or less there shall be no ballot and the available candidates together with the officers elected shall constitute the new G.C.
- j) Ballot papers shall be sent to all members at least 21 days prior to the Annual General Meeting containing all nominations together with attendance at committee meetings, if a member of the G.C.
- k) The order of nominations shall be decided by draw at a General Committee meeting.
- l) The ballot paper shall include biographical notes on each candidate.
- m) Any ballot paper containing more than ten votes shall be disqualified.
- n) In the event of a tie for any place or places those tying shall draw lots at the AGM to decide who shall take such place or places.

10.(2) Termination of Membership:

The G.C. shall have power to terminate an individual membership for reasons other than matters of discipline under Rule 17 for the following reasons:-

- (a) Non-payment of the annual subscription by 31st January in any year.
- (b) If any Member shall tender a cheque for subscription or services and such cheque is not honoured after second presentation.
- (c) In the first year of membership if it is proved to the reasonable satisfaction of the G.C. that such Member was in breach of the Society's Rules when applying for Membership.

DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL

11.(A) The management of the Society (except as otherwise provided by the Rules) shall be deputed to a G.C. consisting of the following officers:- President, General Secretary, Subscription Secretary, Treasurer, Patronage Secretary, Editor and the ten members or those constituting the committee in accordance with Rule 10. Any of the aforementioned offices may be held jointly by two or more persons at the discretion of the G.C. In case of an emergency the management of the Society shall be vested in the appointed officers (President, General Secretary, Subscription Secretary, Treasurer, Patronage Secretary, Editor) and the Chairman. At

the first meeting following the AGM the G.C. shall elect, from its members, for one year a Chairman, Vice Chairman and Publicity Officer. The retiring G.C. at their November meeting - shall each year appoint a General Secretary, Subscription Secretary, Treasurer, Patronage Secretary and an Editor. Where the retiring president, having at his election been a member of the G.C., seeks re-election to the G.C. at the termination of his/her term of office, his/her name shall automatically be included on the ballot paper together with the other members of the G.C. seeking election. The G.C. shall have power to create an honorary office or offices and elect patrons as and when necessary.

(i) The G.C. shall, at its first meeting following the AGM, elect the various sub-committees required to manage the Society's affairs throughout the year including:-

1) Shows Organiser.

2) Shows Committee.

3) Silver Star Committee (existing holders only [5 members]). Only written nominations duly proposed and seconded and received by the General Secretary by 31st October to be considered by the Silver Star Committee.

All above Committees have the power to co-opt members of the Society to assist for specific duties. Members serving on the above sub-committees do not necessarily have to be members of the G.C.

The G.C. shall ensure that minutes of all its meetings and those of its sub-committees are fully recorded and submitted to the G.C. for ratification.

5) Council of Judges, elected by members of the Society's Main Panel of Judges at their AGM (usually in March [6 members]).

The President, General Secretary and Chairman are ex-officio members of all sub committees with the exception of the Silver Star Committee and Council of Judges where they must be either existing holders of the Silver Star or qualified Judges under the Society's scheme before attending such meetings.

(B). The G.C. shall hold meetings as often as required, minutes of which shall be taken. Fifty percent of the residing G.C. members shall form a quorum and the chair at the G.C. Meetings shall be taken by the Chairman or in his/her absence by the Vice-Chairman, if neither of these be present the meeting shall elect a chairman. A meeting of the G.C. may be summoned at any time by the President, Chairman, General Secretary or Treasurer and written notice of such meetings shall be posted to all officers and G.C. members by the General Secretary to whom notice of such meetings shall be sent by the person calling such a meeting. At all meetings of the Society the Chairman shall have a casting vote only.

(C). The G.C. shall have powers to appoint sub committees for specific purposes and to co-opt to itself and/or such sub committees any member or members of the Society. Co-opted members shall have full voting powers.

(D). The G.C. shall have power to fill any vacancy that may occur among officers during their term of office. If any vacancy occurs among the elected members of the G.C. it shall be filled by such unsuccessful candidate in the ballot who received the highest number of votes.

(E). The G.C. shall appoint nominated representatives to the General Council of the Budgerigar Society at their November Meeting for ratification at the following AGM.

(F). The funds of the Society shall be deposited in a bank in the name of the Society by the Treasurer and cheques drawn by him/her shall be signed by the Treasurer and the General Secretary or Chairman. The G.C. may authorise the opening of any account in the name of the Society and the transfer of funds thereto for any specific purpose and cheques drawn on any such account shall be signed by such persons being not less than two in number that the G.C. shall appoint.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

12. The Annual General Meeting of the Society shall be held in the month of March each year upon a date and a time fixed by the G.C., and shall be attended only by current paid up members, for the following purpose:

- a). To receive from the G.C. a general report of the Society's activities and a report on the accounts for the preceding financial year. The accounts shall be signed by the Treasurer and the Auditors of the Society.
- b). To approve the subscription rate and patronage affiliations fee for the ensuing year taking into consideration any recommendations of the G.C.
- c). To approve the appointment of Life Members (40 years) and other officers and the election of any Honorary Life Member of the Society (as per Rule 4).
- d). To elect a President-Elect for the current year who will automatically be President the following year. Nominations to be submitted from the G.C. and members present at the A.G.M. and no member shall hold the President's office for more than two years in succession.
- e). To elect the Auditors and Scrutineers of the Society who shall not be members of the G.C.
- f). To consider any resolution of which 14 days notice shall have been given to the General Secretary.
- g). To consider any other business of which 14 days notice shall have been given to the General Secretary.
- h). To consider any other competent business.

Any amendment of Rules can only be passed by a two third majority of the votes cast at the A.G.M. A simple majority is needed for any other proposal.

13. The Agenda for the Annual General Meeting shall be posted to members at least seven days prior to the meeting. The Agenda shall include any resolutions or any other business of which notice has been given.

14. All resolutions and notices of any other business to be placed before the Annual General Meeting shall be sent to the General Secretary to reach him/her not later than 30th November of the previous year. All resolutions must be proposed and seconded by current members of the Society. Resolutions proposed by the G.C. shall also have been drafted before 30th November. No alteration to Society Rules can be considered within two years of its being passed commencing with the year 1997 unless it is Budgerigar Society Rules which will affect our Society's Rules.

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETINGS

15. The G.C. may call for any special purpose an Extraordinary General Meeting and shall be called by the committee if fifty members shall in writing requisition and state the purpose of such a meeting. The date of the meeting shall be not later than two months after the notice requisitioning such meeting. Discussion at any Extraordinary General Meeting must be confined to the object or objects specified in the notice. The quorum for all such meetings shall be twenty five members and once such a meeting has made a decision upon the matter or purposes for which it was called there shall be no further Extraordinary General Meeting to discuss them until two years after such meeting. Voting shall be by a show of hands and the proposals decided by the majority of those present and voting. The Chairman shall have a casting vote only.

BUSINESS COMMUNICATIONS

16. All communications having reference to the business of the Society shall be addressed to the General Secretary only and if a reply is called for the member shall enclose a stamped addressed envelope.

DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE

17. All members of the Society are subject to the Disciplinary Procedure of the Budgerigar Society (as per current B.S. Rule Book), copies of which can be obtained from the General Secretary upon request.

AFFILIATION

18. Societies in the area of the London and Southern Counties Budgerigar Society, having a budgerigar section, may apply for affiliation to this Society. Such an application must be made in writing to the Patronage Secretary and include the appropriate fee.

INTERPRETATION OF RULES

19. The G.C. shall be the sole authority for the interpretation of the Rules.

DEFINITION OF STATUS

20. Definition of Junior, Beginner, Novice and Intermediate shall be the same as the current Budgerigar Society's Rules; copies of which can be obtained from the General Secretary upon request.

**PART TWO
PATRONAGE RULES 2024
PATRONAGE CONDITIONS AND RULES FOR OPEN SHOWS**

London & Southern Counties Budgerigar Society open show patronage is available, at the discretion of the General Council, to societies/clubs promoting an open show within the boundaries of the L&SCBS or to societies outside the boundaries, provided that they comply with the following patronage rules.

1. Judges engaged at open shows receiving Blue Riband or Rosette patronages of the Society must be qualified in accordance with the requirements of the London and Southern Counties Budgerigar Society, the Budgerigar Society or an Area Society affiliated to the Budgerigar Society.
2. The Society's awards (except trophies, see individual shows for details) shall be won only by fully paid up members of the London and Southern Counties Budgerigar Society for the show season of the current year.
3. Exhibitors competing for the London and Southern Counties Budgerigar Society special awards shall include their LS Code Number in the appropriate space on their entry form.
4. All exhibits must be shown in the Budgerigar Society approved show cages. The floor of cages to be covered with any seed suitable for budgerigars but millet sprays, whole or in part shall not be added until judging is completed.
5. No exhibit shall be eligible for a London and Southern Counties Budgerigar Society special prize at any patronage show unless it is itself a first prize winner in its class.
6. The following must be included in the show schedule:
This is a Blue Riband/Rosette patronage show (whichever is applicable) of the London and Southern Counties Budgerigar Society. Specials are for competition amongst paid up members only. For details of the show rules governing this patronage please see the current rule book. Yearly subscription of--- to be sent only to (Name and Address of Subscription Secretary). Exhibitors whose names do not appear in the catalogue cannot compete for specials.
7. It must be clearly understood that all birds in young bird classes must be wearing the official closed coded ring of the actual exhibitor with the current year thereon, such rings to have been purchased through the General Secretary of the Budgerigar Society. All entries must be accompanied by a written declaration on the entry form to the effect that these conditions are in order. Provision for this declaration to be on the entry form.
8. Providing the above Rules 1 to 7 have been complied with, the schedule and entry form may be sent with the catalogue and award sheet after the show.
9. Entries received too late for inclusion in the catalogue will not be eligible for Society awards.
10. A catalogue and award sheet must be sent to the Patronage Secretary within one month of the closing of the show together with a list of the LSCBS special winners.
11. All show promoting societies must adhere to the Society's definitions governing Intermediate, Novice and Junior status as governed by the rules of the Budgerigar Society.
12. An application form is available to each society wishing to apply for open show patronage, which must be filled in and returned to the Patronage Secretary by the 28th February of the year of application.
13. Any alteration of show dates or names of judges must be notified to the Patronage Secretary immediately.
14. Patronage shall be granted to societies within the area covered by the LSCBS and may be granted to societies outside such area provided such societies adhere to the rules of this society.
15. Failure to comply with the patronage conditions will prejudice the current or any future application.
16. All open show patronage requests will be considered by the Patronage Committee in March under the following guidelines:
 - a) For shows within the boundaries of the LSCBS holding a BS Championship Show, Blue Riband Patronage will be awarded. Rosette Patronage will be awarded to all other Open Shows at the discretion of the Patronage Committee. For Specialist & Rare Variety, BOC Rosette for each variety group scheduled .
 - b) For shows outside the L&SCBS area boundaries patronage will be awarded at the discretion of the Patronage Committee, based on the size of the show and the number of LSCBS members that exhibited at the previous year's event.
17. **In addition to the above, up to four special Blue Riband patronages may be granted by the Patronage Committee, not as a matter of course but only if considered necessary.**

THE BLUE RIBAND

The Blue Riband is a special award consisting of a Blue Riband Certificate and a Society Medal. The winner of the most Blue Riband awards in a show season will be presented with the Blue Riband Cup at the following Annual General Meeting. A replica cup to be kept by the winner will also be awarded. The award is made for the Best Young Bird in each section (excluding Junior) exhibited by a member of the London and Southern Counties Budgerigar Society. The judges making the awards must be those appointed in accordance with the Society's show rules. "Best Young Bird" means a current year bird wearing the exhibitor's official closed coded ring. A presentation will be made at the Annual General Meeting held in February after the show season.

BLUE RIBAND PATRONAGE

Best Budgerigar in Show	..... Special Rosette (Open)
Best Any Age in section (inc. junior)	..... Rosette
Best Young Bird in section	..... Blue Riband/Society Medal
Best Junior Young Bird	..... Rosette
Best Colour Budgerigar Any Age	.....Rosette
Best Colour Budgerigar Young Bird	.....Rosette

ROSETTE PATRONAGE

Best Budgerigar in Show	.....	Special Rosette (Open)
Best Any Age in section	.....	Special Rosette
Best Young Bird in section	.....	Special Rosette
Best Colour Budgerigar Any Age	.....	Rosette
Best Colour Budgerigar Young Bird	.....	Rosette

CHELFERS AWARD

Chelfers Awards are for the exhibitor in each status (including Junior) who gains most points at London and Southern Counties Budgerigar Society approved open shows where patronage has been granted throughout the show season. Points will be awarded as follows:

Best Young Bird in each section	Special Blue Riband Shows	10 pts
Including Colour Budgerigar	Blue Riband Shows	6 pts
	Rosette Shows	4 pts

These points will be totalled at the end of the show season and each winning exhibitor will be notified and asked to attend the next Annual General Meeting where they will be presented with a trophy to mark the occasion of their win.

AFFILIATED SOCIETY PATRONAGE RULES

These Rules apply to affiliated clubs within the boundaries of the LSCBS and are for members' Annual and Young Stock shows.

1. The current affiliation fee must be paid to the Patronage Secretary before patronage is granted for "Rosette" patronage.
2. It is suggested that judges engaged must be qualified in accordance with the requirements of the London and Southern Counties Budgerigar Society, the Budgerigar Society or any Area Society affiliated to the Budgerigar Society. However, no objection will be raised if a non-judge is engaged, provided he/she is a current breeder and exhibitor of open champion or intermediate status.
3. Open patronage rules 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 13 and 15 apply to these shows.
4. Specials are available for each section, Champion, Intermediate, Novice, and junior, as detailed below provided that separate classes are provided, and the awards are applied for.
5. Exhibitors to show at the status governed by the promoting Club's Rules, as provided within the show schedule. This does not affect their open status.
6. An application form is available to each society wishing to apply for members' show patronage, which must be filled in and returned to the Patronage Secretary by the 28th February of the year of application.

Details of Awards

Rosette Patronage:

Best Any Age in each section	.....	Rosette
Best Young Bird in each section	.....	Rosette