

**BUDGERIGAR
SOCIETY
OF
SOUTH
AFRICA**

**A GUIDE TO
JUDGES &
MEMBERS
REGARDING
FLECKING**

AS APPROVED AT A SPECIAL GENERAL
MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY

HELD ON SATURDAY 6 MARCH 2010

THE PHOTOS
(TAKEN OF THE SAME
BIRD FROM DIFFERENT
ANGLES)
INDICATE THE MAXIMUM
FLECKING ACCEPTABLE

FAULTS REQUIRING DISQUALIFICATION : COMMON TO ALL VARIETIES (DIRECTIVE)

1. **FLECKING** : If the flecking on a bird's head (cap) is heavier than what is acceptable (see photos below), the bird must be disqualified and the cage label must be marked "N/A" (No Award).
2. **MISSING FLIGHT FEATHERS** : If outer flight feathers numbers 1 and 2 or 2 and 3 or 1 and 3 on one wing are missing, the bird must be disqualified and the cage label must be marked "N/A" (No Award). In a case where flight feathers numbers 2 and 3 on one wing are missing, the bird must be disqualified and the cage label must be marked "N/A" (No Award).
3. **FEATHERS MISSING ON HEAD** : If it appears that the feathers on the head of a bird have been cut, then the bird must be disqualified and the cage label must be marked "N/A" (No Award).
4. **TWISTED CHEST FEATHERS** : In a severe case of twisted chest feathers, the bird must be disqualified and the cage label must be marked "N/A" (No Award).
5. **SCALYFACE** : A bird showing any sign of scalyface must be disqualified and the cage label must be marked "N/A" (No Award). The bird must then be removed from the show bench by the Show Management. Where possible, an affected bird must be isolated from the show hall as should any exhibit which shows signs of sickness or distress.
6. **LONGFLIGHTEDNESS** : A bird displaying longflight characteristics (excessive length of flight feathers, and/or tail feathers, ie a bird with primary flight feathers and/or primary tail feathers too long in proportion to the size of the bird), must be disqualified and the cage label must be marked "N/A" (No Award).
7. **MISSING PRIMARY TAIL FEATHERS** : A bird with both primary tail feathers missing must be disqualified and the cage label must be marked "N/A" (No Award). Such a bird lacks balance and a judge will not be able to assess whether this is a permanent or temporary fault (deformity). At least one primary tail feather must be longer than the secondaries for a bird to win any award. The pulling out of one or both secondaries is not allowed. In other words, even if both primaries are present and fully grown and there are no secondaries, the bird must be disqualified and the cage label must be marked "N/A" (No Award). A bird with one primary tail feather longer than the secondaries, is acceptable.
8. **A BIRD DISPLAYING ANY DEFORMITY** must be disqualified to discourage fanciers to breed from such birds and to present a good image of the fancy to the public at large. The cage label must be marked "N/A" (No Award).
9. **A SICK BIRD** (ruffled, huddled appearance, coupled with vomiting, continual shaking or with diarrhoea) must be disqualified and removed from the show bench. (Not to be confused with a nervous vent) The cage label must be marked "N/A" (No Award).
10. **A BIRD WITH MITES OR LICE** (visible on the bird or indicated by nodules at the side of the beak, scale on the legs and/or cere, ragged black markings on the feathers, particularly on the side of the bird towards the vent area) must be disqualified and removed from the show bench. (Not to be confused with misplaced melanin) The cage label must be marked "N/A" (No Award).
11. **INJURY / DEFORMITY** ie dislocated joints, undershot beak, missing toes or part thereof, apparent signs of feather plucking, inability to perch, obvious French Mould, more than two primary tail feathers, substantial bleeding, etc. must be disqualified and the cage label must be marked "N/A" (No Award).
12. **IRIS / NO IRIS** A bird with no visible iris ring/s where these are required or visa versa, must be disqualified and the cage label must be marked "N/A" (No Award).
13. **CERE** A cock bird with an all brown cere must be disqualified and the cage label must be marked "N/A" (No Award).
14. **TAIL FEATHERS** A bird with no primary tail feathers passing the secondaries must be disqualified and the cage label must be marked "N/A" (No Award).
15. **OTHER** A bird displaying characteristics other than those set out in the Colour Standards for the variety it represents, must be disqualified and the cage label must be marked "N/A" (No Award).
16. **WRONG CLASS** A bird entered in the wrong class must be disqualified and the cage label must be marked "W/C" (Wrong Class).

NOTE: Birds disqualified by reasons 5, 9 and 10 above must be reported to the Show Manager immediately and removed from the show bench.