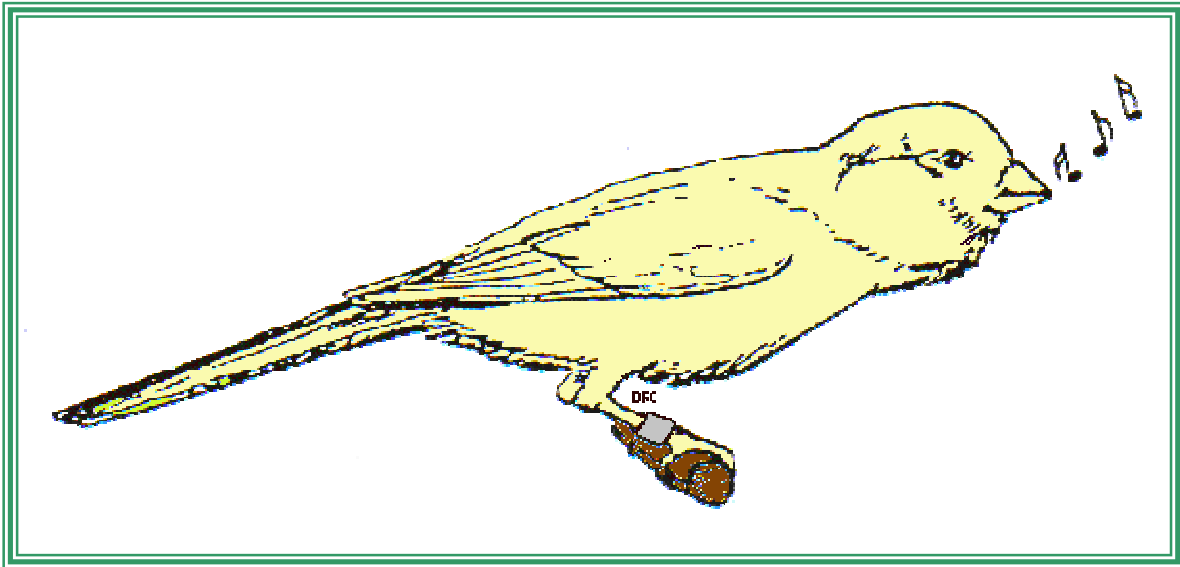


Dominion Roller Canary Association (D.R.C.A.) June 30, 1993

Constitution and Rules

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Roller Canary

The Dominion Roller Canary Association
(Incorporated)

Incorporated under the Companies Act, July 31, 1934 by the authority of the Secretary of
State of Canada.

Objects:

- To advance, protect, and exhibit Roller Canaries throughout Canada, and to preserve the quality of their song.
- To provide a center of information and advice on all matters pertaining to Roller Canaries.
- To promote good fellowship and co-operative feelings among its members.
- To group together clubs, having the above and similar objectives, and to provide an organization to enable such clubs to co-ordinate activities.
- To publish pamphlets, books, and newspapers for the dissemination of information regarding the objects of the Association, and generally to do what may be calculated as promoting the best for its members.

D.R.C.A. Constitution and Rules
(Revised June 30, 1993)

Section 1

- Rule 1 - The name of the association shall be the Dominion Roller Canary Association.
- Rule 2 - The headquarters of the Association shall be at Toronto, Ontario, Canada. The place of the bi-annual meeting in the year 1995, and subsequent ones, shall be decided by the delegates attending the Bi-ennial. Other meetings may be held at a time when necessary, on the call of the President.
- Rule 3 - The Officers of the Association shall consist of a President, three Vice-Presidents, two being elected from the West when the President resides in the East, or two being elected from the East when the President resides in the West, General Secretary-Treasurer, News Editor, and two sub-Editors, one being from the East and one being from the West.
- Rule 4 - The Officers of the Association shall be elected by the delegates, or proxies present, at the Bi-ennial Meeting. Officers are elected for a term of two years. Each club will have three votes at the Bi-ennial Meeting. Nominations for Officers of the Association, duly approved by the person nominated, must be sent to the General Secretary 60 days in advance of the Bi-ennial. The General Secretary will send a list of nominees to all clubs 30 days prior to the Bi-ennial Meeting in order that the Western clubs, or their proxies, can vote for the Western Vice-President, and the Eastern clubs, or their proxies, will vote for the Eastern Vice-President. All delegates, or proxies, will vote for all other officers. The President shall, in the case of a tie, be entitled to cast the deciding vote.
- Rule 5 - The duties of the President shall be to preside over all meetings of the Association, and in the event of his absence, his duties shall be exercised by the Vice-President, and in the absence of both, the delegates shall appoint a substitute, provided there is a quorum of five delegates present.
- Rule 6 - The duties of the General Secretary shall be to keep a true and faithful record of all business transacted at the meetings of the Association. The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep a full account of the Association with its bankers

and produce a statement of accounts at the end of the year, a copy of which must be sent to each affiliate club secretary one month prior to the Bi-ennial Meeting. The General Secretary will receive and answer all mail connected with running the D.R.C.A., and will keep the Editor of the News posted on any notices or announcements that he may wish to make on behalf of the Association or its affiliate club members.

- Rule 7 - The fiscal year of the Association shall commence January 1st, and end December 31st, when the books shall be closed for that year.
- Rule 8 - All business relative to the agenda of the General Bi-ennial Meeting must be sent to the General Secretary, sixty (60) days prior to the said Meeting. Matters arriving later will be discussed providing time permits. Suggestions to be presented to the Bi-ennial Meeting should be published in the News about April.
- Rule 9 - D.R.C.A. members may obtain breeder numbers to appear on their rings. They must order at least 25 of these numbered rings and orders must be in the Secretary's hands by September 30th to be sure of delivery. These rings show the year hatched, European Style.
- Rule 10 - The General Secretary will keep a record of all first prize winners at the end of the show season, and how it affects the status of the various member exhibitors.
- Rule 11 - A control board to deal with any emergencies that may arise during the season, will be appointed locally by the President of the D.R.C.A.
- Rule 12 - The D.R.C.A. Pin and Service Bar may be conferred on a Roller Fancier for Service to the D.R.C.A., affiliated clubs, or the Roller Fancy in general. Roller Fanciers, to be recognized, may be proposed by the D.R.C.A. Executive, and by the affiliated clubs. These are to be presented at the Bi-ennial Meeting along with supporting data for ratification.
- Rule 13 - The elected Sub-Editors, one Western and one Eastern, are required to write or obtain one article for publishing in our DRC News magazine each and every month.
- Rule 14 - The President shall be given the Power of Attorney to withdraw the funds of the Association ONLY in the event of the death of the Secretary-Treasurer and Editor if the position is held by one person, or the Secretary-Treasurer or the Editor if the position is held by two separate persons. Funds to be forwarded to the new party responsible to carry on with either of the above positions or the position.

Section 2

Rules Governing Clubs Affiliated with the D.R.C.A.

- Rule 1 - The Annual Fee to the D.R.C.A. shall be \$25.00 per year per club.
- Rule 2 - The affiliated clubs shall be subject to the Association rules.
- Rule 3 - All members, of an affiliated club, must be fully paid up on the books of that club or they shall be debarred from exhibiting at open contests held by an affiliated club of the D.R.C.A. In the event of a club expelling a member, said member shall have the right to appeal to the Association. Members suspended for non-payment of dues or other causes shall be notified by their club two weeks prior to the show season that they cannot exhibit birds unless they are in good standing. Names and addresses of suspended members shall be forwarded to the clubs at least two weeks prior to their open show, and also to the D.R.C.A. Clubs shall not accept any person for membership who is a suspended member of another club, and no person having a previous membership in a club shall again be accepted until enquiries have been made and proven satisfactory.

- Rule 4 - Secretaries shall forward to the General Secretary, not later than September 15th a list of members with addresses, number of DA leg bands issued to them. Complete lists shall then be compiled, and a copy sent to each club secretary when holding an open show.
- Rule 5 - All clubs, affiliated with the Association, shall include along with their Annual Fee of \$25.00, the members' one year subscription fees to the News. In the case of two members residing at the same address, one subscription shall be deemed sufficient. Subscription rate is \$25.00 Canadian, or \$20.00 US Funds per year.
- Rule 6 - All clubs affiliated with the Association, shall re-emburse the General Secretary any moneys owing by the said club within 30 days of notification.

Section 3

Rules Governing Shows for Clubs Affiliated With the D.R.C.A.

- Rule 1 - All birds, exhibited at open shows, shall wear a closed leg band issued by a recognized Roller Canary Club or Association.
Birds with any other make rings that are unreadable, or that in the opinion of the show committee have been tampered with, for any reason at all, shall be disqualified. Contestants will be held responsible for any errors or omissions on their entry forms. This includes full identification of the birds, with ring details of the issuing club or association, serial number of the birds, breeder's code number, and the year of the bird's hatch. The leg bands on the winning birds shall be examined and checked against the entry form/ Wins are subject to cancellation where full identification is withheld or errors or omissions. The Song Standard of the D.R.C.A. will be used at all shows, and a status system will be in effect whereby promotion in status will only be gained in Young Bird Classes. Contestants must show only in their allotted classes.
- Rule 2 - Judging sheets must be displayed once judging of the birds has been completed. Suitable quiet judging rooms must be provided at all open shows. Applicant judges or members interested in becoming judges may, with the approval of their club and the judge, sit in the judging room while the birds are being judged.
- Rule 3 - All affiliated clubs are requested to conform to the standard colors for class ribbons for the Association. These colors are: 1st Prize - Red, 2nd Prize - Blue, 3rd Prize - White, 4th Prize - Yellow, 5th Prize - Green, 6th Prize - Pink, 7th & 8th Prizes - Orange, Brown or Buff. The Designation of Class must be on the ribbons.
- Rule 4 - In order for a bird to be eligible for a D.R.C.A. trophy or diploma, shown at a D.R.C.A. affiliated show, the bird must be banded with a D.R.C.A. ring. Approval of a judge, other than a D.R.C.A. judge, shall be sought from the Association through the General Secretary for the award of the D.R.C.A. trophies and song certificates.
- Rule 5 - In the event of a bird dying at a show, his ring must be returned to the owner.
- Rule 6 - Any bird shown at any show in the Old Bird Class, must be the property of the exhibitor for 30 days prior to the show. The Bill of Sale is to be produced if requested.

- Rule 7 - In awarding prizes at all shows, or contests, in the case of a tie in the total points, the General Effect takes preference, In case of a tie in the General Effect, the first three tours commencing with Hollow Roll are to be added together. In case of still no decision, the next two tours are to be added together. If still no decision, the bird that drops a point on the first tour thereafter shall be considered the loser. If still no decision, the judge's decision shall be final. The number of tours a bird sings shall not be taken into account.
- Rule 8 - Clubs must state the name of the judge alongside the classes that he judged on the show report, where more than one judge is used to judge birds at an open show.
- Rule 9 - In the event of two breeders living at the same address, they must exhibit in the senior class of the two. All tags on the back of rosettes must be completely filled in. A space of at least seven feet must be left between the judge and the birds being judged. No judge shall be asked by any club to judge his own bird at an open show. Stating the price is optional. Entry fee for single entries, are set by each club for their own show.
- Rule 10 - The birds must be judged as entered by the exhibitor, regardless of the class the birds are entered in. That is, a team of birds up to four in number, all young birds, all old birds, or a mixture of both, may be placed before the judge. The birds will be judged in groups of four. Any odd birds shall be grouped with another exhibitor's bird or birds, to make up a group of four wherever possible. Each group of four birds will be allowed on the judging stand for not more than twenty minutes.
- Rule 11 - Stacking of cages before a judge shall be as follows: Birds are to be stacked one on top of the other 1-2-3-4. The table bird is the number four bird. A cover is to be placed on the top bird while being judged. For the guidance of stewards, open cages will be marked on the front end, using half inch squares of white adhesive tape, 1-2-3-4. The order in which each group of birds is placed before a judge is established by lot.
- Rule 12 - Seed and water cups must be standard. Open cages are to have clear glass or clear plastic cups. Sand, gravel, mineral grit, or paper is allowed on the trays. Carriers, housing birds, are not to be taken into the judging room. However, should a judge wish to have a carrier in the room for his convenience, an unmarked one may be supplied, and left in the room for his convenience, until judging is completed. Carrier cases for open type cages shall have collapsible handles.
- Rule 13 - Affiliated clubs will set show dates in time for final establishment at the beginning of each fiscal year. Show dates will be published in the News. Show Secretaries will provide the General Secretary with show data by September 1st each year, and show agenda and entry forms will be published in the October issue of the News. All points sheets of birds judged, will be returned with the birds, and the show reports are to be issued within ten days of the end of the show.
- Rule 14 - A judge must score a bird for faults, if he has any. A bird does not have to score on the point side of the sheet in order to be faulted.
- Rule 15 -

Classification of shows shall be as below		
Class #1	Master Breeder - Single Young Bird	Must have

Class #2	Champion Breeder - Single Young Bird	Must have
Class #3	Amateur Breeder - Single Young Bird	Must have
Class #4	Novice Breeder - Single Young Bird	Must have
Class #5	Master Breeder - Four Young Bird Team	These are optional
Class #6	Champion Breeder - Four Young Bird Team	
Class #7	Amateur Breeder - Four Young Bird Team	
Class #8	Novice Breeder - Four Young Bird Team	
Class #9	Team of Four Young Birds ~ Open - Shown in one Cabinet.	Must have
Class #10	Master and Champion Breeder Old Bird/Birds	
Class #12	Amateur and Novice Breeder Old Bird/Birds	

Notes with regard to the above table of show classes:

- Classes #5, #6, #7, and #8 are optional.
- All birds entered in Class #9, must also be entered in Class #1, #2, #3, or #4. Only a single entry fee is required for each team.

Young birds entered in only Old Bird Classes are not eligible for Young Bird awards. Classes #1, #2, #3, #4, and #9 are compulsory classes for all shows. Other classes are numbered and promoted at the discretion of the clubs concerned. Where there are less than three (3) exhibitors in a status class, the winning birds must score one point more than the winner of the next class lower, or within one point of the winner in the next higher class, for status advancement.

Wherever possible, clubs must provide trophies, or plaques, to be won outright in open classes. Tour ribbons shall be left to the discretion of each club.

D.R.C.A. Awards:

1. Rosette for the highest scoring Young Bird at each open show, held by an affiliated Club.
2. Bird of the Year Award for the Young Bird banded with a D.R.C.A. band, and shown by a D.R.C.A. member, earning the highest total score in the status classes in three D.R.C.A. Club sponsored shows.
3. Breeder of the Year Award to the D.R.C.A. member with the highest total score from three D.R.C.A. Club sponsored shows, earned with teams of Four Young Birds in one Cabinet, shown in team status class.
4. Champion Breeder of the Year Award to the D.R.C.A. member, with Champion Status, for the highest total score in three D.R.C.A. Club sponsored shows, earned with teams of Four Young Birds, in one cabinet, in team status class.
5. Amateur Breeder of the Year Award to the D.R.C.A. member, with Amateur Status, for the highest total score in three D.R.C.A. Club sponsored shows, earned with teams of Four Young Birds, in one cabinet, in team status class.
6. Novice Breeder of the Year Award to the D.R.C.A. member, with Novice Status, for the highest total score in three D.R.C.A. Club sponsored shows, earned with teams of Four Young Birds, in one cabinet, in team status class.

D.R.C.A. Certificates:

These certificates are optional for the affiliated clubs, and are available from the D.R.C.A. General Secretary.

1. Best Bird in Show - Gold Seal

2. Grade "A" - Silver Seal. Within four points of the Best Bird.
3. Grade "B" - Red Seal. Within seven points of the Best Bird.
4. Grade "C" - Blue Seal. Within ten points of the Best Bird, or at least three points above the show average.

Rule 16 - The President will appoint a "Song Contest Rules Committee" chairman. This chairman shall select a committee to review the rules, the object being to clarify and delete as required. This shall be a standing committee.

Section 4

Rules Governing Status of D.R.C.A. Members

- Rule 1 - All members will follow the D.R.C.A. rules, with regard to number of wins affecting their status.
- Rule 2 - A Novice Breeder is an exhibitor who has not won any firsts in the Young Bird Class in an open show. An Amateur Breeder is an exhibitor who has won one First in an open Show. A Champion Breeder is an exhibitor who has won one First in the Novice Young Bird Class, and two Firsts in the Amateur Young Bird Class. A Master Breeder is one who has won three Firsts in the Champion Young Bird Class at an open show. This qualification applies to all exhibitors, regardless what club or association they belong to. (This rule is to be stated on all club catalogues.)
- Rule 3 - An exhibitor can only count one win at any one show towards status advancement.
- Rule 4 - An exhibitor must stay in the class he starts out in at the beginning of the show season, then, if earned, move up in status the following show season.

Section 5

Classification of Judges

- Class "C" - Persons in this class will be on a trial basis. They must be recommended by their club at the General Meeting, and if accepted by the General Meeting, will have the permission to judge two open shows. To be eligible for further judging, they must pass into Class "B".
- Class "B" - A person must have judged two open contests. Entry into Class "B" will not be automatic. This applicant must have the approval of the majority of clubs in his or her district, and must be passed at the next General Meeting.
- Class "A" - All those persons presently on the list of recognized judges will automatically be in this class. A person in this class will be allowed to judge at all contests. All persons to be eligible for this class must have judged at two affiliated Club shows. The applicant must pass a panel of one or more recognizes judges, not necessarily together or the same year, and must have the approval of the next General Meeting. The applicant will judge a four bird team at one time, along with a judge or judges, whichever the case may be.

Note: Because the General Meeting is now Bi-ennial, applications received in the interim will be considered by the Executive, who will issue valid temporary classification. The Application will be submitted at the next General Meeting for permanent status.

Recognized Judges (1993) are: (not updated to 2006)

Messrs. Weaver, Nemeth, Lundgren, Lammers & Mrs. Vigletti