

ASSOCIATED BIRDKEEPERS OF AUSTRALIA

ENDORSED NATIONAL CODE OF PRACTICE FOR THE CONDUCT OF BIRD SALES AND AUCTIONS

1. A copy of this Code of Practice will be prominently displayed at the venue of the sale or auction. A copy will be provided to all sellers at the time of entry.
2. All animals other than birds are banned from bird sales with the exception of Service/Guide Dogs.
3. The organisers reserve the right to refuse entry and/or instruct any person to leave the premises for any reason which may be detrimental to the conduct of the sale. Further, organisers have the right to refuse entry to the venue of any bird(s) in breach of the Code of Practice.
4. The organisers have the right to appoint a Chief Steward and Assistant Stewards who may inspect any or all of the birds offered for sale and may at their sole discretion determine if the birds shall be offered for sale. The Stewards will be clearly identifiable either by their clothing or by badges.
5. The seller is deemed responsible for the sale of his/her birds and all of his/her actions. The Stewards will instruct the seller to remove birds showing signs of injury or illness or for any other reasonable reason.
6. Birds will only be offered for sale that meet the relevant State **Animal Welfare Code of Practice – Keeping and Trading of Birds**. All birds will be in good health and appropriately housed as per the Animal Welfare Code of Practice with regard to cage type, size, furnishings, appropriate perch space and provision of food and water at all times. (As a general rule only four (4) birds per cage will be permitted). Only show cage sizes as per Attachment A for the relevant species should be accepted into the sale.
7. All sellers will wear a seller's number tag issued by the organisers of the sale. The name, address and phone number of all sellers must be recorded by the organisers of the sale.
8. All sellers must supply the buyer with a written receipt with the information containing the seller's name, phone number and the type and number of bird(s) sold. Where required the seller will provide their Fauna Licence registration number. Buyers in the case of birds requiring registration will supply their contact details and their Fauna Licence registration number.
9. A transfer aviary/room/cage should be provided and sellers should be encouraged by the organisers to use the facility for all bird transfers.
10. All events must be covered by an appropriate Public Liability insurance policy of a minimum of \$20 million dollars.
11. Signs must be prominently displayed and loudspeaker announcements advising, "All incidents, accidents and injuries must be reported to the sale organisers" or words similar. A record must be kept of any reports of incidents, accidents and injuries.
12. The sale or purchase of all birds that are required to be registered under relevant State fauna protection laws should be compliant with said fauna protection laws. Buyers and sellers should comply with all requirements with regard to the sale and purchase of native avian fauna. The sale and purchase of exotic bird species will be as per relevant State and Federal laws covering exotic avian species. Receipts and Movement Transfer Registers should be provided by sellers as required as per the relevant legislation.
13. Payment by a seller of the entry fee is considered to be agreement to all conditions as set by the organisers as stated in this Code of Practice. Buyers will be similarly bound by this Code of Practice as appropriate.
14. Organisers should check the Bureau of Meteorology's three day forecast prior to the sale for extreme weather conditions. Animal welfare is paramount.

NOTE: This Code of Practice covers all poultry, pigeon and cage bird sales and auctions unless otherwise specified in advertising promoting the sale or auction.

**ASSOCIATED BIRDKEEPERS OF AUSTRALIA
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Attachment A

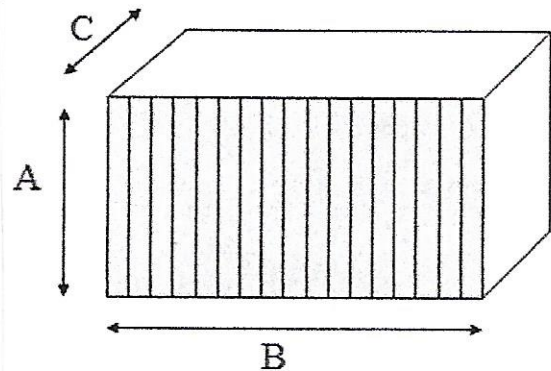
Recommended minimum cage sizes and bird numbers per cage

Overcrowded cages will NOT be accepted.
When on the perch birds must have head and tail clear of the top and floor, the total width of all birds must not exceed 60% of the total perch length.

If more birds than the listed number are to be placed in a cage it is recommended that the width or depth is increased by 50% depending upon the direction of the perch for each multiple of the recommended number of birds.

Same applies to all wire cages

Airfreight, cardboard and carry boxes are NOT acceptable



Size of bird [approx. length]	Number of Birds	Minimum Height [mm] - A -	Minimum Width [mm] - B -	Minimum Depth [mm] - C -
Up to 100mm e.g. Finch, Small Canary	2	200	200	100
100 – 200mm e.g. Large Canary, Budgerigar, Neophema, Varied Lorikeet, Lovebird, Small Dove, King Quail	2	250	300	150
200 – 300mm e.g. Rosella, Cockatiel, Conure, Rainbow Lorikeet, Large Dove	2	350	350	200
300 – 400mm e.g. African Grey, Small Amazon, Galah, Bleeding Heart Pigeon, Indian Ringneck	1 – 2 Depending upon species	450	400	250
400 – 500mm e.g. Major Mitchell Cockatoo, King & Princess Parrots, Large Amazon	1 – 2 Depending upon species	550	400	350
500mm + e.g. Large Cockatoo, Macaw	1	800	600	500