

Rhododendron Flower Show Rules & Regulations

A. Definitions

- a. Truss: A single rachis, i.e., Flowers coming from one bud.
- b. Spray: Flowers coming from multiple buds on a single stem not to exceed 16" x 16" above the container top.

B. Exhibits and Entries

- a. Exhibits will be accepted from anyone, ARS member or non-member, amateur or commercial.
- b. Any exhibitor or family may enter only one truss or spray of a single variety in class or group. An exhibitor may enter multiple selections of a species. (e.g. – we will accept different varieties of augustinii) The Entries Committee will disqualify duplicate entries. Any exhibitor may enter any number of varieties in the same class or group.
- c. Entries must have been in the exhibitor's possession for a minimum of six months prior to the show and must have been primarily cared for by the exhibitor. Not more than one exhibitor can enter exhibits of the same variety grown in the same location.
- d. Exhibitors may bring entries between 7:00 AM and 9:00 AM on the opening day of the show. Entries close at 9:00 AM sharp!
- e. The Entries & Classification Committee, who shall have the authority to reassign or disqualify exhibits that infringe on any show rule or regulation, must approve all entries and their decision shall be final.
- f. Each entry must be in approved water filled container.
- g. Exhibitors may remove their exhibits between 4:45 PM and 5:00 PM on the final day of the show. Ribbons and trophies should also be picked up at this time. Unclaimed entries will be disposed of properly.

C. Staging of Entries

- a. All entries must have a completed entry card prepared by the exhibitor. The exhibit and the entry card must have been presented to the Entry & Classification Committee at the show site for assurance of placement in the proper class or group.
- b. The Placement Committee may add a new class or group when five or more entries are received that represent a new class or group.

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D. Judging

- a. Entries shall be judged in their group or class as set out in the show schedule and the show key in accordance with the following criteria:
[100 points total]
 - i. **Size:** According to variety. Refers to the diameter of individual corollas, number flowers per and overall size of truss. *15 points*
 - ii. **Color:** The color should be true to the variety and a good representation of the group in which it is classified. *20 points*
 - iii. **Form:** The form should be typical of its variety. The stem should be straight. *20 points*
 - iv. **Foliage:** All leaves should be well shaped, of good color and size, and of good condition without mars or blemishes. *15 points*
 - v. **Substance:** Refers to corollas only and means that they should be firm in quality for the variety. *10 points*
 - vi. **Condition:** All blooms should be as near their peak as possible. *10 points*
 - vii. **Distinction:** Means being outstanding for its type. A superior exhibit of its variety. *10 points*
- b. Each entry shall be judged against all other entries in its group or class by a team of judges who shall award first, second, and third ribbons. Judges may withhold a ribbon trophy if exhibits are not meritorious. All decisions of the judges are final.
- c. Only first place (blue ribbon) winners will be considered for trophies.
- d. For the Sweepstakes trophy, the following point scale applies:
 - i. Trophy winner 5 points
 - ii. First place (Blue Ribbon) 5 points
 - iii. Second place (Red Ribbon) 3 points
 - iv. Third place (White Ribbon) 2 points
- e. General
 - i. No spectators will be allowed in the exhibit area until judging is complete and trophies are awarded.
 - ii. The Chapter will make every attempt to care for and protect the flowers and trophies, but is not responsible for any loss or damage.
 - iii. Only the owner of a truss may remove it without prior arrangements made.