

Russell and District Horticultural Society
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Rules Governing the Flower Shows

1. Except for the decorative arrangement class, all flowers and vegetables must have been grown and cared for by the exhibitor and not commercially grown.
2. Since one aim of the Show is to educate, please name your exhibits with cultivar name where possible. In the event of a tie, the named variety will win.
3. Judging follows the revised editions of the Horticultural Judging Standards, Publication 34. Please ensure entries meet the requirements as described in this booklet. Copies are available from the Society Secretary.
4. All entries found to be infected by insects or disease will be immediately isolated and disqualified.
5. No exhibitor may enter more than one entry in the same section, unless it is of a different cultivar.
6. All entries must be recorded on the entry form. Entry forms and tags are available at regular monthly meetings and at the show location prior to the show. Entry tags must be affixed to each entry. Only members of the RDHS may submit entries.
7. Entries will be judged in accordance with the requirements of the Section where they were placed and the Entry Tag category designated. If misplaced, but properly tagged, the entry will be relocated and judged with its section. Entries tagged in error will be disqualified.
8. The completed entry form must be given to the Show Recording Clerk when entries arrive. Entry items, complete with tags, can then be placed in the designated category location by the exhibitor. Exhibitors must supply their own containers.
9. No one other than the exhibitor or a member of the Committee may move an exhibit after it has been put in place by the exhibitor. Movement will only be to provide equitable display space for all exhibits.
10. All entries must be in place prior to judging on the day of the Show.
11. Exhibits bearing any marks, other than the number issued to the exhibitor by the society, which might identify the exhibitor, will not be accepted.
12. During the judging activity, no person other than the appointed Judge(s) and members of the Show Committee will be permitted in the hall.
13. The decision of the Judge(s) shall be final. No exhibit will be entitled to a prize unless it possesses points of merit in the opinion of the Judge(s).
14. The Show Committee will take necessary precautions to ensure the safety of the articles placed on display, but cannot be held responsible for any loss or damage.

15. Any violation of the rules and regulations will be dealt with by the Show Committee.
16. Points awarded will be recorded and accumulated by the Show Recording Clerk and used to determine winners of special awards.

Point System for Prize Winners

First Prize	3 points
Second Prize	2 points
Third Prize	1 point

Notes for Exhibitors

- Remove lower foliage cleanly. Upper foliage must be attached unless otherwise stated.
- Specimen blooms must be disbudded.
- Removal of dust, stains, pollen and any other foreign material from blooms and foliage enhances the exhibit.
- A bud showing colour is considered a bloom, which affects the bloom count.
- Inaccurate measurement will disqualify an entry.
- Uniformity – specimens in an entry of a given cultivar should be as uniform as possible in size, form and colour.
- Form should be characteristic of the cultivar. Thin, shallow blooms, or distorted or immature blooms are not of exhibition quality.
- Size and colour – according to the cultivar.
- Substance – freshness and turgidity are evidence of good substance and lasting quality.
- Stem and foliage – the stem should be of good proportion, sufficiently strong and stiff to support the bloom, but not coarse.
- Condition and grooming – entries should be at the proper stage of maturity – turgid and free of mechanical injury, insects, disease and spray blemishes.
- Flowers and foliage should display evidence of good culture and grooming.

Rules for Photographic Competition

- Exhibitors may enter one exhibit in each Section. Prints submitted should not have been entered in this class before and should be individually mounted.
- Pictures are judged on horticultural merit, photographic impact and subject interest.

Definition of Terms

Bloom	Individual flower, one to a stem. Specimen blooms should be disbudded for exhibition purposes
Spike	An upright stem carrying several flowers, usually with a short pedicel, such as gladiolus and snapdragons
Spray	A portion of a plant with a number of flowers, e.g. chrysanthemum, petunia, climbing and floribunda roses.
Stem	A plant structure carrying one or more flowers and/or buds. It may be branched, e.g. sweet peas, primulas and iris.

Terminology used is from the new Publications 34, Ontario Judging Standards. Copies available from the Secretary

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