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SHOW REGULATIONS (ALL SHOWS)

It is recommended that exhibitors read the following Regulations thoroughly.

1. Exhibitors must give the Show Secretary details of their entries by the stated deadline, or their exhibits may be refused.
2. Staging times for exhibits at each show will be shown on the Society's website and in the Society's newsletters.
3. The Show Secretary provides a numbered card for each exhibit. The exhibitor must place each card face down under each exhibit and is responsible for the correct placing of these cards.
4. The Judges' awards will be final. Protests against a decision must be in writing and given to the Show Secretary, accompanied by a deposit of £5, which will be forfeited if the Show Committee considers the objection to be unwarranted. In the case of a two-day show, this should be by the close of the show on the first day and in the case of a one day show up until one hour before the show closes. First prizes, medals and trophies will be withheld if the judges do not deem the entries to be of sufficient merit.
5. No exhibitor at a show shall act as a judge for classes in which he/she has an exhibit.
6. An exhibitor may not stage more than one entry per class.
7. Only one person per household may exhibit in any class with produce from the same garden and/or allotment, unless the entry is made in joint names.
8. No person shall exhibit for a prize at any show, any exhibit which has not been in his/her own possession for the three months immediately preceding the show, unless raised by himself/herself from seeds or cuttings in a shorter period.
9. Members whose subscription is up to date may enter any class free of charge. Non-members may enter any show by paying a fee of £1 per entry (£2 for the summer show). For Class 1 at the Spring Show entry is free to all.
10. Correct names should be attached to all exhibits staged, however exhibitors of Daffodils, Dahlias, Chrysanthemums, Roses and Sweet Peas should attach a label stating "Name unknown" if appropriate, or the number of the seedling Daffodil.
11. Prize money will be paid from two hours prior to the close of the show. All prizes unclaimed by the end of the show will be forfeited to the Society.
12. Officials will be appointed by the Show Secretary to take control of the show venue, both while the show is open and while exhibits are being removed.
13. REMOVAL OF EXHIBITS. At closing time, a bell will be rung. No exhibit shall be taken down or in any way interfered with until this has been done. All exhibits must be cleared within one hour of the scheduled close of the show.
14. Daffodils, Dahlias, Chrysanthemums and Flower Arranging must be exhibited, and will be judged in accordance with the regulations of their respective National Societies. All other exhibits will be judged according to the rules and definitions of the Royal Horticultural Society, as printed in the current edition of the Horticultural Show Handbook. Junior and cookery classes excluded. Please note that for judging purposes ornamental Gourds are not classed as vegetables.
15. The points value of prizes is: 1st prize = 3 points, 2nd prize = 2 points, 3rd prize = 1 point.
16. Where an exhibit has to be "in a space of" the material used **MUST NOT** protrude.

17. The Society will not be responsible for any loss of or damage to exhibits whilst at the show.
18. In the event of a tie for a Most Points award, the number of first prizes is considered, then the number of second prizes. If it is still a tie, then the award is shared.
19. "All Shows" awards will be presented at the Society's Annual General Meeting (AGM). All other awards will be made at the end of each show. Medals and certificates will be retained by the exhibitor. Trophies are presented, the exhibitor given a photo opportunity and then the trophy is retained by the society. A register of all awards is available for inspection at all shows and the AGM.

AFFILIATED SOCIETIES COMPETITION:

Classes AF6 – AF11

Open to all societies affiliated to the Norfolk & Norwich Horticultural Society.

FREE ENTRY

JUNIOR EXHIBITORS:

Classes J8-J20

Open to all Juniors up to 14years of age

FREE ENTRY

NOVICE CLASSES:

Summer Show: 13,14, 30, 31, 70, 71, 76, 84, 89, 106

Amendments may be made to these schedules during the specified period. Up to date copies of each separate show schedule are available on the Society website. Exhibitors are advised to check the website prior to each show, where notice of any amendments will be posted.

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ALL SHOWS TROPHIES

A CHALLENGE CUP - Presented by Mr J A Christie, will be awarded to the exhibitor who scores the greatest number of points in horticultural classes at the open classes at all shows held by the Society during the year.

A CHALLENGE CUP - Presented by Mr J E Moxey, will be awarded for the best individual pot plant at all shows held by the Society during the year.

THE LORD LIEUTENANT'S CHALLENGE CUP - Presented by Mr Russell J Colman, 1929, will be awarded for the most meritorious amateur exhibit of the year.

A CHALLENGE TROPHY - known as the Lombe-Taylor Trophy - presented by Mr R G L Taylor, 1979, will be awarded for the best vegetable exhibit of the year.

A CHALLENGE CUP - Presented by Allwood Bros. Ltd in 1947, will be awarded to the exhibitor who scores the greatest number of points in the Junior classes at all shows held by the Society during the year.

A CHALLENGE BOWL - Presented by Mr H W T Empson, will be awarded to the exhibitor who scores the greatest number of points in the flower arranging classes at all shows held by the Society during the year.

A CHALLENGE CUP - Presented by May & Baker Ltd., will be awarded to the exhibitor who wins most first prizes in the vegetable classes at all shows held by the Society during the year.

A CHALLENGE TROPHY - known as The H P Neave Trophy will be awarded for the most promising newcomer.

A CHALLENGE SHIELD - Presented by Mr E Harradine, will be awarded to the exhibitor who scores the greatest number of points in the Cacti and Succulent classes at all shows held by the Society during the year.

THE JOHN WYATT TROPHY – presented by Mrs E Wyatt, will be awarded to the runner up to the exhibitor who scores the greatest number of points in open horticultural classes at all shows held by the Society during the year.

A CHALLENGE SHIELD - known as The Drayton Shield - presented by Drayton Horticultural Association, will be awarded to the Affiliated Society gaining most points in affiliated society classes throughout the year.

THE BANKSIAN MEDAL of the Royal Horticultural Society, will be awarded to the exhibitor gaining the highest number of points for horticultural classes at all shows held by the Society during the year, (winners in the two preceding years are excluded).

SUMMER SHOW TROPHIES

- A CHALLENGE CUP - Presented by Mr G L Chamberlin, will be awarded to the exhibitor staging the best exhibit in the Rose classes.
- A CHALLENGE CUP - Presented by Mr Peter Finch, will be awarded for the best Six Hybrid Tea Roses in a Vase (5).
- A CHALLENGE CUP - Presented by Dr G Edward Deacon, will be awarded for the best Five Cluster Flowered Rose Stems in a Vase. (6).
- A CHALLENGE CUP - Presented by Mr M J Brook, will be awarded for the best Bowl of Mixed Roses (8).
- A CHALLENGE CUP - Presented by Mr C R Colman will be awarded for nine white, cream or ivory Sweet Peas (26).
- A CHALLENGE TROPHY - Presented by Mr H W Back, will be awarded for nine any other colour sweet peas. (27).
- A CHALLENGE TROPHY - The Anita Bridge Memorial Salver, presented by Mr & Mrs J Bridge will be awarded to the best flower arranging exhibit completed by two persons.
- THE NORFOLK CUP - Awarded for the best exhibit in classes 37-42.
- A CHALLENGE TROPHY - known as The Sir Ernest White Bowl – presented by Mrs J E C Sexton, will be awarded for three Pinks (33).
- A CHALLENGE CUP - Presented by Mrs Herbert Frazer, will be awarded for the best exhibit in the Liliium classes (43-47).
- A CHALLENGE TROPHY - Presented by Woodstock Orchids, will be awarded for the best exhibit in the Orchid classes (81-84)
- A CHALLENGE CUP - Presented by Mrs Joyce Wright, will be awarded for the best exhibit in the flower arrangement classes.
- A CHALLENGE BOWL - Presented by Seafield Grant will be awarded, for the best exhibit in the Alpine classes (58-61).
- A CHALLENGE CUP - known as The Noller Cup, presented by Mrs M Noller, will be awarded for the best individual Pot Plant in classes 58-98.
- A CHALLENGE CUP - Presented by Mr H W T Empson, will be awarded to the exhibitor gaining the most points in Cut Flower classes (33–54).
- THE SUMMER CUP - Presented by Major S B Winch, 1938, will be awarded to the exhibitor who scores the greatest number of points.
- THE SUMMER SHOW CUP - presented by Dr & Mrs Castro, will be awarded for the most points in Vegetable classes (105-131).
- THE HEAD GARDENERS' AWARD, will be awarded for most points in the summer show from a Head Gardener, Stately Home or Large Open Gardens.
- THE BBC TROPHY will be awarded for the best exhibit in the Junior Classes (J8-J20)
- THE PRESIDENTS CHALLENGE CUP - Presented by Dr G Edward Deacon, 1929, will be awarded for the most meritorious exhibit in the show.
- THE BRONZE MEDAL of the Rose Society UK will be awarded for the best bloom in classes 1-14.
- THE BRONZE MEDAL of the National Sweet Pea Society will be awarded for the best single vase of Sweet Peas.
- THE SILVER SPOON of the British Pelargonium & Geranium Society will be awarded for the best pot of Pelargoniums.
- THE SILVER SPOON of the British Fuchsia Society will be awarded for the best pot of Fuchsias.

The numbers in brackets refer to the class in the Schedule.

SUMMER SHOW

Cup classes are indicated by a ★.

Prize money for each class may be determined by reference to the Prize Code at the end of the schedule.

ROSES ★

Prize Code	Class	Description
A	1	One specimen Hybrid Tea bloom, in a vase.
A	2	One cluster flowered stem, in a vase.
A	3	Three stems of Hybrid Tea, in a vase, mixed varieties allowed.
A	4	Three cluster flowered stems, in a vase, mixed varieties allowed.
B ★	5	Six Hybrid Tea blooms, in a vase, mixed varieties allowed.
B ★	6	Five cluster flowered stems, in a vase, mixed varieties allowed.
C	7	Twelve Hybrid Tea blooms, in a bowl, mixed varieties allowed, to be judged from front view.
B ★	8	Bowl of mixed Roses, in a table space 60cm in length.
A	9	Three stems of miniature roses, in a vase, mixed varieties allowed.
A	10	Large opened flower floating in a bowl. Bowl provided.
A	11	Small opened flower floating in a bowl. Bowl provided.
A	12	One Rose in a photo frame, additional rose foliage allowed. Frame provided.
A	13	Three stems, one or more varieties, in one vase. Novice class, restricted to exhibitors who have never won a first prize in the Rose classes at this Society's shows.
A	14	One stem, in a vase. Novice class, restricted to exhibitors who have never won a first prize in the Rose classes at this Society's shows.

Spare classes 15-25

SWEET PEAS

The figures in brackets after the single vase classes refer to the current N.S.P.S. colour classification of Spencer cultivars.

Prize Code	Class	Description
A ★	26	One vase, nine stems, white, cream or ivory.
A ★	27	One vase, nine stems, any other single colour.
A	28	One vase, nine stems, not less than three cultivars.
B	29	Bowl of Sweet Peas, in a table space 90cm in length, any foliage allowed.
A	30	One vase, six stems, white, cream or ivory. Novice class, restricted to exhibitors who have never won a first prize in the Sweet Pea classes at this Society's shows.
A	31	One vase, six stems, any other single colour. Novice class, restricted to exhibitors who have never won a first prize in the Sweet Pea classes at this Society's shows.

Spare class 32

CUT FLOWERS

PINKS

B ★	33	Three cultivars, single or double, three stems of each, three vases.
A	34	Six stems, single or double, one or more cultivars, one vase.

DELPHINIUMS

A	35	One spike.
B	36	Two spikes, two vases

FLOWERING SHRUBS and/or TREES ★

D	37	Six distinct, one vase of each in a table space 180cm in length.
B	38	Three distinct, one vase of each in a table space 95cm in length.
A	39	One kind, one vase.

HERBACEOUS PERENNIALS ★

Prize Code	Class	Description
D	40	Six distinct, one vase of each in a table space 180cm in length.
B	41	Three distinct, one vase of each.
A	42	One kind, one vase.

LILIUM ★

C	43	Three species and/or cultivars, one stem of each, three vases.
B	44	Two species and/or cultivars, one stem of each, two vases.
A	45	"Regale", one stem.
A	46	One species or cultivar other than "Regale", one stem.
B	47	Three stems one or more cultivars, one vase.

PANSIES

A	48	Six blooms, one or more cultivar, one vase or bowl.
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PAEONIES

A	49	Three stems, one or more cultivars, one vase.
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SWEET WILLIAMS

A	50	Three stems, one or more cultivars, one vase.
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VIOLAS

B	51	Three cultivars, five blooms of each, three vases.
A	52	Five blooms, one or more cultivars, one vase.

ANNUALS and/or BIENNIALS

(Flowers raised from seed in the twelve months preceding the Show, excluding any of the above classes)

A	53	Three distinct, one vase of each.
A	54	One kind, one vase.

COLLECTIONS

C	55	Vase of cut flowers and foliage, minimum 10 stems in a table space 90cm in length.
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GROUPS OF PLANTS

D	56	Group of cut flowers and/or pot plants, foliage permitted, staged in a table space 120cm in length.
C	57	Group of pot plants in a table space 50cm in length.

POT PLANTS ★

(Plants can be shown in pots, half-pots or pans)

ALPINES ★

Prize Code	Class	Description
D	58	Group of Alpines in a table space 60cm in length.
B	59	Three pots or pans.
A	60	One pot or pan - in flower.
A	61	One pot or pan - foliage.

BEGONIAS

B	62	One plant tuberous.
B	63	One plant other than tuberous.
C	64	Three plants foliage.
B	65	One plant foliage.

CACTI and/or SUCCULENTS

C	66	Six different, one container of each.
B	67	Three different, one container of each.
A	68	One Cactus.
A	69	One Succulent (not Cactus).

Classes 70 & 71 Novice classes restricted to exhibitors who have never won a first prize for Cacti and/or Succulents at any of this Society's shows.

A	70	One Cactus.
A	71	One Succulent (not Cactus).

FUCHSIAS

The length of clear stem from the soil to the lowest branch should be as follows:-
Standard: not less than 750mm, **Half Standard:** at least 450mm, but less than 750mm. **Quarter Standard:** 305mm to 450mm. **Miniature Standard:** 152mm to 305mm. **Pyramid:** not less than 25mm.

Prize Code	Class	Description
A	72	One plant, variegated or ornamental foliage in a pot not to exceed 15cm.
A	73	One plant, standard, half standard, quarter standard or miniature standard.
A	74	One plant, bush or shrub, single or double flowered in pot not to exceed 15 cm.
A	75	One plant, bush or shrub, single or double flowered in pot not to exceed 9cm.
A	76	One plant, bush or shrub, single or double flowered. Novice class for exhibitors who have never won a first prize in the Fuchsia classes at this Society's shows.

Spare classes 77-80

ORCHIDS ★

(Shown as grown, pots not necessary)

D	81	Three plants.
B	82	One plant, Phalaenopsis.
B	83	One plant, any other Orchid.
B	84	One plant. Novice class for exhibitors who have never won a first prize in the Orchid classes at this Society's shows.

Spare class 85

PELARGONIUM (GERANIUM)

Classes 85 - 89 pots not to exceed 16cm.

A	86	Regal, one plant.
A	87	Zonal, one plant.
B	88	Any three plants.
A	89	Zonal, one plant. Novice class for exhibitors who have never won a first prize in Pelargonium classes at this Society's shows.
A	90	Scented leaved, one plant.

PELARGONIUM (GERANIUM)

A	91	Zonal dwarf, one plant, pot not to exceed 11.5cm.
A	92	Zonal miniature, one plant, pot not to exceed 9cm.

STREPTOCARPUS

B	93	Three pots, one or more cultivars.
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A	94	One pot.
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**PLANTS OTHER THAN THOSE SPECIFIED
IN ANY CLASS IN THIS SECTION**

Prize Code	Class	Description
B	95	Three, any other flowering.
A	96	One, any other flowering.
B	97	Three, any other foliage.
A	98	One, any other foliage.

BASKETS & CONTAINERS

C	99	One full hanging basket, mixed plants, diameter 27cm maximum.
C	100	One container of mixed plants, container top diameter 30cm maximum.

FRUIT

GOOSEBERRIES

B	101	Dish of twelve berries.
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RASPBERRIES

B	102	Dish of twelve berries.
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STRAWBERRIES

B	103	Dish of twelve berries.
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OTHER FRUIT

B	104	One dish, any other fruit.
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VEGETABLES ★

COLLECTIONS

In these Collections, the numbers of each kind of vegetable should not be less than three or more than six, except Peas, Beans and Brussels Sprouts, then not less than nine or more than twelve of each. Garnishing with Parsley only allowed.

Prize Code	Class	Description
D	105	Three kinds in a table space 45cm in length.
D	106	Three kinds in a table space 45cm in length. Novice class for exhibitors who have never won a first prize for a collection of vegetables in this Society's shows.

BEANS

Prize Code	Class	Description
B	107	Broad, nine pods.
B	108	French, nine pods.

BEET

A	109	Three, red, globe, tops cut to about 7.5cm.
A	110	Three, any other cultivar, tops cut to about 7.5cm.

CABBAGES

A	111	Two, pointed, stalks cut to about 7.5cm.
A	112	Two, round, stalks cut to about 7.5cm.

CARROTS

B	113	Three, long pointed, tops cut to about 7.5cm.
B	114	Three, other than long pointed, tops cut to about 7.5cm.

CAULIFLOWERS

A	115	Two, stalks cut to about 7.5cm.
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CUCUMBERS

A	116	One.
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LETTUCES

A	117	Two, same variety (roots intact, encased in a plastic bag). Spare classes 118-119
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B	120	Six (tops retained and tied).
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PEAS

B	121	Nine pods.
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POTATOES

B	122	Two cultivars, five of each.
A	123	White, five.
A	124	Coloured, five.

RADISHES, SMALL SALAD

A	125	One bunch, twelve, same variety Spare class 126
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SALAD and/or SALADINGS

C	127	Basket of four kinds.
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TOMATOES

B	128	Six, red, medium.
B	129	Six, cherry.

TURNIPS

A	130	Three, white fleshed, tops cut to about 7.5cm.
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OTHER VEGETABLES

A	131	Any other vegetable not mentioned previously.
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SUMMER SHOW NOVICE CLASSES

13,14, 30, 31, 70, 71, 76, 84, 89, 106, DS9-10

AFFILIATED SOCIETY CLASSES

Prize Code	Class	Description
B	AF6	Three blooms large flowered Roses, one or more cultivars, one vase.
B	AF7	Sweet Peas, six stems of one cultivar, one vase.
D	AF8	Collection* of three kinds of Vegetables, in a table space 45cm in length. * see notes above class 105
B	AF9	Two Pot Plants, flowering.
B	AF10	Two Pot Plants, foliage.
B	AF11	Bowl of flowers, with foliage, grown by members. In a table space 70cm in length.

JUNIOR CLASSES ★

Prize Code	Class	Description
B	J8	Three distinct kinds of flowering trees and/or shrubs, one stem of each kind, in one vase (supplied).
B	J9	One kind of flowering tree or shrub, three stems in one vase (supplied).
B	J10	Three distinct kinds of Cut Flowers in three vases (supplied).
A	J11	One kind of Cut Flower, three stems in one vase (supplied).
B	J12	Three different flowering pot plants, one pot of each.
A	J13	One flowering pot plant.
A	J14	One foliage pot plant.
A	J15	One pot of herbs.
B	J16	Three different vegetables, one of each.
A	J17	One lettuce (roots contained in a plastic bag).

A	J18	Three potatoes, one cultivar.
A	J19	Bunch of six radishes.
A	J20	Dish of six Strawberries.

PRIZE CODE

The prize money for each class may be determined by reference to the following alphabetical code, found immediately before the class number:

Prize Code	First	Second	Third
A	£0.50	£0.30	£0.20
B	£1.00	£0.75	£0.50
C	£1.50	£1.00	£0.75
D	£2.00	£1.50	£1.00
E	£5.00	£3.00	£1.50

NOTES

