

GUIDELINES FOR OPERATING NATIONAL ROSE SHOWS

American Rose Society National Rose Shows are held in the spring and fall in different parts of the country. The following standards have been established for the conduct, staging and judging of these shows. It should be noted that the National Rose Show schedule is not limited to the classes, or numbering of these classes, as set forth here. Additional sections and classes and collections may be added at the discretion of the host society with entries arranged alphabetically where applicable. ARS National Show Ribbons **must** be used in all National Rose Shows.

All ARS National Convention Rose Show Schedules **must** be approved by the Chairman of the Horticulture Judging Committee and the District Chairman of Judges **prior to going to print**. The Arrangement Section **must** be approved by the Chairman of the Rose Arrangements Committee, also **prior to going to print**.

(All those interested in the Artistic Division and National Arrangement Awards are referred to *Guidelines For Judging Rose Arrangements*. This publication is available from ARS Headquarters.)

Every ARS National Show shall abide by these guidelines. Any deviation from these guidelines must be approved by the ARS Chairman of the Horticulture Judging Committee and ARS Executive Committee.

GUIDELINES FOR JUDGES

Judges may request to judge a National Show. The Show Chairman of Judges, in consultation with the ARS Chairman of the Horticulture Judging Committee will determine the number of judges needed and make appropriate assignments. Judges for the National Rose Show will be selected by the Show Chairman of Judges, the District Chairman of Judges and ARS Chairman of the Horticulture Judging Committee. Members of the ARS Horticulture Judging Committee will be given preference if they indicate through proper notification to the Show Chairman of Judges, their desire to judge. The ARS President and Vice-President and their spouses, if applicable, shall be invited to judge. All judges judging the National Rose Show must be registered for the National Convention.

Judging assignments will be made by the Show Chairman of Judges and approved by ARS Chairman of the Horticulture Judging Committee.

GUIDELINES FOR EXHIBITORS

The show will be governed by the standard rules, regulations and guidelines of the American Rose Society. All show schedules should contain rules for exhibitors.

1. Competition is open to all rose growers regardless of residence. All

entries must have been grown by the exhibitor in his/her own private outdoor garden.

2. This rule should include the time and place for acceptance of entries. It is also helpful to state when entries may be removed and by whom, usually at the conclusion of the show under the direction of the Show Chairman. Exhibitor registration information, if required, should be included.

Guidelines for Staging ARS National Classes

Host rose societies for ARS National Rose Shows shall provide adequate space for the proper staging of ARS National Challenge Classes. Exhibit tables for such entries should be low risers or tables about 18 inches high and accessible from both sides by the judges. If such an arrangement cannot be accommodated, then provisions must be made to enable the judges to view the entries from above the blooms. ARS National Challenge Classes for miniature and Miniflora Roses should be staged on tables of normal height.

All National Rose Show Schedules shall include the following:

Section A — ARS National Challenge Classes

Wording would be the same as presently provided for.

Section B — ARS District Challenge Classes

Wording would be as provided for by the District in which the National Rose Show is held.

All varieties in the following sections and classes will be sub-classed by variety name, each variety constituting a separate class, arranged alphabetically.

Section C — Hybrid Tea and Grandifloras

Class C — 1: Hybrid Teas and Grandifloras one bloom-per-stem eligible for Queen (gold certificate), King (silver certificate), Princess (bronze certificate) and court of honor awards

Class C — 2: Hybrid Tea Single

Class C — 3: Fully Open one-bloom-per-stem Hybrid Tea or Grandiflora, stamens must show. Eligible for ARS Hybrid Tea Open Bloom certificate

Class C — 4: Hybrid Tea and Grandiflora Sprays eligible for ARS Hybrid Tea Spray or ARS Grandiflora Spray certificate respectively

Section D — Floribundas

Class D — 1: Floribunda one-bloom-per-stem, eligible for ARS Floribunda One-Bloom-Per-Stem

Class D — 2: Floribunda Sprays, eligible for Queen (gold certificate), King (silver certificate), Princess (bronze cer-

tificate) and court of honor awards

Section E — Polyanthas

Class E — 1: Polyantha Sprays, eligible for ARS Polyantha Spray certificate

Section F — Climbers

Class F — 1: Climber one-bloom-per-stem or spray. Entries must be classed as Large Flowered Climber (LCI), Hybrid Wichurana (HWich) and Hybrid Gigantea (HG), eligible for ARS Climber certificate

Section G — Old Garden Roses

Class G — 1: Old Garden Roses, any varieties NOT classed as a species (Sp) rose introduced prior to 1867, including roses of unknown dates known to be in existence prior to 1867, eligible for ARS Dowager Queen Award

Class G — 2: Old Garden Roses, any varieties NOT classed as a species (Sp) rose introduced in 1867 or after, or without unknown dates of origin after 1867, eligible for ARS Victorian Award

Class G — 3: Old Garden Roses, any variety classed as a species (Sp) rose regardless of introduction date, eligible for ARS Genesis Award

Section H — Shrubs

Class H — 1: Shrubs classed as Hybrid Kordesii (HKor), Hybrid Moyesii (HMoy), Hybrid Musk (HMsk), and Hybrid Rugosa (HRg), eligible for ARS Classic Shrub certificate

Class H — 2: Shrubs classed as Shrubs (S), eligible for ARS Modern Shrub certificate

The Best Shrub certificate is awarded when the Classic and Modern Shrub certificates are not given. It is selected from the blue-ribbon winners in the five shrub classifications. The rose must belong to any classification under the generic shrub class (S). It cannot be awarded if the Classic Shrub and Modern Shrub awards are given. If the Classic Shrub and Modern Shrub awards are not offered in the show schedule; shrub roses may be entered in the shrub rose section and will then be eligible for the Best Shrub certificate.

Section I — Miniatures

Class I — 1: Miniatures one-bloom-per-stem eligible for Miniature Queen (gold certificate), King (silver certificate), Princess (bronze certificate) and court of honor awards

Class I — 2: Miniature Single, eligible for ARS Single Miniature certificate

Class I — 3: Fully Open one-bloom-per-stem, stamens must show, eligible for ARS Open Bloom Miniature certificate

Class I — 4: Miniature Sprays, eligible for ARS Miniature

Section J — Minifloras

Class J — 1: Minifloras one-bloom-per-stem eligible for Miniflora Queen (gold certificate), King (silver certificate), Princess (bronze certificate and court of honor awards

Class J — 2: Miniflora Sprays, eligible for ARS Miniflora Spray certificate Spray certificate

The following classes should be offered: (ARS certificates are available for all of these classes)

Best in Show	Best Rose Bowl Large Bloom
Best English Box	Best Rose Bowl Miniature Bloom
Best Miniature English Box	Most Fragrant Rose
Best Hi-Lo	Sweepstakes
Best Judges' Entry	Best Novice
Best Junior Spray	Best Large Rose Single Bloom

The ARS Chairman of the Horticulture Judging Committee together with the Executive Committee can make deviations for special circumstances.

Note: Numbers and sections do not have to be in this order. They can be listed any way convenient, but the wording must adhere to these rules.

SELECTING JUDGES FOR THE NATIONAL SHOW

The National Show Chairman for a National Rose Show shall be selected by the National Convention Chairman. Judges for the National Rose Show will be selected by the ARS Chairman of the Horticulture Judging Committee, the District Chairman of Judges and the ARS National Chairman of Judges. Members of the ARS Horticulture Committee shall be included if they indicate through proper notification of the Show Chairman of Judges of their desire to judge.

All judges judging in the National Rose Show must be registered for the National Convention.

Judging assignments will be made by the National Show Chairman in accordance with the "Guidelines for Judging ARS National Challenge Classes" and approved by the ARS Chairman of the Horticulture Judging Committee.

Similar guidelines are established for judging district challenge classes. Judging teams for all other classes should consist of at least three judges.

JUDGING ARS NATIONAL CHALLENGE CLASSES

The ARS National Challenge Classes are the focal point of every National Rose Show. It is therefore imperative that the following procedures be followed:

In the National Rose Show Schedule, immediately following the designation of the “ARS National Challenge Classes” section, and preceding the classes and their respective correct wording, the following should appear :

“Exhibitors are encouraged to demonstrate their artistic prerogatives through the overall appearance of their entries as permitted in *Guidelines and Rules For Judging Roses*. Staging of Challenge Classes will be at the discretion of the exhibitor and will have no restrictions or limitations as to the relative placement of the individual specimens comprising the entry in each class. The exhibit should not exceed 36 inches maximum in any horizontal direction.”

Guidelines for Judging ARS National Challenge Classes are amended as follows:

A minimum of three teams of Accredited Judges or nine Accredited Judges, whichever is greater, will judge all ARS National Challenge Classes. At the conclusion of their evaluations, each judge will cast a written ballot. (The same judges or judging teams should not judge all the ARS National Challenge Classes).

JUDGING THE COURT OF HONOR AT AN ARS NATIONAL SHOW

At a National Show the selection of the Court of Honor will be supervised by the ARS Chairman of the Horticulture Judging Committee or his/her representative.

The blue ribbon winners from the eligible classes will be presented on separate tables (low tables for large roses and regular height tables for the miniatures and Minifloras.) All entries will have a number placed in front of them and balloting will be by number. Prior to the final balloting for the Queen, King, Princess, etc. a team of twelve (12) judges shall first select the top twelve (12) to fifteen (15) large roses by balloting in any order. A separate panel of fifteen (15) judges will be selected to make the final selection for the Queen and the rest of the Court.

The top scoring 12-15 entries will remain on the table and the others will be returned to their respective classes. A new team of 15 judges will make the final selection for the Court by casting a ballot listing ten (10) of the roses in any order. The roses receiving the highest number of votes shall constitute the Court. The other roses will be removed from the table and returned to their respective classes.

Each judge shall then vote for one (1) of the ten roses to select the Queen. If a winner is not attained on the first ballot, and a tie results, the judges will ballot on the roses involved until a Queen has been selected by plurality vote. The process is repeated to select the King, then repeated again to select the Princess and once again to select the Prince. The remaining roses shall be on the Court in the order ranked in the vote.

The same procedure described above will be followed in selecting the miniature/Miniflora Court. A separate team of six (6-9) judges shall select the top twelve (12) to fifteen (15) miniature/Miniflora roses by ballot. The top scoring 12-15 roses will remain on the table. A second team of fifteen (15) judges will make the final selections for the miniature/Miniflora Queen, King, Princess, etc., following the same procedures outlined above for the large rose selections. Those judges whose judging assignment included miniature and Miniflora classes should participate in the final selection for the miniature/Miniflora Court. Official ARS ballots will be used in all the above voting.

Best in each class certificate winners will be selected by at least two teams of judges. Those judges whose judging assignment included the classes eligible for the award should participate.

At the conclusion of all judging and before judging is declared complete, the Show Chairman of Judges and ARS Chairman of the Horticulture Judging Committee shall confirm that all awards are free of disqualifications, in compliance with the *Guidelines* and the requirements of the show schedule. Upon this confirmation the judging will be declared complete.