

HVGC Horticulture Guidelines

1. Plants should be groomed and entry cards completed before taking the entry to the Passing table. The exhibitor should remain with her entry until it has been passed. The exhibit will then be staged, where it is to be judged. Plants must be well groomed and containers clean before exhibiting. A plant not suitable for judging shall be placed in an "exhibition only" class.
2. An exhibitor may submit three (3) entries per class, provided each is a different species or cultivar.
3. All entries, unless otherwise stated in the schedule, must have been owned and grown by the exhibitor for a minimum of three (3) months.
4. Anyone wishing to exhibit horticulture other than the scheduled class may do so in the Par Class. Cut specimens may not be entered in the Par Class.
5. Container –grown plants, grown primarily for foliage, shall be so classified even when in bloom.
6. All rooted entries propagated by the exhibitor must be identified with details of the method and relevant date(s) on an accompanying [propagation card](#) to be eligible for the **Propagation Award**.
7. Mats, saucers, stakes, ties, etc., are not permitted.
8. Classes may be subdivided, and entries moved and/or reclassified at the discretion of the show committee and/or the judges. Subdivision is preferable in the schedule rather than on the floor.
9. Containers are measured at the diameter or the diagonal of the widest point on the inside of the rim at the soil line.
10. All specimens in a collection must be labeled individually. A key card (diagram or plant list) is required when multiple species or cultivars are exhibited in the same container and/or propagation information is applicable. Key card must be a 4" x 6" white unlined card completed in black waterproof medium. A 4" x 6" photograph with identifying numbers may be used.

11. Container-grown plants must be exhibited in containers that are clean, unobtrusive, and compatible with the exhibit. Terracotta clay pots are preferred. Other options include stone-like (Hypertufa), wire baskets, slatted orchid baskets, and plants mounted on driftwood. Disguised double potting and top dressing are permitted; Top dressing should cover the rim of the inner pot so that the entry appears to be in a single pot and must not float when watered.

12. The committee will provide containers and wedging materials for all cut specimens.

13. Scale of points by which the classes are to be judged: (as per *FS & JG Book 4: Judging at Flower Shows, 2024 edition*).