

ORCHID SOCIETY OF MAURITIUS

ANNUAL SHOW 2015

NEW REGULATORY GUIDELINES FOR BOTH EXHIBITORS AND JUDGES.

The annual orchid show is a unique opportunity for the Society to display publicly the best specimens of orchids grown by its members. It illustrates the progress made by our local growers and their achievements are celebrated. Members are invited to bring in the best from their collection with the understanding that a show is meant to stage beauty.

We need however to set rules and guidelines in order that , on the one hand exhibitors know what is expected from them and judges, on the other hand have proper guidelines to give a fair judgment.

1. Format of show

The show set-up shall comprise:

- (1) both table tops and landscape mixed displays for regular member exhibits.
- (2) Individual stands for personal collection display.

2. Exhibitors

There shall be 2 categories of exhibitors:

- (i) Regular members competing for an award, either in a collective display or in an individual stand.
- (ii) Commercial member displaying a set of plants from his commercial stock in a stand bearing the name of his company.

3. Definitions

- (i) **A regular member** is one whose name appears on the society's membership list on the 31st August of the current year, irrespective of whether he is a beginner or an experienced grower. His/her plants shall be in the collective display. The plants from a regular member who is granted an individual stand shall all be registered for the competition.
- (ii) **A commercial grower** is one who is registered with the society as such and who elects for a group display of his commercial plants in his company's stand.
NOTE: a commercial grower may also compete for an award, provided his exhibit(s) are from his personal collection and not from his commercial stock (the control guideline would be the status of the root system). The plants competing for an award shall have to be registered as for a regular member and shall form part of the collective display.

4. Competing for an Award

4.1 Plant Registration

- (i) The registration process will be under the sole responsibility of a Registrar, appointed by the OSM executive committee.
- (ii) Plant registration will take place between 7.30 am and 11.00 am on the Friday.
- (iii) The Registrar shall have one assistant and two helpers whose specific functions will be (a) to check registration forms and plants brought by members and (b) to check health status of plants and advise Registrar accordingly.
- (iv) The Registrar may decline registration for (a) late submissions and (b) specimens representing disease or pest contamination hazards.
- (v) Each exhibit shall bear a color coded tag indicating the exhibitor's category, the plant registration number, a label with the name of the plant or marked 'Lost Label'.

4.2 The exhibitor and his exhibits

1. Each exhibitor shall fill in a registration form prior to submission indicating
 - a. the list of plants to be registered
 - b. the name of each plant or name unknown (as applicable).
2. The registration form shall be handed over to the Show Registrar together with the plants.
3. Exhibitors may bring any number of plants.
4. The plants registered, shall comply with the following criteria :
 - a. The plant shall have a label bearing its varietal / species name or bear the name of its parents.
 - b. In cases where the name is unknown, the plant shall bear a tag marked 'Lost Label'.
 - c. The plant shall be healthy and free from signs of uncontrolled disease symptoms and insect pests.
 - d. Flowers shall be of excellent quality and inflorescences shall have a reasonable number of fully opened flowers.
5. The plant exhibits shall have been in the registrant's possession for a minimum of one year.
6. Plant exhibits shall not be removed from the show floor before 3.30 p.m. on the Sunday.

4.2 Show judging

The plants registered for the competition shall be judged by a panel of three knowledgeable and experienced judges, who will appoint a Chairperson among themselves. They shall be assisted by two supporting trainee judges, exempt of voting rights.

The judging process shall start at 1.30 p.m. on the Friday and be completed at 3.30 p.m.

During the judging process NO ONE, apart from the judging team and the decorator shall be present in the exhibition area.

The judges :

- 1) Shall be provided with a complete list of entries for the competition as well as a mark sheet with the full list of awards.
- 2) Shall determine with a majority of 2/3rd what they consider as being the best exhibit of each class and sub-class out of all the plants registered for the competition, irrespective of registrant's category.
- 3) May withhold the granting of an award where the entries in a class are either sub-standard or if there is only one entry.
- 4) May also disqualify plants for improper classification or name.
- 5) A 'Lost label' plants shall participate in the competition. It may receive an award as the best in a sub-class (e.g. Best white *phalaenopsis*), but SHALL NOT be eligible for the Trophy rewarding the best of the class (e.g. Best *Phalaenopsis* & Allied genera).
- 6) No judge shall judge a class in which he or she has an exhibit. He/She shall step down whenever the class of orchid in which he has a candidate exhibit is being judged and replaced by one of the trainee judges.

4.3 The Judging Process

Plant exhibits will be judged:

- I. On their own merit at the time of judging.
- II. The judging process shall be in 3 steps, namely:
 1. Nomination – identification of plants of award quality.
 2. Screening – the 3 best candidates shall be selected for point scoring.
 3. Point scoring to elect the best of the three.
- III. The point scoring system shall be based on the following criteria and point scale:-
 1. The Flower

i. Attractiveness of flower or bloom	15 points
ii. Colour & pattern	15 points
iii. Flower arrangement & disposition	15 points
SUB-TOTAL 1	45 Points
 2. Cultural characteristics

i. Plant vigour	15 points
ii. Plant health	10 points
iii. Floriferousness (No of flowers or inflorescences)	15 points
SUB-TOTAL 2	40 Points
 3. Exhibit characteristics

i. Cleanliness of both plant & pot	5 points
ii. Judicious staking	5 points
iii. Labeling	5 points
SUB-TOTAL 3	15 Points

TOTAL

100 Points

The decisions of the judges shall be final.

4.4 - Cocarde, Prize and Trophy

Cocardes – there shall be three types of cocardes given:

- 1) Red and white for the best of a sub-class**
- 2) Blue, red and white for the best of each class**
- 3) Blue, red and white, with ribbons bearing the National colours for the best orchid on show.**

Prizes – gift prizes may be offered for all awards provided the Society obtains adequate sponsorship.

Trophys

There are twelve challenge trophies sponsored by various organizations, They are as follows :

- 1. Best *Cattleya* & allied genera; Sponsored by The Municipal Council of Quatre Bornes.**
- 2. Best *Phalaenopsis* & allied genera; sponsored by Dr Majeed Khadaroo.**
- 3. Best *Vanda* & allied genera; sponsored by Exotica.**
- 4. Best *Dendrobium*; sponsored by The University of Mauritius.**
- 5. Best *Oncidium* and *Odontoglossum* alliance; sponsored by The Food and Agricultural Council.**
- 6. Best *Cymbidium*; sponsored by APEXHOM.**
- 7. Best *Paphiopedillum*; sponsored by Compagnie Agricole de Labourdonnais Ltée.**
- 8. Best other genera hybrid; sponsored by CIEL GROUP.**
- 9. Best Local species; sponsored by The Royal Society of Arts & Science.**
- 10. Best non-local species; sponsored by AREU.**
- 11. Best Orchid on Show; sponsored by The President of the Republic.**
- 12. The Champion of the Show (a public vote); sponsored by The Orchid Society of Mauritius.**

Ratified by the executive committee of the Orchid Society of Mauritius

On 09 September 2015

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