

## **SHOW RULES**

1. Only members of the Society may enter except where the class is specified as an OPEN CLASS in the schedule. Entry is free.
2. Plant, flower, fruit and vegetable exhibits must have been grown by the exhibitor from seed or, if purchased, must have been in the exhibitor's possession for a minimum of 3 months and houseplants for 6 months, unless otherwise specified in the schedule.
3. The hall will open at 9am. All exhibits must be staged by 10.20am for judging to commence at 10.30am.
4. Exhibitors must use the vase or plate where provided and ensure that their exhibitor's card is visible but reversed so that the exhibitor's name is concealed. Vases and other items provided for staging exhibits remain the property of the Society.
5. Exhibits must be arranged outside the exhibition hall then placed in the correct class in the exhibition hall and removed after the prize giving.
6. In plant, flower, fruit and vegetable classes judging will be in accordance with the latest edition of the RHS Horticultural Show Handbook.
7. In Floral Arrangement classes exhibitors may use purchased flowers unless otherwise stated in the class schedule. Drapes and accessories are allowed.
8. Home Produce exhibits must follow the rules of the National Federation of Women's Institutes. Baked goods to be shown on a plate with a doily and covered. Bread to be shown on a board and rolls in a basket. Preserves in plain jars, correctly sealed and labelled along with a full date i.e., DD/MM/YYYY. Trade jars and lids and coffee jars are not acceptable.
9. Exhibitors sharing a garden may exhibit singly or jointly but only one exhibit from any one garden may be entered in any one class.
10. Where numbers, quantities or sizes are specified in a class, neither more nor less may be shown. Incorrect exhibits will be disqualified.
11. Any exhibitor exhibiting contrary to these rules will be disqualified from that class.
12. The judges' decision is final and merit cards will be awarded at their discretion.
13. The Society is not responsible for loss or damage to any exhibit or container.
14. Entry forms must be submitted by 5.00pm on the Thursday prior to the show and no sooner than 7 days prior to the show.
15. Each exhibitor may enter a maximum of 25 Plant, Flower, Fruit and Vegetable Classes. Spring Show Classes 1-49 and Summer Show Classes 1-63. Each exhibitor may enter any or all of the Floral Arrangement, Home Produce, Photography and Craft classes in addition to the 25 Plant, Flower, Fruit & Vegetable entries.