

## SHOW RULES

1.	Only members of the Society may enter except where the class is specified as an OPEN CLASS in the schedule.
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 8.40am. All exhibits must be staged by 10am for judging to commence at 10.30am.
4.	Exhibitors must use the vase or plate where stated that it is provided. 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 location in the exhibition hall (identified by your exhibitor card) 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.	Points are awarded as follows: 1 <sup>st</sup> Place = 4 points, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place = 3 points, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place = 2 points, Highly Commended = 1 point.
8.	In Floral Arrangement classes exhibitors may use purchased flowers unless otherwise stated in the class schedule. Drapes and accessories are allowed.
9.	Home Produce exhibits must follow the rules of the National Federation of Women's Institutes. Exhibits to be shown on the plates provided unless stated otherwise and should not contain fish, meat (excl. where encased in pastry), soft cheese, uncooked eggs, yoghurt or fresh cream. Note – Jars used must be plain and labelled with the item's name and full date (DD/MM/YYYY). They should be sealed by using either a wax disc and then cellophane, or a new twist top or press on plastic lid that will pop when opened. Fruit curd must be covered with a wax disc and cellophane top; twist tops are not acceptable. Vinegar preserves must have a lid that is a good fit, do not use a cellophane cover. Kilner jars are acceptable, trade jars/lids and coffee jars are not. Baked goods should be shown on a plate with a doily and covered. Bread to be shown on a board and rolls in a basket.
10.	Exhibitors sharing a garden may exhibit singly or jointly but only one exhibit from any one garden may be entered in any one class.
11.	Where numbers, quantities or sizes are specified in a class, neither more nor less may be shown.
12.	Any exhibitor exhibiting contrary to these rules will not be judged in that class.
13.	The judges' decision is final and merit cards will be awarded at their discretion.
14.	The Society is not responsible for loss or damage to any exhibit or container.
15.	Entry forms must be submitted by 5pm on the Thursday prior to the show and no sooner than 7 days prior to the show (see entry forms for further details).
16.	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 Arrangements (excluding the Novice class which is only open to members who have never previously won a Floral Arrangement Cup). Home Produce, Photography and Craft classes are in addition to the 25 Plant, Flower, Fruit & Vegetable entries.