

Rules for PHS 2025

Annual Open Summer Show

Please read these rules carefully

The show will be conducted where possible in accordance with the rules and standards of the Royal Horticultural Society, the National Chrysanthemum Society, the National Dahlia Society and NAFAS.

1. In the Schedule, The words 'kinds' and 'cultivars' are used in this context:

Kind	Apple	Rose	Potato
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Cultivar	Blenheim Orange	Peace	Desiree
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2. Fruits classified as vegetables. The following, though botanically classified as fruits, are, for the purposes of Horticultural Shows, classified as vegetables:

Aubergines, Beans, Capsicums, Chilli Peppers, Courgettes, Cucumbers, Marrows, Mushrooms, Okra, Pumpkins and Squashes, Peas, Rhubarb, Sweetcorn and Tomatoes.

3. Novices: These Classes are intended to encourage newcomers. Anyone may enter a Novice Class who has not previously won a first prize at a PHS Show for the particular exhibit called for in the Schedule. Novices may enter any other Classes in the Schedule.

4. Challenge Trophies: Any member wishing to compete for any of the Challenge Trophies must be a fully paid-up member of the society by the last day of the month preceding the Show.

5. Exhibits in Pots must have been in the Exhibitors possession for at least **three** months before the date of the Show.

6. Sections 1 – 9 and 14. The committee reserve the right to visit exhibitor's gardens or any external site to verify that an exhibit was grown by the exhibitor. To this end the locations of any additional sites used to grow any exhibits must be numerically listed on page 3 of the entry form and for each entry grown outside the exhibitor's garden, the number of the external site provided in column 5. Exhibits produced outside the exhibitor's garden must be predominantly the fruit of the exhibitor's own labour.

7. Number of Exhibits is limited to one per exhibitor in any Class. For all produce classes, more than one person from the same family can enter the same class if they each cultivate at distinctly different locations.

8. Entry Fees and return of entry form details are as stated on the entry form for the show.

9. Entry is restricted to exhibitors resident within 30 miles (as the crow flies) of the Show venue. The committee reserve the right to reject an entry without providing a reason.

10. Staging may take place at the show venue between the following times:

Evening before Show: 4.30pm. – 8.00pm.

Show morning: 8.00am. – 10.15am.

11. Vases will be available at the Show but Exhibitors may use their own 'Bikini' vases. Exhibitors must empty and return Society vases at the end of the Show.

12. Class Cards will be issued by the Show Secretary and must be placed reverse side up (i.e. the side without the exhibitors name) alongside every exhibit. This is the responsibility of the exhibitor.

13. Variety cards – all horticultural exhibits should bear a variety card, indicating, if known, the cultivar. These should be requested on the entry form and only variety cards provided by the Show Secretary can be displayed alongside any exhibit.

14. The decision of the judges concerning the merits of the exhibits shall be regarded as final. Judges are empowered to withhold any prize, trophy or certificate if the subject is deemed to be unworthy.

15. Exhibits ‘Not according to Schedule’: any exhibit which does not conform with the wording in the Schedule shall be disqualified and the judge shall write on the entry card ‘NAS’ and add a note as to the reason.

16. The decision of the committee is final in all matters connected with the Show. The Committee reserve the right and powers to decide in cases of dispute.

All complaints MUST be handed in to the Show Secretary in the Hall by 3.00pm on the day of the Show. Complaints MUST be in writing and accompanied by a £10 deposit, which will be refunded if the complaint is upheld.

17. All Exhibits are to remain the property of the Exhibitor and may not be removed before 4.00pm. All exhibits must be removed or disposed of by 4.30pm.

18. Liabilities and Losses: The Society will not be liable for any loss or damage howsoever caused.

19. For the award of Trophies a 1st prize counts 4 points, a 2nd prize counts 3 points, a 3rd prize counts 2 points and a Highly Commended 1 point. Highly Commended will only be awarded if there are 6 or more entries in a Class.

20. Prize Money will be allocated as follows:

<i>Prize code</i>	1st	2nd	3rd	H.C.
A.	£20.00	£15.00	£10.00	£5.00
B.	£6.00	£4.50	£3.00	£1.50
X.	£2.50	£2.00	£1.50	£1.00
Y.	£1.50	£1.20	£0.90	£0.60

21. Prize Money should be collected within 7 days, otherwise it will be assumed to be a donation to the Society.

22. The RHS Points System for marking vegetables, is governed by the difficulty of their production. The following may be helpful to exhibitors.

Beans, French	15	Leeks	20
Beans, climbing (not runner)	15	Onions over 250 gm	20
Beans, runner	18	Onions under 250 gm	15
Beetroot, globe/cylindrical	15	Parsnips	20
Cabbages, green	15	Peas	20
Capsicum and chilli peppers	15	Potatoes	20
Carrots, long	20	Shallots, pickling	15
Carrots, other than long	18	Shallots, exhibition	18
Cauliflower	20	Sweetcorn	18
Celery (blanched)	20	Tomatoes, small	12
Cucumbers, frame	18	Tomatoes, large	15
Cucumbers. Ridge	15	Tomatoes, medium	18