

General Competition Rules

1. To be eligible to exhibit in the B.D.A.C. Allotment Fruit, Flower & Vegetable Competition as follows. Individual

- 1a. Exhibitors must be a current tenant of a city of Birmingham Allotment.
- 1b. Partner of a current tenant of a city of Birmingham Allotment.
- 1c. Young Gardener aged 15 to 18 years related to a current tenant of a city of Birmingham Allotment. A young gardener may enter senior classes he/she may be required to satisfy rule 9.

Society/Association

- 1d. Society or Association Exhibitor must represent a City of Birmingham Allotment(s)
- 1e. A group of tenants may enter association class(s) only when their association declines to take part. Prize money will be paid by cheque.

2. Entries

- a. Copies of the schedule and entry forms will be supplied on request by the Show Secretary
- b. All entries must be made on the form provided.
- c. Each exhibitor must complete a separate entry form.
- d. Each exhibitor has only one entry per class.
- e. Exhibitors must state on their entry form - The situation, name and number of their plot.
- f. All entry forms must be returned to the Show Secretary.
- g. Closing date for entries Monday 25th July 2022.
- h. Entry Cancellation -The Show Secretary is to be notified three days prior to the setup day of the show.

3. Entry Fee

- (a) Entry Fee to all classes - **FREE**

4. Access

- a. Access to Show benches for exhibitors will be between 8.00 am and 4.00pm Friday 19th August 2022.
- b. Show Bench Arena will be closed for judging between 5.00pm and 10.00pm Friday 19th August 2022.
- c. Only those persons officially appointed shall be present during the judging of exhibits
- d. No exhibit is to be removed before 5.00pm on Saturday 20th August 2022
- e. The Show Area will open to the public at 9.00am Saturday 20th August 2022, closing to the public at 5.00pm
- f. Presentation - exhibitors will be notified of the venue and date

5. Security

- a. The committee will make the most careful arrangement for the protection of all exhibits at the show.
- b. All exhibits, individual property etc., will be at the risk of the exhibitor and the committee will not be liable for the loss or damage due to any cause whatsoever.

6. Exhibits

- a. Exhibit class cards will be returned to the exhibitor by post as soon as possible after receipt of entry form.
- b. Failure to receive class cards - it is the exhibitor's responsibility to contact the Show Secretary should they not arrive in good time.
- c. Exhibitors wishing to retain their exhibits need to indicate with an "R" on their class card.

7. Exhibitors will be responsible for

- a. Cards are for correct class numbers.
- b. Placement on correct exhibit.
- c. Left face down

8. Exhibit correctly named where stipulated.

- a. All exhibits must be named for public information where possible.
- b. In classes where any variety is not known this will not disqualify the exhibitor.
- c. Judges will however recognise favourably a correctly named exhibit in awarding points.

9. All individual exhibits must be grown on the exhibitor's allotment plot by the exhibitor.

- a. All exhibits entered by an Association must be grown on that Association's site(s)
- b. All exhibits entered in children's classes need not be grown by the exhibitor.
- c. Exhibits must be cleaned and trimmed before delivery to show bench.
- d. All flowers must be exhibited in containers holding water. (vases, bowls, tubes etc.)
- e. Fruit exhibits to be displayed on paper plates, which will be supplied.

10. Judging

- a. All exhibits in allotment classes shall be Judged in accordance with the R.H.S "The Horticultural Show Handbook" (8th Edition 2016)
- b. Judges have the right to award additional prizes or withhold prizes in the event of insufficient entries in each class.
- c. Extra prizes will not exceed the lowest monetary sum of the class. With prizes of equal merit, the prize money will be totalled and divided between equal merit winners.
- d. Any exhibit that does not conform to the schedule will be marked N.A.S. and disqualified.
- e. The decision of the judges will be final.
- f. In the event of a disqualification the lower prize winners will all be moved up one place and the lowest place will not be awarded.

11. Prize Money

- i. Prize money will only be paid by cheque.

12. Complaints

- a. The committee reserves the right to visit an allotment in the event of a dispute/complaint.
- b. Any complaint regarding awards or exhibits must be made in writing to the show secretary no later than 10.00am Saturday 20th August 2022.