

Rules of Competition

1. The prizes offered in the accompanying Schedules are open to all persons complying with the terms thereof and with these rules.
2. **Floral Art entries must be lodged with the Treasurer in writing, not later than the MONDAY night prior to the date of the show.**
3. All articles intended for competition must be staged before 9 am in the morning of the Show, at which hour all Exhibitors and their assistants must retire from the hall. The Stewards must be in attendance at the Show Hall on the day before the Show from 12noon to 9pm and also on the morning of the Show from 7am to 9am. The Stewards will direct where all articles are to be placed.
4. No person without special permission will be admitted to the Hall while exhibits are being arranged, or when the Judges are engaged in their duties.
5. Every article for competition must be accompanied by a card with the Exhibitor's name and address on one side and the other side marked with the class to be competed in. The card to be placed under the exhibit, name and address facing down. All exhibits to be correctly named as far as known.
6. Competitors must show in their own boxes and stands. Cut flowers must be shown in water; the boxes to be in keeping appropriate. Vases and cardboard plates can be provided for Flowers, Fruit and Vegetables. All material must be fresh.
7. All articles (except Bouquets, Cut Flowers for table decoration and Floral Devices which must be the *bona fide* work of the Exhibitors) must be grown by the Exhibitor, and shall be the bona fide property of himself or his employer, and must have been in his possession for two months prior to the Show.
8. Members cannot enter more than two exhibits in any class unless stated otherwise. Two competitors cannot compete with the same kind of exhibit grown in the same place.
9. The decision of the Judges shall be final, and the Judges are empowered to withhold prizes in any class where the Exhibits are not considered to be worthy of prizes. The Judges shall also be empowered to taste fruit, etc. Protests or complaints upon any other grounds must be lodged with the Secretary in writing before noon on the day of the Show; but anyone lodging a protest must be able to show within six days that he will be able to substantiate the same, else the protest will not be entertained and the member making the protest will be found liable in payment of all expenses incurred.
10. Any prize found to have been unfairly obtained will be forfeited, and if any article is discovered to have been tampered with for the purpose of deception, the Exhibitor of such, besides being exposed, shall forfeit all prize money, and liable to expulsion from the Club.
11. The gardens of members shall be open for inspection by any of the Committee.
12. No Exhibit can be removed from the hall before 5.00pm on completion of the Show, and no Exhibit will be delivered up except to the Exhibitor personally or on his written order; all Exhibits not taken away before 5.30pm on the Saturday of the Show will be deemed presented for auction and resultant funds given to the Club.
13. The Club will not be responsible for damage done to Plants, Glasses, etc., during the Show but all ordinary care will be taken of them.
14. Prize money will be distributed during the Show from the Treasurer and all prize money unclaimed within one week after the Show will be added to the funds of the Club. In the event of the Club not having adequate funds the Committee reserve the right to reduce the prize money.
15. The Committee reserve to themselves the right to refuse any entry.
16. Points will be allocated as follows: 1st, 4pts; 2nd, 3pts; 3rd, 2pts; 4th, 1pt.
17. All members and exhibitors will be admitted free to the Show, on production of current membership card.
18. All articles to be the exhibitor's own work.
19. The decision of the Chairman is final.
20. Exhibitors do not need to be members of the Club.

N.B. Annual membership runs from 1st September - 31st August.

Subscriptions (£7.00) are due and should be paid to the Subscription Secretary