

Australian Cymbidium Society

National Cymbidium Show Rules

Exhibitors must be financial members, prior to the day of the Show, of a club affiliated with the Australian Cymbidium Society Inc.

All plants must have been owned and grown for a minimum of six (6) months by the exhibitor.

All exhibitors must have an exhibitor's number. (Available at the Show)

Each plant must have the correctly spelled name of the plant on a business size card.

Cards can be any shape or colour but need to be business size.

The exhibitor's number is to be placed in the bottom left hand corner of the card.

All plant names, clones and seedling cross names, must be as registered with the Royal Horticultural Society.

Owner required to prove any recent registration if requested.

***All classes marked N are notifiable. A nomination form must be completed and handed to the Show Marshal for all classes marked N. The appropriate identification coloured spot will be issued and is to be placed in the top right corner of the plant name display card.**

Coloured identification spots, for notifiable classes will be issued at the Show on the set up day.

All Exhibits: Exhibits shall conform to the rules of the ACS Inc. The Show Marshals, after consultation with the show registrar, will decide any matters not specifically covered in these rules.

All plants exhibited should be presented in a healthy and clean condition. They should be without evidence of excessive removal, tying back, or cutting of leaves. The excessive support of racemes or excessive manipulation of flowers will be penalized.

All plants should be healthy and displayed in show conditions. That is with the removal of sheaths, old leaves, husks, etc., with care given to the cleanliness of plants.

Once staged no entry may be removed without permission of the Show Marshal.

The Show Marshals are authorised to reject any exhibit.

The only flowers allowed on displays are Cymbidiums. Except in circumstances where other clubs or groups involved in the culture of flowering plants other than cymbidiums are invited to exhibit in defined areas of the venue at the discretion of the state body staging the show.

While all care and reasonable caution for the safety and security of exhibits will be exercised, no responsibility for loss or damage will be accepted by the host state, ACS, the Show Committee or the sponsors and any exhibitor shall have no claim whatsoever against these groups involved in the running to the Show.

If in the Judges' opinion an exhibit in any class does not warrant a prize, then the prize will not be given.

All judging decisions and prizes will be final.

The ACS and the host state reserves the right to photograph, for its own purposes or for the publication in any form, any exhibit.

A **Novelty Cymbidium** is defined as one of the following type, where the dominant feature of each type will be: a) Peloric, b) spotted, c) striped, d) feathered or e) variegated flowers.

A **Seedling** is the whole plant grown from seed, which has not been divided, with no leads removed for cloning purposes and is being shown for the first time, at any show/meeting under judging system.

It should be an immature plant. It would be expected to produce a representative flowering in a pot no larger than eight (8) inches. For show purposes the plant maintains its seedling status for the current flowering season.

The plant name label should carry the names of the parents use in the seedling cross.

Displays are eligible to win one category prize, plus ACS Trophy for Best Display.

The state club displays are only eligible to be judged for the John Mata Challenge Award.

The Dean Roesler Memorial Trophy is for a most eye-catching cymbidium. The *Cymbidium* should have eye appeal, whether due to a distinct feature or colour or its overall visual effect and floral display.

The plant/cut stem should be in show condition. The show committee will nominate plants/cut stems for this award and then each judge at the show will cast a vote for the winner.

All display stands, that meet the Show Committee's requirements, will receive a cash bonus.

Only one display stand per exhibitor is eligible to receive a cash bonus.

LEON & WIM VAN RIJN
FLEURIJN ORCHIDS-HOLLAND AWARD

1st \$500 2nd \$250 3rd \$100

This special award is for plants suitable for cut flower trade.

The winning plants/cut stems are to be solely owned by the exhibitor.

The class specific to large flower (standard) types with the emphasis on fast maturation, vigour and floriferousness. Show or award shape is not an advantage, although it isn't objected to, while basically flat flowers that hold their shape and are well spaced on the stem are preferred. Tall, strong stems with essentially upright habit are preferred and the stem should have a good length before the first flower is reached. Colours and markings should be clear and defined. Cut stems can be nominated with the inclusion of a photograph of the plant in flower, which must accompany the exhibit.

- **NB:** This is a Notifiable Class it is separate from the rest of the ACS Show Schedule.
The Fleurijn Orchids-Holland award will be judged by the sponsor or his nominee.

Rules for Cut Stems

- 1) An exhibitor cannot win a prize for a cut stem, if they are exhibiting a plant of the same clone or seedling.
- 2) Where an exhibitor has multiple cut stems of the same clone or seedling, only one stem will be eligible for a prize.
- 3) A nomination form and the appropriate colour spot are required for all seedling classes marked N.
- 4) The appropriate coloured spot for Cut Stems will be issued at the Show. The coloured spot is to be placed in the top right hand corner of the plant name card.
- 5) Displays featuring only cut stems do not require coloured spots on the plant name label. A **cut stem display** sign will be placed in front of the display for judging.
- 6) Used stakes are not to be put into provided host plants.

It is expected and in the spirit of the National Show that cut stems or stem will be cut from the plant/s in the exhibitor's home state. The racemes then put in vials and boxed to travel to the National Show. Only stems packed in boxes during shipment to the show are eligible for judging as a cut stem.