

## Solihull & District Orchid Society

### Show Regulations

Plants to be judged must have been in the entrant's possession for at least 6 months.

Multiple entries are permitted; all plants in a class will be judged on their own merit, the best three plants in each class will be placed first, second, and third regardless of ownership.

Exhibits to be staged on the morning of the show no later than 9.30 a.m. or by prior arrangement with the Show Secretary. Exhibits may not be removed until the end of the show.

All exhibits shall be at the risk of the exhibitor – Solihull & District O. S. shall not be liable for any loss or damage.

At the discretion of the judges, any class with numerous entries can be split up and a new subclass created.

Judging will be done using the BOC judging system. Plants will be judged with due regard to the attributes of the plants according to the BOC weighting - 50% for the culture of the plant and 50% for the flower.

Every effort will be made not to exclude plants entered in the wrong class from judging.

However, final responsibility for the entries must remain with the entrant.

The plants should be correctly labelled and free of pests and diseases otherwise, at the discretion of the judges; they may not be judged and may be removed from the show bench. Hybrids should preferably have names registered with the RHS database, or their parentage given, but an accepted trade name or the genus name plus the word hybrid will be accepted.

Plants can be entered by visiting Societies but any plant entered must be recorded by the Show Secretary in the Entry Book and placed in the appropriate class with all the other entries made by Solihull & District Society Members. The plants included within Society Displays will be judged as an entire display with meritorious plants receiving a rosette.

Judges must declare their interest to the Show Secretary and step back from judging classes in which they have an entry.

A Cultural Certificate may be given to any plant that, in the opinion of the judges, demonstrates outstanding cultural expertise.

Judges decisions are final.

The Society reserves the right to amend the Show Schedule, as necessary, according to any official reclassification of the genera.

If possible, all judges at the society Spring Show will be selected by the Show Secretary from outside of the society. The Display Judging will be carried out by Solihull & District Society judges.

Any questions regarding judging should be directed to the Show Secretary who will endeavour to provide answers to issues raised regarding individual plants on either the Main Show Table or within a Display. Judges may be asked to assist.

Trophies will only be awarded to Members at the Spring Show and will remain the property of Solihull & District Orchid Society but the winners may take them home for a period of up to ten months when they have to be returned to be engraved, see Show Secretary. Winners of classes who are not members of the Society will receive a rosette but no trophy.

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