

PLUCKLEY WITH EGERTON GARDENING SOCIETY

ANNUAL SHOW RULES

1. The definition of a child for children only classes is aged 13 years and under unless otherwise specified. More than one entry per family is allowed in the Children's classes and the special Spring and Autumn Competitions.
2. The Committee will take all ordinary care of exhibits but will not be responsible for any loss or damage which may occur from any cause whatever.
3. Exhibitors should stage exhibits between 10.15am and 11.45am and not remove them until after the prizes have been presented.
4. Exhibitors will receive (on the morning of the show, and at the venue of the show) a card for each class, bearing his/her exhibition number and class. These cards must be placed face downwards before the exhibit to which each refers. Exhibitors must provide their own plates, dishes, vases, etc.
5. All exhibits should be correctly numbered. Errors in naming, or omitting to name, will not disqualify, but Judges may recognise correctness and distinctness in naming as telling in favour of an exhibitor in a close competition.
6. The Committee reserves the absolute right to reject any proposed entry without assigning any reason.
7. Any exhibit not exactly within the wording of the Schedule will be disqualified. Please note the 'space allowed' in Decorative classes, the number of exhibits to be shown in each class, and if detailed, how they should be presented.
8. The Committee delegates full powers to the Chairman and Show Secretary to enforce the regulations of the Show.
9. With the exception of 'Decorative' classes, any person exhibiting produce not of his/her own growing will be disqualified and will forfeit all prizes. In 'Decorative' or 'Arrangement' classes the building-up of the exhibit must be of the exhibitor's own arrangement. This can incorporate accessories and purchased flowers/foliage unless otherwise stated in the individual class details.
10. Any protest or objection must be made in writing and lodged with the Show Secretary or Chairman by 3.00pm on the day of the Show.
11. The judges have the power to withhold prizes where exhibits are deficient in merit.
12. Certificates showing winners and placings will be awarded. Where a competitor wins more than one placing within a show, all the results shall be summarised upon one certificate.
13. Only officials will be allowed into the hall while judging is in progress.
14. Entries will be taken on the morning of the shows.
15. Competitors are particularly asked not to prepare their exhibits on the Show Benches.
16. Judging will be under RHS Rules.
17. No garden shall supply more than one competitive item in each class. (exceptions – see rule 1)
18. All Challenge Cups remain the property of the Society and will be held for one year. In order to comply with Insurance Regulations, winners will be asked to sign an acknowledgment of receipt of cups.
19. All matters not provided for in the above rules shall be left to the discretion of the Committee, whose decision will be final.
20. Full acceptance of these rules is a condition of entry.

* Rule numbers are different to the printed schedule by 2 as first rules were not relevant to shows.

A copy of the RHS Horticultural Show Handbook may be borrowed briefly from either the Chairman or the Show Co-ordinator.