

AGSVicGroup - Winter Plant Show Judging criteria

Rules:

1. The judging will start according to show schedule.
2. While judging is in process, the judges are only allowed to seek opinions and/or information amongst themselves.
3. The general public must not interfere with nor take part in the judging process.
4. Should any exhibitor interfere with the judging process, their exhibits must be disqualified.
5. Winners for each class will be judged first. In case of a draw, the judges will vote one winner.
6. The Otto Fauser Medal will be judged last and awarded to the most exceptional plant in show, selected out of the winning exhibits in each class.

Scoring Criteria:

100 points max total

1. **Aesthetic Appeal (30 points)** This category, the highest-weighted, evaluates visual impact.

Overall Appearance (18 points):

14–18: Plant is symmetrical, well-proportioned, with vibrant colours true to species/variety.

7–13: Slight asymmetry or faded colours, but still visually appealing.

0–6: Significant asymmetry or dull/off-standard colours detracting from appearance.

Bloom/Foliage Quality (12 points, if applicable; otherwise, points added to Overall Appearance):

9–12: Abundant, well-formed, undamaged flowers/fruits.

5–8: Sparse or slightly damaged flowers/fruits.

0–4: Few/no flowers/fruits or significant damage.

2. **Plant Health (20 points)** This category assesses vitality and condition.

Foliage and Stem Health (20 points):

16–20: Vibrant, uniform leaves and firm stems; no yellowing, wilting, spotting, or damage.

8–15: Minor yellowing/spotting (<10% of leaves) or slight stem weakness, but overall healthy.

0–7: Significant wilting, yellowing, spotting, or brittle/rotting stems.

3. Size and Growth (20 points) This category measures development relative to standards.

Size and Density (20 points):

16–20: Ideal size and dense, full growth for species/variety; no sparse/leggy areas.

8–15: Slightly off-size or minor sparse/leggy areas, but acceptable.

0–7: Significantly undersized/oversized or sparse/leggy growth.

4. Presentation (10 points) This category evaluates display preparation.

Pot and Cleanliness (10 points):

8–10: Clean, undamaged, appropriately sized pot; plant free of dust/debris; clear, legible label.

4–7: Slightly dirty/mismatched pot, minor dust/debris, or slightly unclear label.

0–3: Dirty/damaged pot, significant debris, or no/illegible label.

5. Species/Variety Conformance (10 points) This category ensures the plant matches its type.

Adherence to Standards (10 points):

8–10: Fully matches documented species/variety characteristics (e.g. leaf shape, growth habit).

4–7: Minor deviations but still recognizable.

0–3: Significant deviations, making identification difficult.

6. Rarity (10 points) This category evaluates the plant's rarity.

Rarity of Species/Variety (10 points):

8–10: Extremely rare, difficult to cultivate, or rarely seen (e.g. endangered, limited collections).

4–7: Moderately rare, uncommon, or requires specific conditions.

0–3: Common or widely available with standard requirements.