

## SHOW RULES

1. This is a varietal (alphabetical) show. All entries will be made in alphabetical order within each class, with the first letter of the name of the rose determining placement in each class.
2. This is an open show. The public, as well as members of local rose societies, may enter.
3. Roses must have been grown in exhibitor's outdoor garden. Domestic partners are considered a "team" of exhibitors, and all entries are made in the name of the team.
4. Entries must be made in accordance with this Schedule.
5. American Rose Society (ARS) rules governing disqualifications will be strictly followed including misnamed, mislabeled or unlabeled entries. The presence of a foreign substance meant to enhance the appearance of the entry would be considered a violation of the Show Rules.
6. Roses entered must be listed an ARS publication, with an ARS Exhibition Name.
7. Only ARS entry tags may be used. Fill in both halves of the tag. Tags must be complete, or the entry may suffer disqualification. Tags, vases, picture frames, and English Boxes will be supplied. Wedges may be used, but must not protrude above the lip of the vase.
8. Any number of entries may be made in a Class (except for Challenge Classes) by the exhibiting team, provided each entry is a different variety. Duplicate entries will both be disqualified.
9. Entries for one bloom per stem **Hybrid Tea, Grandiflora, Floribunda, Miniature, and Miniflora** classes with side buds or with stem-on-stem above the lip of the vase may be subject to penalization, depending on the degree of distraction. Anything below the lip of the vase is of no consideration to the Judges.
10. Entries for all classes of sprays must have **two or more fully formed blooms**. A side bud is not considered to be a bloom.
11. **Old Garden Roses, Shrubs, and Climbers** may be shown as one bloom per stem or as sprays, without disbudding.

12. **Exhibition Form** is defined as a variety that is  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{3}{4}$  open, with petals arranged symmetrically around a pointed center. The form may occur in many rose types, not only Hybrid Teas.

13. **Exhibition Stage** is defined as the stage of openness at which a bloom is at its "most perfect phase of possible beauty". It may depend on the number of petals – varieties with fewer petals may be most beautiful when  $\frac{1}{3}$  open, or those with many petals are usually most beautiful when  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{3}{4}$  open, with petals symmetrically arranged around the center. For 'Single' and 'Semi-Double' blooms, the exhibition stage will be when the bloom is open, with fresh and bright stamens, and the petals uniformly flat and evenly spaced.

14. Only **Old Garden Roses** and **Shrubs** may be shown stem-on-stem without any penalization, although a single, straight stem may merit more points.

15. Entries must be placed by the time set forth in these Show Rules; no entries may be removed (except by the Show committee) before the end of the Show.

16. The Judges' decisions are final. Awards will be given where the specimens warrant them. Judges may withhold awards at their discretion. Best of Show will be chosen from all award winners except Hybrid Tea/Grandiflora, Floribunda, Miniature, and/or Miniflora Kings and Princesses.

17. The Show Chairperson(s) will be responsible for interpreting the Schedule and enforcing the Show Rules. No one will be allowed inside the Show venue during judging except those authorized by the Show Committee.

18. Neither Alden Lane Nursery nor the Mount Diablo Rose Society (MDRS) will be liable for any loss or damage. Exhibitors are required to remove personal property at the end of the Show.

## HELPFUL HINTS

- Vases supplied by the Show.
- Cut the stems long. They can be shortened at entry time.
- A Hybrid Tea "Exhibition Form" bloom should be  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{3}{4}$  open.
- Fully open blooms have separate classes.
- Blooms should be fresh, without brown edges.
- Healthy green foliage enhances the exhibit.

**Alden Lane Nursery**  
and

**The Mount Diablo  
Rose Society**

present the

**32<sup>nd</sup> Annual  
Fall Rose Show  
October 11-12, 2025**

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*Entries will be accepted from*

7 am to 10 am

**Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup>**

**PUBLIC ENTRIES WELCOME!**

Entry assistance will be available.

Please arrive before 9:15 am.

*Rose Show is Open to Public Viewing:*

**Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup>**

1 pm to 5 pm

*and*

**Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup>**

9 am to 4 pm

*Awards Ceremony:*

**Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup>**

3 pm

*For further information contact:*

**Mount Diablo Rose Society**

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## SCHEDULE of CLASSES

### HYBRID TEAS, GRANDIFLORAS, AND THEIR CLIMBING FORMS

**Class 100 One stem with one bloom, Exhibition Form**  
Disbudded preferred. Varieties with less than 9 petals are not eligible. (See Class 150)

**Class 110 Three stems.** Same variety.  
Any combination of blooms or sprays.

**Class 120 One HT or Grandiflora spray**

**Class 150 Single Hybrid Tea, one stem**  
Blooms with 4-8 petals. May be exhibited as an individual bloom (disbudded, or with side buds), or as a spray.

**Class 170 One fully open bloom**  
Stamens fully exposed (no Singles).

**Class 180 One Decorative HT or Grandiflora**  
1 stem with 1 bloom. A variety which typically does not show classic Exhibition Form.

### FLORIBUNDAS AND THEIR CLIMBING FORMS

**Class 200 One stem with one bloom**  
Disbudded preferred.

**Class 210 One-stem spray**

**Class 220 Three sprays of the same variety**

### POLYANTHAS

**Class 300 One-stem spray**

### MINIATURES AND THEIR CLIMBING FORMS

**Class 400 One stem with one bloom, Exhibition Form**  
Disbudded preferred. Varieties with less than 9 petals are not eligible. (See Class 420).

**Class 410 One-stem spray**

**Class 420 Single** Cultivars with 4-8 petals.  
1 stem with 1 bloom.

**Class 440 One fully open bloom**  
Stamens fully exposed (No Singles).

**Class 470 One Decorative Bloom**

1 stem with 1 bloom. A variety which typically does not show classic Exhibition Form.

### MINIFLORAS

**Class 490 One stem with one bloom, Exhibition Form**  
Disbudded preferred. Varieties with less than 9 petals are not eligible. (See Class 495).

**Class 491 One stem spray**

**Class 492 One fully open bloom**  
Stamens fully exposed, disbudded

**Class 495 Single.** Cultivars with 4-8 petals.  
1 bloom with 4 to 8 petals.

**Class 496 One Decorative Bloom**  
1 stem with bloom. A variety which typically does not show classic Exhibition Form.

### CLIMBERS

**Class 500 One stem.** 1 bloom per stem or 1 spray.

**Class 510 Three stems of the same variety**  
Any combination of blooms or sprays.

### SEEDLINGS AND SPORTS

**Class 600 One stem.** An Unregistered Specimen.  
Seedling or sport. Need not be hybridized by the exhibitor. Hybridizer's name MUST be listed, if known.

### SHRUBS

**Classic Shrub** - Family name must appear on entry tag along with Exhibition Name. Only Hybrid Rugosa, Hybrid Kordesii, Hybrid Musk, and Hybrid Moyesii are eligible.

**Class 700 One stem**  
1 bloom or 1 spray.

**Class 710 Three stems of the same variety**  
Any combination of blooms or sprays.

**Modern Shrub** - marked S in *Handbook for Selecting Roses*, including Austin Shrubs.

**Class 740 One stem**  
1 bloom or 1 spray.

**Class 750 Three Stems of the same variety**  
Any combination of blooms or sprays.

### OLD GARDEN ROSES

The date of origin and the family name may appear on entry tag along with the Exhibition Name.

**Cultivars introduced before 1867**

**Class 800 One stem**  
1 bloom or 1 spray.

**Class 810 Three stems of the same variety**  
Any combination of blooms or sprays.

**Cultivars introduced 1867 or after**

**Class 900 One stem**  
1 bloom or 1 spray.

**Class 910 Three stems of the same variety**  
Any combination of blooms or spray.

### FRAGRANCE

**Class 990 Fragrant Rose – One stem with one bloom.**  
Any type of rose. Judged on Fragrance alone.

### CHALLENGE CLASSES

**One entry per exhibitor, per class**

**Class 991 Artistic Bouquet**  
A bouquet solely consisting of 10-15 mixed blooms of any type of rose. Container may be supplied by exhibitor.

**Class 992 Rose in a Bowl – One bloom**  
Any type of rose, Exhibition Stage, displayed in a clear bowl of appropriate size. Bowls supplied by MDRS.

**Class 993 Picture Frame – One bloom or spray.**  
Any type of rose or rose spray, displayed in a picture frame of appropriate size. Foliage permitted. Picture frames supplied by MDRS.

**Class 994 English Box – Six blooms.**  
Any types of roses, Exhibition Stage, displayed in appropriate size box. Any combination of variety(s). English boxes supplied by MDRS.