

Washington Salutes the Rose National Rose Show

Horticulture Division

Rules and Information

1. The rose show will be held in the Plaza Ballroom of the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center Hotel in Alexandria, Virginia. The preparation rooms will open at 4:00 AM on Friday, September 26. Entries must be made between 6:00 AM and 9:30 AM on Friday, September 26. Judging will begin at 10:15 AM. Entries may not be removed before 3:00 PM Saturday, September 27. All entries not removed by 3:30 PM become the property of the Show Committee.
2. This show will be governed by the standard rules, regulations, and guidelines of the American Rose Society (ARS). The judges will evaluate each specimen entry in accordance with the following point system:

Form	25	Stem and Foliage	20
Color	20	Balance and Proportion	10
Size	10	Substance	15

3. Except where specifically indicated, competition is open to all rose growers, but **all exhibitors must be registered for the Convention**. All entries must have been grown in a private outdoor garden by the exhibitor and correctly named and classified. The exhibitors convention registration number will serve as the exhibitor's number. This number must appear on all entry tags. Only one person or team may enter from any one garden. Judges judging in the Horticultural Division of this show are invited to exhibit in **Section H – Class 69**.
4. Containers will be furnished by the Show Committee except where specifically indicated.
5. Entry tags will be furnished by the Show Committee. Both top and bottom portions of the tag must be completely filled out.
6. **Only green, dry floral foam (Oasis) or green plastifoam (Sahara) wedging will be permitted**. Foam will be provided by the Show Committee. Use of any other wedging material will result in disqualification.
7. Exhibitors may make as many entries as desired in sections judged alphabetically, provided each entry is a different variety (**Sections D, F and H**). Two specimens of the same variety in the same class entered by the same exhibitor will result in the automatic disqualification of both entries.

8. To be eligible for competition, rose varieties must be listed in an ARS approved publication and must be exhibited under the recognized ARS Exhibition Name which appears in **Bold Type** in ARS approved publications. The current *ARS Handbook for Selecting Roses*, *Modern Roses 11*, the *ARS Official List of Approved Exhibition Names*, and the current *Combined Rose List* will be available in the exhibition area.
9. Placement of all entries in Sections D, F and H will be made by the Placement Committee. Challenge class entries in other sections may be placed by the exhibitor when accompanied by a member of the Placement Committee. Once placed the entry may not be moved, and the exhibitor must promptly exit the show area. No one will be permitted in the show area during judging except those authorized by the Show Committee.
10. Blue (1st), red (2nd), yellow (3rd), and white (Honorable Mention) ribbons may be awarded in each class or variety subclass. Only blue ribbon winners may receive awards. Judges may withhold any award they feel is not merited. The decisions of the judges is final.
11. Specimens will be disqualified for the following reasons:
 - a. Misnamed, misclassified, misplaced, unlabeled, or mislabeled.
 - b. Stem-on-stem (a rose exhibited with a portion of previous stem attached). Exceptions: Species, Old Garden Roses, and Shrubs may be stem on stem.
 - c. Presence of foreign substance applied to improve the appearance of the Specimen..
 - d. A specimen in violation of ARS rules.
 - e. The appearance of exhibitor's name in any location other than the designated Place on the entry tag.
12. Keeper trophies may be received at 4:00 PM, Friday, September 26 in the Plaza Ballroom. Those unable to pick up their trophies at this time will have a second opportunity Saturday between 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM. National Trophies will be presented at the Sunday night Awards Banquet. Colonial District Trophies will be awarded at the District breakfast meeting on Sunday morning.
13. Neither the Arlington Rose Foundation, the American Rose Society nor the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center Hotel assumes any responsibility for loss or damage to persons or property in relation to this show.