

EXHIBITORS' RULES

1. Intending exhibitors must give notice in writing on the form at the end of this schedule to the Entry Secretary by Wednesday 2nd September 2026. **ENTRIES ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE ONLY AT THE DISCRETION OF THE COMMITTEE.** Please avoid this as much as possible to enable the correct staging of exhibits.
2. **CLASS CARDS** - exhibitors should apply for cards on arrival at the Hall. These are to be placed (reversed) in front of or on the exhibits before judging. Any exhibit without a card will be considered as not for competition.
3. The Hall will be open from 8.15 am on the day of the Show and all exhibits must be staged and ready for the judges by 10:30am **when all must retire from the Hall except the officials, and nothing will be received for competition after that time.** The public will be admitted from 2pm and nothing may be removed from the Hall until **after the draws have been completed.**
4. The judges will be directed to withhold or reduce the prizes where specimens may be considered as unworthy. The judges are empowered to award extra prizes subject to the approval of the committee.
5. All flowers, fruit and vegetable for exhibition must have been grown by the exhibitor except in Classes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 66.
6. Classes for floral art are as follows: Adult Classes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Notes: An "exhibit" can be with or without accessories but the accessory must not predominate.

Artificial plant material may **NOT** be used.

The exhibit must be within the confines of the space allocated.

7. For guidance to exhibitors in Class 8, Collection of Vegetables, the number of each kind, followed by the maximum points available in brackets are:

5 Potatoes (20), 6 Runner Beans (18), 6 Broad beans (15), 3 Carrots (20), 3 Beetroot (15), 3 Parsnips (20)
6 French Beans (15), 6 Pods of Peas (20), 3 Onions (20), 2 Cabbages (15), 3 Turnips (15), 2 Marrows (15),
5 Tomatoes (18), 2 Lettuce (15), 3 Heads of Celery (20), 9 Brussels Sprouts (15), 2 Cauliflower (20), 3 Leeks (20).

Maximum size of board 61cms (2ft) x 92cms (3ft).

8. For guidance to exhibitors in Class 10, Collection of Salad Vegetables, the number of each kind shall be:

4 Tomatoes 1 Cucumber 2 Lettuce 2 Sweet Peppers 5 Spring Onions 2 Beetroot 1 Celery

Maximum space allotted 61cms (2ft) x 92cms (3ft).

9. Definition of a **BOWL**. A vessel that is wider than it is tall but not exceeding 26cms (10") width.
10. Definition of a **VASE**. A vessel that is taller than it is wide.
11. 1 x High Resolution JPEG Photograph per entry to be emailed to Hon Secretary by Wednesday 2nd September for printing. The committee will print and display photograph for judging.
12. **No wild plant material to be used from the National Park .**
13. All plants in Classes 28, 29 & 30 need to have been in the exhibitor's possession for a minimum of 6 months
14. **NO TRADITIONAL FLORAL FOAM** to be used in ANY CLASS
Acceptable alternatives include:

- Rock wool blocks (also known as FibreFloral)
- TerraBrick
- Chicken wire etc.

Please note that 'Oasis Bio Foam' is NOT an environmentally friendly alternative. It is just plastic foam with a biodegradable additive to help it break down – but the microplastics still damage our natural environment.

<https://www.sustainablefloristry.org/resources/floral-foam-alternatives/>

<https://www.suzannerandell-floraldesign.co.uk/blog/blog-post-title-one-6h726>

EXHIBITORS' RULES (continued)

The committee reserve the right to visit by commission, before or after the Show, the gardens from which the plants, flowers, fruit or vegetables have been entered for competition. This does NOT apply to Classes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 66.

Most careful arrangements will be made for the protection of all exhibits, but the committee will not be responsible for any loss or damage they may sustain on their way to, from or during the Show.

The decision of the judges is final and any protest must be made **IN WRITING** and handed to the Hon Secretary before 3.30 pm on the day of the Show. Any enquiries concerning the prizes allocated can be made to the Hon Secretary.

Abusive or threatening behaviour towards Show Committee Members or Judges **WILL NOT BE TOLERATED**. It will be deemed inappropriate, and you will be asked to leave the premises and disqualified from the show.

Any person not adhering to the above rules will be disqualified.

GENERAL RULES

- 1 All donations are very much appreciated and enable us to continue running this Show.**
Please send to
- 2** A separate entry form must be completed for **EACH** exhibitor.
- 3** Could cup winners please ensure that cups are covered by their home insurance. 🏆

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Society's Annual General Meeting will be held at
The Social Club, Minstead Hall on
Tuesday 1st December 2026 at 8pm

Please come along and air your views.
EVERYONE WELCOME.

Please send any suggestions or proposals to the secretary: Alan Ferguson
At least two weeks prior to the meeting