

GENERAL SHOW RULES

ENTRY RULES

1. 1 The decision of the BMPDOS Show Marshal or Committee in the interpretation of the general show rules shall be FINAL.
1. 2 All entries are free & open to any FINANCIAL member of a Society affiliated with the ORCHID SOCIETY OF N.S.W.
Novice & Junior Sections are open to BMPDOS members only.
A junior member is defined as being under the age of 18 years & a student.
1. 3 Committee Members are empowered, if necessary, to reclassify any nominated plant prior to judging.
1. 4 Show plants will only be accepted during the show setup time as stated on the front of the schedule, unless prior arrangement is made with the Show Marshal.
1. 5 BMPDOS committee shall take all reasonable care of exhibits, but shall not be responsible for any LOSS, DAMAGE &/OR DESTRUCTION of any exhibits & exhibitors shall have no claim against BMPDOS management.

EXHIBIT RULES

2. 1 Exhibits are accepted on the condition that they are Pest & Disease Free.
2. 2 All staking and ties should be unobtrusive.
2. 3 Each plant is to be listed on the form provided by the Society.
A separate form is required for each Class.
All plants shall be correctly labelled with labels provided by the Society & such labels are to be placed in a position to be visible to the judges.
2. 4 All seedlings nominated for judging must be benched in the appropriate seedling class. However, they may also be nominated for judging in their other relevant class. ie, Seedling class & appropriate Hybrid or Species class.
These plants must be tagged with a marker provided by the Show Marshal.
2. 5 Plants exhibited in the show may not be removed prior to the end of the show without the approval of the Show Marshal.
2. 6 The judges are empowered not to award a prize in any class if such action is considered warranted, but may award additional prizes as deemed necessary.
2. 7 Plants in any/all classes must have been owned & grown by the exhibitor for not less than six months prior to the show.
2. 8 Cattleya/Laeliinae alliance cluster type shall have a minimum of 5 (five) open flowers on an inflorescence.
2. 9 To qualify as a "Specimen" a plant must carry a minimum of 6 (six) inflorescences excepting Cattleya and Cymbidium classes, which will have a minimum of 4 (four) inflorescences.
- 2.10 SEEDLING means a plant flowering for the first time since being raised from seed. Both parents must be named on the class form and plant tag. The plant exhibited as a seedling must comprise the whole of the plant being exhibited for the first time. Plants which have been grown on and divided prior to exhibition are not eligible to be shown as a seedling.
NOTE: Mericlones are not seedlings.
- 2.11 To qualify for a miniature species class, flower size should not exceed 12mm, and inflorescence length (from first flower to last flower) should not exceed 200mm.
- 2.12 All flowers should be measured over the greatest part of the flower, horizontally and vertically.
- 2.13 Entries in 'Decorative Art with Orchids' classes may not contain flowers from non-orchid plants.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES:

Any further enquiries should be directed to the Show Marshal.

SALES TABLE

A Society sales table will operate during the show.

Any BMPDOS financial members having plants for sale are asked to deliver them to the show venue with a completed current BMPDOS Show Sales Sheet. Please enter **correct banking details** on this sheet. No payments will be made by cash. Plants, where possible, should display the name and colour.

All plants should be clean, tidy and free from disease and established in the pot or other growing medium.

The right to judge the saleability of a plant is reserved by the Show Marshal or any member of the Committee. Their judgment is final.

All plants being sold must be orchids.

Australian Native orchids being sold must have a BMPDOS licence sales sticker affixed to the pot or mount, and must be listed on an Australian Native Sales Sheet, to be given to the Sales area supervisor when sales plants are booked in.

Each plant must have

**A SWING TAG SHOWING :
THE PRICE AND MEMBER'S BENCHING CODE.**

Plant prices should be in whole dollar amounts otherwise totals will be rounded up for society commission calculations.

The society will deduct 15% or 25% Sales Commission on plants sold. The level of Commission will depend on whether the member provides a reasonable level of active assistance on display security and/or sales table.

Please note: Those sellers who do not spend a minimum 3 hours show duty, between start of show Saturday to 2 hours prior to end of show Sunday, will be charged 25% commission rather than the standard 15% commission. Hours of duty are calculated from the attendance book, so members must sign on and off if they want their hours credited.