

**HAMPSTEAD GARDEN SUBURB HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY
REGULATIONS FOR EXHIBITORS**

1. All adult competitors must be members of the Society. Children may make entries in adult classes.
2. All plant material must have been grown by the exhibitor for at least two months before the show.
3. Only the foliage of the particular kind of flower may be included in the exhibit, unless otherwise mentioned.
4. In the Cookery & Preserving and Children's classes all exhibits must have been made or prepared by the exhibitor. Recipes, where given, must be strictly adhered to.
5. All pastry, cakes and biscuits must be homemade, unless otherwise indicated. No proprietary mixture may be used except self-raising flour, cream of tartar, bicarbonate of soda and baking powder.
6. All jams, jellies and marmalades, chutneys and pickles must be shown in glass jars. Brand names should not appear on any jar or cover. Jams and marmalades should be 1lb (450g) approx. and jellies ½lb (225g) approx. with clear cellophane covers and plain labels. Jars of chutneys and pickles should be 1lb (450g) approx and may be covered with plain vinegar-proof or plastic lids. Preserves other than chutneys and pickles must not have been made more than one year before showing.
7. Homemade drinks must be shown in clear glass bottles, with either corks or screw-tops. The year of bottling should be shown on the label.
8. An exhibitor may not make more than one entry in any one class.
9. Two or more persons may not exhibit for prizes separately in any one class with produce from the same garden or allotment.
10. Entries must be received at Fellowship House on Entry Night or at 4 Asmunds Hill, NW11 6ET accompanied by a remittance to cover entry fees, no later than the dates specified. *Late entries may be received at the discretion of the Show Secretary.*
11. The Hall will be open for staging from 8.30am until 11.15am on the day of the show. Only exhibitors will be allowed in the Hall during staging of exhibits. No exhibit may be removed until 5.30pm (4.30pm for March show), but exhibitors must remove their exhibits as soon as possible after this. Responsibility cannot be accepted for exhibits remaining after 6.00pm.
12. For all Floral Classes the Society loans vases and bowls and the use of these is compulsory (unless otherwise stated).
13. In all Fruit classes exhibitors must use the paper plates provided by the Society.
14. Judging of the Flowers, Fruit and Vegetables will be conducted in accordance with the rules and standards contained in the Royal Horticultural Society's Handbook except where, under this schedule, they obviously do not apply.

15. Those classes which have their own specific awards, eg Sweet-peas, Dahlias & Roses, will not be included in the allocation of points for the Coronation Cup. The winner of this cup may not be the winner of any other trophy in the Cut Flower classes.
16. The judge(s) shall have the power, according to the standard of excellence, to reduce or withhold any prize. The decision of the judge(s) shall be final except in cases where, after any award has been made, the exhibit is found to be not in accordance with the requirements of the Schedule. All matters of protest, disqualifications etc must be lodged with the Show Secretary not later than 4.00pm on the day of the Show, when the Committee, whose judgement shall be final, will deal with them.
17. The Committee will take ordinary care of exhibits, but will not be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur.
18. All trophies awarded are for annual competition. They remain the property of the Society and must be returned to the Show Secretary on request. Holders are responsible for their safekeeping and condition. All trophies must be polished and brought to the AGM.
19. A 3-year limit on trophies was introduced in 2004. Any competitor who has won the same trophy for the past 3 consecutive years will not be eligible to win it for the following 12 months. This rule was applied for the first time in 2007.
20. Prize monies, other than for children's classes, will be distributed at the Annual General Meeting of the Society. Prize monies not collected from the Treasurer by 31 December will be returned to the Society's funds.
21. All matters not provided for in these Regulations shall be left to the discretion of the Show Secretary.