

## Show Table Rules

The following rules govern the operation of our Show Table.

1. Exhibitors must own the plant or plants **for at least six months**. All plants should be **groomed and free of pests**.
2. Each exhibitor must fill out an entry form listing all plants. **Use one entry for all plants shown in each class**.
3. Plants to be judged must be on the show table by 7:30 p.m. sharp. Plants brought in after this time will not be judged. This is in fairness to the judges who must start judging promptly so they can finish and enjoy the program with the rest of us.
4. Show Table classes are:
  - A. Novice — The novice class is intended for those who have been growing orchids for less than three years. Any type of orchid can be entered in this category. Novice growers may also enter plants in other applicable categories.
  - B. Homegrown — The homegrown class is for those who grow orchids in any area that is not considered a greenhouse. Plants of any genera may be entered in this class.
  - C. Greenhouse under 200 square feet — The greenhouse under 200 sq. ft. is for exhibitors who grow their plants in greenhouses that are under 200 square feet total space. Plants of any genera may be entered in this class.
  - D. Greenhouse over 200 square feet — The Greenhouse over 200 square feet is for exhibitors who grow their plants in greenhouses that are over 200 square feet total space. Plants of any genera may be entered in this class.
  - E. *Cattleya* — The *Cattleya* class is for the *Cattleya* “type” plant. Plants such as *Cattleya*, *Laelia*, *Brassavola*, and *Sophranitis* species and their hybrids may be entered in this class.
  - F. *Phalaenopsis* — The *Phalaenopsis* class is intended for *Phalaenopsis*, *Doritaneopsis*, and *Doritis* species and their hybrids.
  - G. *Oncidium-Odontoglossum* Alliance — The *Oncidium-Odontoglossum* Alliance is intended to be used for this type of species and hybrid plants. This includes *Oncidium*, *Odontoglossum*, *Miltonia*, *Brassia*, and other related genera.
  - H. *Paphiopedilum* — The *Paphiopedilum* class is intended for *Paphiopedilum* and *Phragmipedium* species and their hybrids only.
  - I. Species — The Species class is open to plants of any genera. Jungle collected and seed grown plants are both acceptable. The only requirement is that it must be a species.
  - J. Miscellaneous Hybrids — The Miscellaneous Hybrid class was created to give exhibitors another place to exhibit plants which cannot be entered in classes E, F, G, H, and I. Plants which fall into any into any of these classes must not be entered in the Miscellaneous Hybrid class.
  - K. Miniatures — Plants entered in the Miniature class **may not exceed six inches in any dimension, excluding the inflorescence**. The measurements pertain to the plant only. Species and hybrids are both acceptable.
  - L. First Bloom Seedlings — The First Bloom Seedling class is for plants that are blooming for the first time. Both species and hybrids are acceptable. **No meristems may be entered in this class, only seed grown plants should be exhibited in this class.**
  - M. Fragrance - The Fragrance class is judged on the basis of most pleasing fragrance rather than the size of plant or quality of inflorescence.
  - N. Non-Competitive — The Non-Competitive class is intended for educational purposes only. In this class, members are encouraged to exhibit plants that cannot be exhibited in any other class (such as owned less than six months or grower not wishing to compete, etc.)
5. The judges will award First, Second and Third place ribbons in each class. First place will receive three points, second place will receive two points, and third place will receive one point. Each exhibitor may not receive more than one ribbon per class. At the end of the year, the awarded points will be tabulated and the top three “point getters” in each category will receive cash prizes. In the case of a tie, prizes will be duplicated. The year for Show Table prizes will be September through June. Awards for previous year’s winners will be made at the September meeting.
6. After judging all plants on the show table, the judges of that evening will consider all the plants that received first place awards in each class. They will award one with a special award called “Judges Choice of the Evening.” This special award will earn the exhibitor a bonus plant to be given at the meeting.
7. Special “Exhibitor Points” will be given at each meeting. Each member exhibiting one or more plants will receive one point. Exhibitors may also earn extra “Exhibitor Point” by lending plants to the Society that are used in our Society exhibits. Each member who lends one or more plants for this purpose will receive one point for each show that their plants are used. At the end of the year, the points will be added to their totals.