

KINGSCLERE GARDENING ASSOCIATION - SHOW RULES

1. Exhibits in the Horticultural Classes must have been the property of the exhibitor and grown by him/her for a period of at least two months prior to the date of the show. Exhibits in the Floral Art, Domestic and Handicraft classes must be the unaided work of the exhibitor.
2. The Show Committee reserve the right to inspect the gardens and /or allotments of exhibitors.
3. All persons intending to exhibit must submit an entry form to the committee no later than 9pm on the Thursday prior to the show. Telephone entries will be accepted. Any late entries are at the discretion of the Show Secretary and subject to a double entry fee, where applicable.
4. No person shall stage more than one entry in each class.
5. All classes are open except where specified.
6. The committee reserve the right to refuse an entry.
7. Exhibits must not be removed until after the prize giving is completed on the day of the Show.
8. Vases are supplied by the Association to be used in the flower classes. Own vases can be used providing they are of the bikini type.
9. The conditions of the schedule must be adhered to in all cases.
10. On the relative merits of the exhibits, the decision of the Judges will be final, but the committee reserves to itself decisions on any other point in dispute.
11. The committee will not be responsible for any loss or damage to any exhibit.
12. Cabbage, cauliflower etc. must have the outside leaves stripped off leaving a 50mm approx. stem. Root vegetables must have the leaves cut off approx. 75mm from the crown, roots to be washed.
13. Prize money will be paid out on the day of the show. Any prize money not collected will be regarded as a donation to the Association.
14. Objections concerning the competition, exhibits or exhibitors must be made in writing and handed to the Show Secretary together with a deposit of 25p within one hour of the opening of the show. The deposit will be refunded if the objection is upheld.
15. Points for the main awards will be given as follows:-
Collections:- 1st - 10pts 2nd - 6pts 3rd - 4pts
Other classes:- 1st - 5pts 2nd - 3pts 3rd - 2pts
16. The winners of the Banksian Medal allotted to this Association in the previous two years, 2015 – K Cook and 2016 – not awarded, are not eligible to compete for the medal in the current year.
17. All trophies remain the property of the Association and are awarded annually. They must be returned to the Show Secretary not less than **one month** prior to the date of the next years show, or when requested by the committee in writing.
18. Winners of trophies will be responsible for their safe custody.
19. The Shows will be conducted in accordance with the rules and standards contained in the Royal Horticultural Society's Horticultural Show Handbook 2015 edition (a copy of which is available for inspection from the Show Secretary) except where, under the schedule they obviously do not apply.
20. All entries to be correctly named where possible.
21. Any exhibits not removed within 10 mins of prize giving may be sold for the benefit of the club.