

## **Ness Gardens Annual Flower Show 2024**

### **Flower and Vegetable Show Rules**

The following rules have been adapted from those that apply to all Royal Horticultural Society competitions.

Printed copies will be available in advance from the admissions desk and on the day from the entry desk.

#### 1. Acceptance of entries

The show organisers reserve the right to refuse any entry and, in the event of such refusal, is not required to give any reason or explanation.

#### 2. Eligibility of exhibitors

On all questions regarding the eligibility of an exhibitor the decision of the show organiser will be final.

#### 3. Exhibits must be the property of the exhibitor

All exhibits must be the property of the exhibitor, and must have been grown from seed by the exhibitor or has been in their possession and / or cared for by them for at least two months prior to the date of the show. This ruling does not apply to Category B (Baking and Preserves), Category D (Children), Category E (Photography) or Category F (Handicraft).

#### 4. Number of entries allowed

Only one person per household may exhibit in any class with produce from the same garden and / or allotment unless the exhibit is entered in joint names. Only one entry per class will be permitted.

#### 5. Constitution of an exhibit

Each exhibitor is responsible for compliance with the rules governing each class entered. If an error is noticed at any time it may be correct by the stewards, but they are under no obligation to do so.

#### 6. Labelling exhibits

Every exhibit should be correctly and clearly labelled. Errors in labelling may result in disqualification. If an error is noticed at any time it may be correct by the stewards, but they are under no obligation to do so.

#### 7. Constitution of fruit and vegetable dishes

Each dish must consist of one cultivar (variety) only. The numbers of specimens

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#### 8. Layout of exhibits.

The show organisers may direct the placing of all exhibits.

#### 9. Only one prize per class

No exhibitor may be awarded more than one prize per class.

#### 10. Prizes may be withheld

Prizes need not be awarded to exhibits considered to be below standard.

#### 11. Exhibits not according to schedule

Any exhibit that does not confirm to the wording of the schedule should be disqualified and a judge must write on the entry card "not according to schedule" in addition to a note as to why it has been marked as such.

#### 12. Decisions

The decisions of the judges as to the relative merit of the exhibits shall be final. Any other points in dispute will be decided by the show organisers and its appointed referees.

#### 13. Protests

Any protest must be made in person to the show organisers by 17.00 on the day of the show.

#### 14. Alteration to exhibits

After judging has taken place no exhibit or part of an exhibit may be altered or removed until the end of the show, except by special permission of the show organisers.

#### 15. Liability for loss

All exhibits, personal property and other items will be at the risk of the exhibitors and the show organisers will not be liable for compensation for loss or damage. The venue holds public liability insurance.

## 16. Right to inspect gardens of exhibitors

In order to be satisfied that the conditions governing competitive exhibits are fulfilled, the show organisers reserve the right for its official representative to visit, by appointment, before or after the show, gardens or allotments from which plants, flowers, fruit or vegetables have been entered for competition. If it is decided to exercise that right for one or more exhibitor, it does not mean that the garden or allotment of any other exhibitors need to be visit.

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Exhibits will be discarded by the Gardens if not collected by 4.30pm.