

● Judges' Instructions

1. Please pace yourselves. Save your primary energy for judging at the Final Table. Do not spend excessive time in deciding minor placements in the single-stem and three-stem classes. Most exhibitors at a National Show will not care whether their exhibit is second or third. Be generous in giving ribbons, especially in the Small Growers classes. We have plenty of ribbons and they'll be used only this one time.
2. Be sure to use the Regular ADS Scale of Points when judging species against cultivars – be it in collections or for the Miniature Gold or White Ribbons.
3. Teams 1 through 4 are judging only miniatures. These Judges will decide the Miniature Rose, Miniature White, and Miniature Gold. Richard Ezell will conduct the final balloting. Miniatures judges will not participate in judging standards and are free to go to lunch when the miniatures awards are complete.
4. The assignments given to all teams are only initial assignments. When a team completes its assignment, its leader should promptly tell the chairman of judges that it is done and is ready for an additional assignment. It's important that teams report promptly as they finish an assignment - NONE of the single-stem or three-stem classes is included in the initial assignments!
5. Members of judging teams are to identify candidates for ADS Awards as they judge. The stewards will have markers to note candidates. Stewards will move candidates to the head table (separate tables for miniatures and standards) upon completion of recording the classes. As judges, it is your responsibility to ensure that all worthy candidates are evaluated for awards at the head table. Upon completing your judging assignment, please walk the show to determine that all entries marked as candidates have been moved to the head table. Do not move them yourself; ask a steward to move them. In addition, if you find an unmarked entry that you feel is worthy of consideration, ask a steward to move it to the head table.
6. Entries moved to the head table will compete for all awards for which they are eligible. The order of judging will be:

Standards:

White Ribbon

Matthew Fowlds Award (best *named* standard cyclamineus hybrid)

Olive Lee Trophy (best standard cultivar from Divs. 5-8)

Rose Ribbon

Gold Ribbon

Miniatures:

Miniature White Ribbon
Miniature Rose ribbon
Miniature Gold Ribbon

7. The winners of the Mitsch Trophy and Larus Trophy must be considered for the corresponding White Ribbon. The ADS Award winners for Small Grower, Youth, and Intermediate must be considered for appropriate further ADS Awards.
8. If the Olive Lee Trophy is not won by a seedling, then the highest-ranked seedling under consideration for the Lee Trophy will remain eligible for the Rose Ribbon but not for the Gold Ribbon.
9. A clear majority of non-blank votes cast by judges will be required to decide a winner.
10. If ten or more candidates are to be considered, the judges will be asked to vote for their preferred three, without an order. If five to nine candidates are to be considered, the judges will be asked to vote for their preferred two, without order. Candidates receiving substantially fewer votes will be eliminated from consideration.

When fewer than five candidates are under consideration, then the Judges will be asked to vote for one. If no winner emerges, the low candidate(s) will be dropped and the judges will revote. If the situation emerges where there is a leader without majority and a tie for runner-up, then the Judges will be asked to vote their preference among the runners-up; the winner of this preference will be placed against the leader for the final balloting.