

## **Show Conditions for Divisions I to X**

**Additional rules for Special Art Section are on page 16**

1. **Classes in this schedule are open to amateurs only.** Exhibitors may enter a **MAXIMUM** of **TWO ENTRIES** in any one class.

2. All exhibits shown (except in Floral Decoration Classes), must be the bona-fide product of the exhibitor and in Divisions I and II have been grown in their own garden or allotment. The Committee reserve the right to inspect the garden of any intending exhibitor prior to or after days of Show, and exhibitors enter on that understanding.

3. No exhibit may be entered in more than one class.

4. **All exhibits must be staged between 7.30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August. Judging will take place in the afternoon. Exhibitors must vacate the Marquee by 1pm. This rule will be strictly enforced.**

**Note - The Marquee will be in the charge of officials throughout the nights of 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> August.**

5. Exhibit numbers must be obtained from the Steward in the Horticultural Marquee during the Staging Period shown in Condition 4 above.

6. Dimensions are to the nearest millimetre, weights to the nearest gramme, and volume of liquids to the nearest centilitre. **Exhibits over the size laid down in the Schedule will be disqualified.**

7 **Every care will be taken of exhibits, but the Committee will not be responsible for any loss or damage sustained as a result of the exhibition. This includes plates and vases etc which are left at owners risk. The Society reserve the right to dispose of any items left in the marquee after the Show**

8. Exhibitors must provide their own dishes, vases, cloths, etc., and see that their exhibits are properly staged in their correct Division or Class. No responsibility can be entertained by the Committee for disqualification or loss attributed to neglect of this rule. Exhibitors staging heavy exhibits, such as Dahlias, are specially requested to see that containers are sufficiently weighted to prevent over-balancing. All root vegetables to be washed. Outside leaves of cabbages etc to be removed

9. Entries can be made online at [www.gillinghamandshaftesburysburyshow.co.uk](http://www.gillinghamandshaftesburysburyshow.co.uk) or may be made on the form provided and be sent to the General Show Secretary with the exact amount of entry fees no later than 31<sup>st</sup> July 2024. **No entry will be accepted without the fee, or after the closing date. CHEQUES UNDER £7.50 WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

10. The Judges have the power to award or reduce prizes according to the merits of exhibits, and their decision in this respect shall be final.

11. Prize monies will be paid out from the ATM next to the Show Office from 1-6 pm on both days of the Show. Prize money not collected by the end of September will be returned to the Society's funds

12. Trophies will be presented, subject to their satisfactory return from the previous winner. **Please ensure that the trophies are engraved and adequately insured.**

13. Protests must be made in writing to the Show Office before 2.00pm on Showday, and must be accompanied by a deposit of £5, which will be forfeited if the protest fails. In all cases of a dispute the decision and discretion of the Horticultural Committee shall be final and binding.

14. **Collection of exhibits – Exhibitors must present the receipt cards to the Steward before collecting exhibits. No exhibit may be removed from the marquee until after 5pm on Thursday, all exhibits must be cleared by 6.15 p.m.** Any exhibits not collected by that time will be disposed of by the Society.

15. One free Showday admission ticket will be issued to any one individual who enters ten or more items, limited to one ticket per exhibitor, to be collected on staging of exhibits.