

Benfleet Horticultural Society REGULATIONS FOR EXHIBITORS

1. The exhibitor must be a member of the Society before the Show, except in the case of OPEN CLASSES or in the case of children of members entering the children's classes.
2. All exhibits in vegetable, salading, fruit and flower divisions, but excluding floral art, must have been grown in the member's garden or allotment, or shall have been in their possession for at least two months prior to the Show, and must not display any commercial labels. A pot plant, which has been awarded a First Prize in any Show may not be entered again in that Show year.
3. All exhibits in domestic, handicraft and floral art classes must have been prepared or made by the exhibitor and must not have been exhibited in any B.H.S. show in the previous 3 years. The minimum age in these classes is 10 years.
4. All entries shall be arranged at the Show, with the exception of fruit and vegetables in a trug, unless stated otherwise in the appropriate Show schedule.
5. For the guidance of exhibitors in the vegetable, salading and fruit division, the following tables show the number of specimens required:-

VEGETABLES

3 Artichokes (Jerusalem)	6 Chard	6 pods, Peas
3 Artichokes (Globe)	2 Endive	6 Radishes
3 Aubergines	2 Kale	3 Rhubarb
9 Beans, Broad	2 Leeks	3 Potatoes
9 Beans, Runner	2 Lettuce	3 Salsify
9 Beans, Dwarf	1 Marrow	2 Savoy
3 Beetroot	6 Mushrooms	2 Seakale
9 Brussels Sprouts	3 Onions (under 8oz)	9 Shallots
1 Cabbage	3 Onions (over 8oz)	9 Spinach leaves
3 Carrots	9 Onions (pickling)	1 Squash
1 Cauliflower	9 Onions (Spring)	2 Sweetcorn cobs
1 Cucumber	3 Parsnips	5 Tomatoes
2 Celery	2 Peppers	3 Turnips

Other vegetables & Salading as per the R.H.S. Handbook

FRUIT

3 Apples	3 Figs	3 Nectarines
3 Apricots	1 Other Fruit	9 Nuts
9 Blackberries	9 Gooseberries	3 Peaches
9 Cherries	1 bunch Grapes	3 Pears
9 Bunches Currant (one type)	9 Loganberries	3 Plums
9 Damsons or Bullaces	1 Melon	4 Quince
	9 Mulberries	9 Raspberries
		6 Strawberries

6. All vegetable roots to be washed, tops to be cut at approximately four inches, except where otherwise stated and shall not be polished. All fruit should bear its natural bloom and soft fruit have stalks attached.
7. Garnishing will be allowed except where expressly excluded in flower classes. Additional foliage is not allowed except where stated.
8. Exhibition vases will be supplied and must be used, except for decorative effect classes, but where the schedule stipulates bowls, these must be supplied by the exhibitor.
9. Competitors are particularly requested to name their exhibits. In the event of close competition, a named exhibit would be preferred to an unnamed one.
10. Wine exhibitors please refer to 'Guide to Exhibitors'.
11. The right is reserved by the Committee to refuse any entry.
12. The Society's officers reserve the right to alter the positioning of exhibits if they deem it desirable, except those in the Floral Art classes.
- 13. All entries must be notified to the Show Secretary or at the Stores by the Thursday morning prior to each Show. The Show Secretary may, but only under exceptional circumstances, consider late entries.**
14. No exhibitor to take more than one prize in any class, except for different varieties, special awards excepted. The number of entries is unlimited, but every entry must be of a different variety or kind.
15. The Committee reserve the right to alter any prize at their discretion.
16. The decision of the Judges will be final, except in cases where, after an award has been made, the exhibit is found to be not in accordance with the requirements of the schedule. All matters of protest must be made to the Hon. Show Secretary by 4.00pm on the day of the Show. The matter will be dealt with by the Committee, whose judgement shall be final.
17. Every care will be taken of exhibits by the Committee, but they can accept no responsibility for them.
18. All cups and trophies, excluding medals and mementos are the property of the Society and are perpetual. They are held by the winners for one year and must be returned to the Hon. Show Secretary seven days prior to the relevant Show.
19. All cups, trophies and medals are to be handed to the Hon. Show Secretary after presentation on the day of the Show for the purposes of having them engraved.
20. The Committee have the power to deal with matters not provided for in these regulations and their decision shall be final.
21. A member can exhibit in the Novice classes if he or she has never won a first prize in any previous Show of the Society.

EXEMPTION FROM THESE RULES CANNOT BE CLAIMED UNDER A PLEA OF IGNORANCE

The Show Secretary is very accommodating to late entries but would ask members to make every effort to ensure that she is notified of entries by the Thursday preceding the Show.