

**Section V - RULES AND REGULATIONS OF EXHIBITION  
(AS RELEVANT TO JUDGING)**

This competition is open to all who wish to promote interest and education of orchids. There is no entry fee for 19WOC judging. Judging will be conducted by international judges selected for this purpose. By submitting an entry, the exhibitor agrees to abide by the rules and regulations set forth in this document and to accept the decisions of the judges and the judging committee as final.

I. General Rules for Both Individual Entries and Orchid Displays

- A. All entries must be in place and completed no later than 10:00 pm, January, 21, 2008 and must remain in place for the duration of the show, i.e. until 6:00 pm on January 27, 2008.
- B. All entries, and their components, must remain on location for the duration of the exhibition. Removal of an entry will nullify any awards. Exhibitors should “refresh” their orchid displays by the removal or replacement of dead or dying flowers, with similar items so as not to significantly alter the presentation of the display.
- C. Plants that are diseased or pest infested will not be allowed in the show, exhibits or sales areas. Such plants will be disqualified from judging. The Show Committee may remove such plants from the exhibition hall.
- D. Plants and displays must be entered, i.e. registered with the Judging Committee, to be considered for ribbons, trophies and medals. Registration will take place on Monday, January 21 from 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm. at the Exhibition Hall. The exhibitor is responsible for preparing all the necessary plant registration forms.
- E. All orchid plants and flowers must be in good condition for judging. Judges may downgrade plants that have been subject to excessive grooming. Disbudding is not allowed. Flowers or buds broken in transport should remain with the plant for evaluation. Missing flowers or buds will likely disqualify a plant from certain awards.
- F. Made-up plants, i.e. multiple plants of the same clone or divisions of the same plant, planted together to give the appearance of a larger plant may not be registered as a single entry.
- G. Individual plants and cut flowers (not in displays), as well as basket or container displays, will be placed in location by the Show Committee after they are registered.

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II. Orchid Displays

Exhibitors must comply with the following guidelines when creating orchid displays entered in the 19WOC competition:

- A. Orchid Displays must include orchid plants, in or out of bloom, cut orchid flowers, or educational materials (photography, art, etc) relating to orchids. They should be intended to present the aesthetic beauty of orchids or to educate the public about orchids. Displays not relating to orchids, or those designed to communicate non-orchid related messages (e.g. political commentary, religious themes, etc.) are not permitted.
- B. Props may be used as backdrop for display of the orchids. The specific type of props are limited only by the creativity of the exhibitor, although materials found to be offensive in any way may be disallowed by the Show Committee.
- C. Signs in displays should be limited to plant labels, display names, or to those forming an integral part of the exhibit design. The 19WOC Show Committee may remove any signs which are not considered appropriate to the event.
- D. Foliage plants, moss and the like may be used to supplement any exhibit, but no artificial or dyed plant materials of any kind may be used in an orchid display. Foliage plants should complement the orchid flowers and must not have conspicuous or colorful flowers or berries.
- E. Basket Displays or Basket Arrangements must contain a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 25 orchid plants or flowers. The container used does not necessarily have to be a basket, any decorative container may qualify. The entire arrangement may not exceed 3 feet in width or depth.
- H. Each orchid plant or flower in an orchid display must be appropriately labeled with the full and complete name of the orchid species or hybrid. Mislabeled entries may be disqualified.
- I. Orchid plants or flowers within an orchid display must be entered, i.e. registered, to be considered for awards. Exhibitors are encouraged limit the number of entries whenever possible, e.g. do not enter multiple plants of the same mericlone.
- J. Cooperative displays are permitted in 19WOC, i.e. a single display may contain orchid plants or flowers submitted by more than one exhibitor. Care must be taken to register each entry under the correct exhibitor name.