

1. Classification: MDB, SDB, IB, BB, MTB, AR, AB (indicate fraction of aril content), CA, JI, LA, SIB, SPU, TB, SPEC, SPEC-X. Refer to the latest Judges Handbook for overall characteristics of the various classes. Height of bearded irises should be stated so the iris will be placed in the proper class overall. MDB: up to and including 8" (20 cm) SDB: 8-16" inclusive (21-40 cm) IB and BB: 16-27.5" inclusive (41-70 cm) MTB: as per IB/BB, but class standards call for 24" (60 cm) limit TB: 27.5" (71 cm) or higher
 2. If used; assignment of number in garden is optional.
 4. Use E (early), M (midseason) or L (late) singly or in combination to indicate season relative to other varieties of the same class. Add V (very) and RE (remontant) as needed.
 5. Use of R.H.S. Colour Chart is recommended, but codes from any standard color reference are acceptable (please cite reference used). Describe colors of background and markings (blaze, plicata, halo, etc.).
 6. Color, plus form if distinctive.
 7. See item 5.
 8. Please be explicit. If color is relatively uniform, only one entry is necessary. If color varies from end to heart of flower, fill out "section" line; if color varies in layers from base of beard to tip of individual hairs, fill out "hairs" line. Use both lines where applicable.
 9. Color and type (horn, spoon, flounce, etc.)
 10. Color, size and shape as applicable.
 11. Optional. Designation asks for both quantity and type of fragrance.
 12. Include distinguishing features not covered elsewhere, such as ruffling, lace, variegated foliage. Japanese iris: note number of petals.
- c) Names including symbols, numerals, non-essential punctuation, or abbreviations.
 - d) Names beginning with the articles "a" or "the" or their equivalent in other languages unless required by linguistic custom.
 - e) Names in Latin or in latinized form.
 - f) Slight variation of a previously registered name.
 - g) Names in excess of four words, or thirty letters.
 - h) Names containing the word "iris" or "flag" or the species name of any recognized species of Iris, or formed wholly by recombining parts of the parental species' names.
 - i) Names containing the hybridizer's name in possessive form. (Green Pastures acceptable; Green's Pastures not.)
 - j) Names which exaggerate or may become inaccurate (e.g. Heaviest Lace, Tallest Black), or which are composed solely of adjectives which could be construed as a simple description of a non-registered iris (e.g. Late Pink, Pale Blue, Ruffled).
 - k) Names translated from the original language. (They should be transliterated as necessary instead.)
5. Previously registered names may be re-used if (a) the originally registered iris has not been introduced or distributed by name, (b) does not appear by name in parentage registrations, and (c) a release is obtained from the original registrant.
 6. Names will not be released as obsolete unless no stock now exists, the iris was not listed as a parent in registrations and no previous re-issue has been done.

HOW TO REGISTER AN IRIS

1. For all classes of irises EXCEPT bulbous irises, request registration application from Registrar-Recorder.
2. Remit registration fee – payable to the American Iris Society – \$15.00 for each iris. The cost to register and transfer a name from a previous registration is \$15.00.
3. Select a name which has not previously been used and submit it for approval when requesting application. Refer to ten year Check Lists (1939, 1949, etc.) and annual registration supplements issued after the latest Check List. (Please also submit alternate names.) A name is not registered until the registration application has been filed and a certificate of registration returned to you.
4. Names should follow the rules established by the International Code of Nomenclature for Cultivated Plants. The following names will not be permitted:
 - a) Names of living persons without their written consent, or names of recently deceased (within past ten years) persons without permission of next of kin or other authority.
 - b) A person's name including the following forms of

address or equivalent in another language: Mr., Mrs., Miss, Ms.

INTRODUCTION

Introduction is the offering for sale to the public. Catalogs, printed lists, and advertisements in the American Iris Society Bulletin are acceptable means of introduction. Irises must be recorded as introduced before they become eligible for awards of the Society higher than High Commendation. It is the responsibility of the hybridizer to send by first-class mail to the Registrar-Recorder a copy of the catalog, list advertisement or printed copy of website (and URL) showing introduction.

ABBREVIATIONS

AB Arilbred
 AR Aril
 BB Border Bearded
 CA Californicae
 F. Falls (sepals)
 IB Intermediate Bearded
 JI Japanese
 LA Louisiana
 MDB Miniature Dwarf Bearded
 MTB Miniature Tall Bearded