

## Awards and Ballots exam

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### Check one:

Student\_\_\_\_, Apprentice Judge\_\_\_\_, G/E Judge\_\_\_\_ Master Judge\_\_\_\_, Emeritus Judge\_\_\_\_

This portion of the Awards and Ballots is 1.5 Hours of JT credit

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ An AIS G/E or Master Judge may be automatically disqualified for:
  - a) Failing to vote for the Dykes Medal in a timely manner for 2 consecutive years.
  - b) Failing to submit a timely Activity Report for 2 consecutive years.
  - c) Failing to vote the Official Ballot in a timely manner for 2 consecutive years.
  - d) Failing to vote the TB Symposium in a timely manner for 2 consecutive years.
  - e) Either b or c above will result in automatic disqualification as a judge.
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ **True or False ?** Two hours of Awards and Ballots judges training are required of Apprentice Judges prior to appointment as an AIS Garden/Exhibition Judge.
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_ **True or False ?** All Official Ballot Awards are only given once to any iris, except for Seedlings which may win a High Commendation multiple times.
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_ **True or False ?** The High Commendation (HC) award indicates that an iris is worthy of introduction, and an HC is also a requirement for an iris to “move up” in the awards chain.
- 5) \_\_\_\_\_ When voting the Official Ballot, the competent and conscientious judge will:
  - a) Vote for the maximum irises allowed for the HM in at least 2 classes. After all, how difficult can it be to know only 10% of the TB cultivars eligible on the ballot?
  - b) Have evaluated the entire iris clump, including the flower, stalks, foliage, and increases, not just based on the flower alone.
  - c) Pay particular attention to Hybridizer friends and vote for his or her irises, even if they have not observed them growing in the garden, since all of that hybridizer’s irises are top-notch and deserve awards.
  - d) Vote in every category on the Ballot, even if it means hours of work poring over catalogs and googling Hybridizer websites to learn about PCNs and other groups that you have not observed growing and blooming.
- 6) \_\_\_\_\_ In voting the ballot, and before voting for a particular iris, a judge should:
  - a) Have reviewed at least 2 catalogs with photos of that iris
  - b) Have seen the real iris in its first-year bloom only
  - c) Have seen the iris growing and blooming in a garden over a two-year period
  - d) Have repeatedly visited online photos of the iris over the past two years
- 7) \_\_\_\_\_ In the case of a tie for the Dykes Medal,
  - a) The irises in the tie receive duplicate Dykes Medals
  - b) No Dykes Medal is given since the judges couldn’t make a clear decision.
  - c) The First Vice President casts the deciding vote in the case of a tie.
  - d) A special run-off election is held for those varieties tied to choose the Dykes

- 8) \_\_\_\_ The Fred and Barbara Walther Cup is:
- a) Specifically voted for, by Master Judges in the Official Ballot each year, because Master Judges are more likely to care about this award.
  - b) Is awarded to the originator of the iris receiving the most HM votes in a given year, regardless of classification.
  - c) Is only given to Hybridizers of Tall Bearded irises, because only TBs are able to garner a large number of HM votes.
  - d) Is an Exhibition Award, given to the person who gets the most Honorable Mentions at an AIS accredited show in a given year, indicating that even if your iris stalk fails to get a ribbon, it could help you get this award.
- 9) \_\_\_\_ **True or False ?** The Special Medal is given to only 1 iris in every class except for ties, where those tied irises are all awarded medals.
- 10) \_\_\_\_ **True or False?** The AIS Awards Committee manages the voting on all awards, including, but not limited to, the Official Ballot awards, the Convention awards and honors, the TB Symposium, the Exhibition Awards, the Board of Directors Award, and the AIS Honorary Awards.
- 11) \_\_\_\_ **True or False?** All irises that win in one of the Medal categories are eligible for the American Dykes Medal, regardless of where they are hybridized and introduced?
- 12) \_\_\_\_ **True or False?** All irises competing for the HM award are on the AIS Ballot the second year after introduction?
- 13) \_\_\_\_ **True or False?** If an iris performs well at your local show, that performance is excellent criteria in voting for that iris in the official AIS Ballot.
- 14) \_\_\_\_ **True or False?** Since there are 13 Sections and Cooperating Societies in AIS, there are also 13 Special Medals, one representing each of the 13 Sections and Cooperating Societies.
- 15) \_\_\_\_ **True or False?** Garden judging and voting the Official Ballot are the most important responsibilities of an AIS judge.