

ATTENTION AIS JUDGES!

Changes in the 8.22 edition of the *Handbook for Judges*

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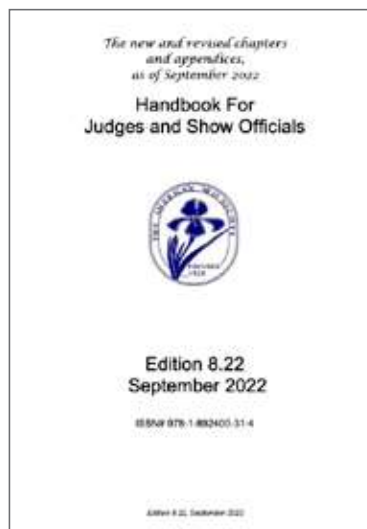
The *Handbook for Judges* is a living document. That is to say, the *Handbook* is open for revision every year in order to add new judges and judging classes, remove outdated judging criteria, clarify language, and resolve other issues. The topic of this article is the list (or changelog) of the 2022 revisions to the *Handbook for Judges, Edition 8.22*, plus information about future revisions.

CHANGELOG OF REVISIONS 2022

- “Introduction to Edition 8.22” is new and contains a summary of the changes found in this edition.
- The major change in Chapter 1 is the certification of artistic design judge. Guidelines and requirements for certification and for being grandfathered are listed. A summary of those requirements is located at the end of the chapter.
- In Chapter 2, the major change is on page 4, “Any seedling receiving five or more votes **nationwide in one year** will receive an EC (Exhibition Certificate).” The AIS exhibition reports chair will keep track of the ECs. A new sentence on page 2 asks that judges assist other judges.
- Chapter 4 has several changes. The major change is that ribbons won by single blossom entries will NOT be included in the tally for Silver and Bronze Medals. On page 3, categories of eligibility for single stalks in exhibition are defined. On page 5, a chart clarifies the eligibility of seedlings for entry in horticultural divisions. Exhibition entry tags (show tags) may be ordered without the approval of any show schedule.
- Chapters 24, 25, 26, and 28 have identical revisions:

a paragraph and chart that clarifies the eligibility of seedlings for entry in horticultural divisions. A sentence was added to Chapter 24, page 2, requesting that an artistic quality be present in the collection.

- Appendix A (pages 5 and 6) contains a reminder that ribbons won by single blossom entries are NOT to be included in the tally for Silver and Bronze Medals.
- Appendix F: Ethics is new, having been compiled from programs on ethics. It contains guidelines for ethical conduct during garden and exhibition judging for exhibitors, the public, and judges.



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The approved, revised chapters of 2022 are available individually online in the *Iris Encyclopedia* (the Wiki). To find them in the Wiki, open the “General Index” from the left sidebar menu, then click “J.” The revised chapters of 2022 have been integrated into the previous edition to create Edition 8.22, which is available online, without cost, in the *Iris Encyclopedia* (the Wiki) or for sale from the AIS Storefront: irises.org/aismembers/ais-storefront.

About future revisions of the *Handbook for Judges*: the deadline is January 1 for submitting revision suggestions to the Handbook Revision Team. The team, consisting of Bonnie Nichols (chair), Jody Nolin, Andi Rivarola, Gary White, and Claire Schneider will meet to review the suggestions and send a draft of each revised chapter to the AIS Board of Directors for approval. Revised and approved chapters will be made available no later than July 1.

Send your corrections, changes, and revisions to the scribe, Claire Schneider, secretary@irises.org.

