

Appendix A

Show Schedule Template

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[The following is a fill-in form for writing a show schedule.]

[The fill-in portion of this template show schedule is in **red text**. The person writing the show schedule will replace all red text with the appropriate details of their show.]

[Text enclosed in square brackets is informational and once used, **should be deleted by the person submitting the show schedule**. Text enclosed in square brackets does not belong in a final show schedule.]

TITLE OF SHOW (optional)

Name of the AIS Affiliate

Affiliate of the American Iris Society [if your organization is affiliated]

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Date(s) of the show

State, city and address (location) where the show is to be held.+ Hours the show will be open for public viewing

*Admission to AIS approved shows is open to the public at no charge.

SHOW COMMITTEE

SHOW CHAIR

[fill in the name]

Phone

[fill in contact information]

HORTICULTURE CHAIR

[fill in the name]

Phone

[fill in contact information]

ARTISTIC DESIGN CHAIR

[fill in the name]

Phone

[fill in contact information]

CLASSIFICATION CHAIR

[fill in the name]

CLERKS

Designated members of affiliate

PUBLICITY

[fill in the name]

JUDGES

[fill in the name]

AIS AWARDS AND BALLOTS

[fill in the name]

PHOTOGRAPHY

[fill in the name]

SCHEDULES AND COVER

[fill in the name]

STAGING & DISMANTLING

All members of our affiliate

AIS AFFILIATE OFFICERS

PRESIDENT..... [fill in the name]

VICE PRESIDENT [fill in the name]

SECRETARY [fill in the name]

TREASURER [fill in the name]

JOIN our [fill in the name] IRIS SOCIETY, an affiliate of the American Iris Society

DUES \$..... Annual

Meetings held atPlace.....day.....time.....

Everyone is welcome!

JOIN THE AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY

Full membership: Annual \$45 per year single; \$50 dual.

Triennial \$115 single; \$130 dual.

Print membership: Annual \$30 per year single; \$35 dual.

Triennial \$70 single; \$85 dual.

E-membership: (online viewing of the *Bulletin* viewing and access to the online *Iris Register* database) \$15 per year.

Youth membership \$8.00 without *Bulletin* or \$12.00 with *Bulletin*.

Remit to: Jean Richter - [AIS Membership Secretary](#),

1226 High St., Alameda, CA 94501

Phone: 510-864-7962 e-mail: memsec@irises.org

Or join online at system.irises.org/membership

GENERAL RULES

1. This approved show is being held and judged under the rules and regulations of The American Iris Society as set forth in the latest edition of the *Handbook for Judges and Show Officials* and any subsequent rules and regulations approved by The American Iris Society Board of Directors. These rules and regulations may not be violated.
2. Accredited judges of The American Iris Society will judge all entries in the Horticulture Division(s). Judges' decisions will be final. Any award may be withheld at their discretion.
3. Entries will be received from **date and time** to **date and time**.
4. Judging will begin at **date and time**.
5. Only specifically authorized personnel will be allowed in the show area during judging.
6. The Classification Committee may divide, sub-divide, combine or create groups as necessary.
7. Youth exhibitors (persons under 19 years of age) may enter exhibits in the Youth Horticulture Division or the Open Horticulture Division but not both, in the same show.
8. Show judges are not permitted to exhibit in the show. [This is the preferred statement. However, a local Show Committee may decide that judges and/or members of their immediate families **are** permitted to exhibit. The Show Schedule should explicitly state this, and under what circumstances.]
However, in emergency situations, the show chair can allow a qualified judge with exhibits to judge the show.
9. The Show Committee will exercise all possible care but is not responsible for loss or damage to exhibits.
10. Exhibits will remain in place until **date and time**.
All exhibits must be removed by **date and time**.

SPECIAL RULES – HORTICULTURE DIVISIONS

1. This is a VARIETY/CULTIVAR show, staged according to the type of iris and in alphabetical order within the various sections and groups. Each variety constitutes a separate class and must be correctly named. No unnamed variety may be exhibited except seedlings which may be entered under number.
2. Division, Section, and Group numbers and name of variety must appear on the entry card. In the Seedling Division the number or registered name of iris must appear on the entry card. The entry card should be prepared by the exhibitor.
3. The Horticulture and Seedling Divisions are open to any grower.
4. Entries (except for seedlings) **must have been grown and entered in person by the exhibitor whose name appears on the entry tag.** Members of a family may exhibit from the same garden as a single exhibitor or as separate exhibitors (but not both, in the same show) provided they all work in the garden.
5. An exhibitor may enter a seedling originated or grown by another person, but the hybridizer's name and the seedling name or number must appear on the entry card.
6. Exhibitors may enter **only one stalk of a variety** in single specimen and seedling sections but may enter any number of varieties, unless there are entry limits specified by the show schedule.
7. Unnamed stalks (except seedlings), potted entries (except for entries in the container section) or labeled irises grown by another person **are not eligible** for AIS ribbons and awards but may be displayed on the table marked "FOR DISPLAY ONLY."
8. Containers will be furnished for all single specimens. Containers appropriate for the exhibit must be furnished by the exhibitors of collections.
9. Unobtrusive material may be used for bracing stalks at the necks of containers. [If Show Committee wishes to limit and/or provide the kind of material that can be used, this should be stated here.]
10. Single specimens should be placed by the Placement Committee. Collections may be placed by the exhibitor.

11. An English Box will consist of multiple individual flowers, **usually five or six [specify which]**. individual flowers. of the same classification of irises. Flowers may be all different cultivars or all of the same variety **[specify which, or state that both are allowed]**. Each blossom must be correctly named and labeled. A 3" X 5" card with the names of the irises in the correct position must be prepared and mounted outside the box. If reservations are required, contact **[fill in name and/or contact information]** .

12. Collections, English boxes, bulbous irises, container-grown irises, and single blossom entries, are eligible to receive award ribbons, special section awards, and section rosettes. Award ribbons for individual cultivars, collections, English boxes, bulbous irises, and container-grown irises are included in the tally for Silver and Bronze Medals/Certificates. However, none of these entries are eligible for the Best Specimen of Show. Award ribbons for single blossom entries, seedlings, and Artistic Design are NOT included in the tally for Silver and Bronze Medals.

DIVISION I – OPEN HORTICULTURE

By AIS Board action, November 2017, introduction is no longer required for entering a registered cultivar in the Open Horticultural Division.

- SECTION A. Tall Bearded Iris
- SECTION B. Miniature Dwarf Bearded (MDB)
- SECTION C. Standard Dwarf Bearded (SDB)
- SECTION D. Intermediate Bearded (IB)
- SECTION E. Border Bearded (BB)
- SECTION F. Miniature Tall Bearded (MTB)
- SECTION G. Space Agers
- SECTION H. Novelty Bearded
- SECTION I. Any other Bearded
- SECTION J. Siberian (SIB)
- SECTION K. Louisiana (LA)
- SECTION L. Spuria (SPU)
- SECTION M. Japanese (JI)
- SECTION N. Pacific Coast Natives (PCI)
- SECTION O. Any other Beardless

SECTION P. Historic Iris (Introduced 30 years or more prior to the date of the show). Include year of introduction on the entry tag. For an iris that has not been introduced, the date of registration can be used.

SECTION Q. Aril (AR) and Arilbred (AB)

Group 1. Aril

Group 2. Arilbred

Group 3. Arilbred median

Other groups as needed

SECTION R. Species (SPEC) and Species-cross (SPEC-X)

SECTION S. Bulbous Irises (not eligible for Best Specimen of Show)

SECTION T. Collections (not eligible for Best Specimen of Show)

Group 1. 3 stalks/one variety

Group 2. 3 stalks/all different

Group 3. 5 or more stalks/one variety

Group 4. 5 or more stalks/all different

SECTION U. English Box (not eligible for Best Specimen of Show)

Check with show chair for the type and size of box and whether it is provided by Show Committee or by the exhibitor.

SECTION V. Container-Grown Irises (not eligible for Best Specimen of Show)

SECTION W. Single Blossom (not eligible for Best Specimen of Show)

DIVISION II – SEEDLINGS

Any un-introduced iris of any type. Seedlings must be entered under seedling number or registered name and must be made in the name of the owner or originator of the clone. An iris that has been registered, but not yet introduced, may be entered in the Open Horticultural Division or in the Seedling Division, but not both, in the same show. Only entries in the Seedling Division may be considered for an Exhibition Certificate.

DIVISION III – YOUTH HORTICULTURE

Same Sections and Groups as in DIVISION I above.

DIVISION IV – EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITS

1. [Specify limitations on size or table space allotted.]
2. Reservations for an Educational Exhibit are required. Contact [fill in name and/or contact information] to reserve space.
3. The objective of an Educational Exhibit is to convey a message quickly and clearly. Legible printing, descriptive pictures and/or objects and organization of the materials all tell a story. The dramatic impact can be attained with color combinations, humor, clever titles, etc., all designed to interest the viewer. The organization and placement of the materials should cause the eye to flow through the exhibit. Handouts are a plus.
4. The Educational Exhibit should tie in with the theme of the show through signs, show color combinations or some other way.
5. The Bronze Medal and Certificate may be awarded to the exhibitor of an educational exhibit found to be of outstanding merit by the judges.

DIVISION V – COMMERCIAL EXHIBITS

The same requirements as stated above for Educational Exhibits. The Show Committee will determine if an exhibitor is to be given commercial status.

1. [Specify limitations on size or table space allotted.]
2. Reservations for a Commercial Exhibit are required. Contact [fill in name and/or contact information] to reserve space.
3. Sale of plants or other products is not allowed.
4. The Bronze Medal and Certificate may be awarded to the exhibitor of a commercial exhibit found to be of outstanding merit by the judges.

DIVISION VI – ARTISTIC **[THEME OF THE SHOW]** **DESIGN RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. An exhibitor may enter only one exhibit per class but may enter as many classes as desired.
2. Exhibitors under age 19 may enter adult classes in addition to the youth classes.
3. One or more iris bloom(s) must be used in each design and must be the dominant flower(s) in the design. The use of iris foliage in a design is the choice of the designer.
4. The design must be made by one exhibitor, but plant material used in a design does not have to be grown by the designer.
5. Accessories are permitted in all classes unless prohibited by the show schedule.
6. Fresh plant material should predominate and may not be treated in any manner. A minimum of dried and/or weathered plant material is permitted. Treatment of dried material is allowed.
7. No artificial flowers, foliage, fruit or vegetables are permitted. Fresh cut fruits and vegetables, and any other non-perishable food products are allowed, but must be sealed if the possibility exists for attracting insects or producing undesirable odors.
8. The use of any part(s) of plants on the [appropriate state's] conservation list is strictly prohibited.
9. The use of the American Flag or any international flag is prohibited. The use of the colors or bunting is permitted and encouraged if it helps interpret the theme.
10. Each design must be accompanied by a 3" X 5" card listing all plant material used. Include the iris cultivar name, if possible.
11. Experienced, qualified judges will judge this Division.

[Insert Artistic Schedule of Classes here, with a theme and design categories. Include any specific requirements regarding table space, niches, pedestals, backgrounds, platforms, hanging facilities, columns, etc., and any color schemes or dimensions specific to a class. Clearly state which specific items will be provided by the Show Committee and which by the exhibitor]

AWARDS

Awards by The American Iris Society

1. **Ribbons** - Each specimen can be awarded **only** one ribbon. One first-, one second-, and one third-place ribbon may be given to each cultivar in any given section **except** in the Seedling Division. As many honorable mention ribbons may be awarded as the panel of judges deems worthy.
2. **Best Specimen of Show** (seedlings, bulbous iris, English box, container-grown iris, collection sections, and single blossom entries are excluded) - Large purple rosette and certificate.
3. **Best Specimen of Show, Youth** (seedlings, bulbous iris, English box, container, collection sections, and single blossom entries are excluded) - Small purple rosette and certificate.
4. **Runners-up** [specify how many] to **Best Specimen of Show**: Small purple rosette. (Each runner-up must have earned a first-place ribbon.)
5. **Horticultural Sweepstakes** (most first-place ribbons) - Silver Medal and Certificate and large purple rosette. (To award the Adult Silver Medal and certificate there must be at least five exhibitors and at least twenty cultivars at a spring show and at least three exhibitors and at least ten cultivars at a fall show.)
6. **Horticultural Sweepstakes, Youth** (most first-place ribbons): Youth Silver Medal and certificate and small purple rosette. (To award Youth Silver Medal and certificate requires at least two youth exhibitors and at least ten cultivars for a spring show and at least two youth exhibitors and at least five cultivars for a fall show.)
7. **Horticultural Sweepstakes Runner-up** (second most first-place ribbons): Bronze Medal and certificate. (Same minimum requirements and counting conditions as under 5 above.)
8. **Horticultural Sweepstakes Runner-up--Youth** (second most first-place ribbons): Youth Bronze Medal and certificate. (Same minimum requirements and counting conditions as under 6 above.)

In the event of a tie for any medal or certificate award, second-place award ribbons will be counted. If a tie still exists, third-place ribbons are to be counted, and if a tie still persists, honorable mention award ribbons are to be counted. If such procedure does not determine a winner, duplicate Silver Medals (and NO Bronze Medal) will be awarded. If the tie involves the Bronze Medal, duplicate Bronze Medals will be awarded.

9. **Best Seedling** – Large purple rosette and Exhibition Certificate.

The Best Seedling of Show automatically receives an Exhibition Certificate (E.C.). At the end of judging the show, the judges will view the seedlings and deliver their E.C. ballots to the show chair.

(1) An E.C. is awarded to any seedling that receives a total of five or more votes cast by the judges of this show and by any visiting certified judges.

(2) An E.C. will be awarded to any seedling that receives a cumulative total of at least five votes from all other AIS sanctioned shows in this current calendar year.

(3) The count of E.C. votes from all sanctioned shows will be completed by the AIS exhibition reports chair.

(4) An iris can win only one E.C. in each show but can win multiple E.C.s when entered in multiple shows.

10. **A Section Medal Certificate** for most first-place ribbons in a section may be awarded in each section where there are at least three exhibitors and at least five cultivars in the section.

11. A **Best Specimen of Section Rosette** may be awarded in each section where there are at least three exhibitors and at least five cultivars in the section.

12. **Educational Exhibits** may receive the Bronze Medal and Certificate for outstanding educational exhibit.

13. **Commercial Exhibits** may receive the Bronze Medal and Certificate for outstanding commercial exhibit.

14. **Artistic (Design):**

Best Design of Show (adult): Large purple rosette and certificate.

Artistic Sweepstakes (adult): Large purple rosette and certificate.

Best Design of Show (youth): Small purple rosette and certificate.

Artistic Sweepstakes (youth): Small purple rosette and certificate.

NGC Awards

[Any National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC) awards that are given should be listed here.]

AIS Affiliate Awards

[Any local society awards should be stated here.]

