

Guide to Exhibitors

The following is a basic guide for exhibitors wishing to exhibit at North Lincoln Horticultural Society(NLHS) Annual Produce and Flower Show.

Show Schedule: The first and an important aspect is to be fully conversant with the Show Schedule and Classes. Taking note of the deadlines for the submission of the Entry Form and paying particular attention to the date and timings of the show itself. Entry forms should be submitted by the deadline as no late entries will be accepted, but earlier if possible. Please only submit entries that you are reasonably certain to stage as late cancellations or no-shows make it difficult to layout the staging. Should anything unclear then one should contact the Show organiser sooner rather than it being left until the date of the show.

Selection of Varieties/Cultivars: Selection should be done sooner rather than later and best when ordering one's seeds. In the Kings Seed Catalogue those varieties that are deemed suitable for the show bench are highlighted with a red rosette with the number 1 in the middle however, that does not mean that you will not be able to get show quality produce from other seeds, cuttings etc. Please note, you are only allowed one entry in each class so it is important when selecting your varieties.



A day or two before Show Day: Thoroughly re-read the Show Schedule making sure that you are fully conversant with the Class requirements e.g Class 7 asks for three carrots - stump rooted, tops reduced to three inches(75mm) - take a spare just in case, make sure they are stump rooted, if one cuts the tops off then you are technically NAS(Not as Schedule) and the judge will not judge your exhibit. Similarly in there flower classes do not leave buds on the stem as these will be classed as extra flowers - NAS. Selection of specimens is important in terms of all aspects of uniformity. The mixing of

Show Day: There are a number points which one should consider.

- Allow plenty of time to stage your exhibits with the aim of finishing before the end of the allotted time. Do not rush this is when mistakes are likely to occur.
- Should you have a number of exhibits it will save time if you prepare the necessary labels beforehand. Labels should include the name of the cultivar exhibited.
- On arrival at the venue check in with the Secretary for entry cards. Ensure that entry cards and labels correspond to the exhibits, Entry cards should be placed face down.
- Pay particular attention to the number of specimens the schedule requires for each class. Mistakes is a common reason for exhibits being classed as NAS.

- Make every effort for the specimens within your exhibit to be of uniform shape and size. Differences can lower the impact of one's exhibit.

Exhibitors with questions should contact the show organisers prior to the Show.