

## **RULES AND GUIDANCE FOR COMPETITORS 2017**

### **GENERAL**

There is no entry fee for entry to any of the competition classes except for the Companion Dog Show (see <http://www.csgshow.org/competitions/dogshow.asp>) However all those wishing to be on the Showground during the Show must purchase an admission ticket.

### **COMPETITION CLASSES**

The following rules apply unless otherwise indicated in the description of a class:

1. Entries accepted from residents of the Parish of Chalfont St Giles and the surrounding area within a 20-mile radius, unless otherwise stated in the class or division.
2. Items entered in any class must not have been shown in any former Chalfont St Giles Show and must be the work of the entrant. All horticultural specimens (Divisions A-C) must have been grown by the exhibitor.
3. In Divisions A and B the Classes will be conducted in accordance with the Rules and Standards contained in the latest edition of the Royal Horticultural Society Show Handbook except where, under this schedule, they obviously do not apply.
4. Each person may submit only one entry per class, except in Class 134 and Division H – Art (check division listing for details). A group entry will **only** be accepted in Class J69.
5. Juniors may enter Adult Classes, but may **not** enter other Junior Classes outside their age group. Juniors wishing to enter adult classes online must follow the instructions given.
6. By submitting an online or paper entry in any junior class you declare that the entry is entirely the entrant's own work.
7. All paper entry forms for Divisions A-J must be returned by **12 NOON on SATURDAY 26th AUGUST 2017 AT THE LATEST or as indicated in the class description**. No forms or changes can be taken after that time, and no unregistered entries will be accepted at the marquees. Please return paper entry forms (not the entries themselves) to our show agents in Chalfont St Giles (The Olde Post House, Little Retreat and Yalden DIY & Garden). Paper entries will be entered onto the online system and, whilst we make every effort to ensure these are correct, we cannot guarantee accuracy.

**N.B.** We would encourage you to enter competitions through our online entry system, which will be available on our website at [www.csgshow.org](http://www.csgshow.org) following the publication of this schedule. Online entries must be received by **MIDNIGHT ON SUNDAY 27th AUGUST 2017 or as indicated in the class description**. Deadlines are **final**. Late entries will **NOT** be accepted unless the circumstances are exceptional and is entirely at the discretion of the Competitions Manager. PLEASE NOTE: YOUR ENTRY WILL ONLY HAVE BEEN LOGGED BY OUR SYSTEM IF YOU RECEIVE A CONFIRMATION EMAIL TO THE EMAIL ADDRESS YOU SPECIFY AND YOU SHOULD CHECK YOUR SPAM BOX IF YOU ARE UNSURE.

**ON SHOW DAY:**

1. Bring your entries to the competition marquees between 7.30am and 9.30am. Marquees will close promptly at 9.45am for judging. Obtain your entry cards outside the competition marquees, put your entries in the appropriate section and lay the relevant card beside your exhibit with your name folded under.
2. The marquees will re-open for viewing at 2:00pm, or earlier if announced.
3. If you wish to remove your exhibits before the end of the show, please ask a steward. Anything left behind will be disposed of the next morning.
4. Prize monies will be available for collection from 2PM TO 4PM on Show Day or from the Treasurer within 3 weeks of the date of the Show. After this, unclaimed prize money will be added to the general funds.
5. Cups and Trophies, as listed in the schedule, will be awarded at the discretion of the judges and presented on Show Day. Winners will hold a Cup or Trophy for 10 months. In the event of a tie, joint winners will hold the Cup/Trophy for 5 months each. Points system will be: 1st - 3pts; 2nd - 2pts; 3rd - 1pt. In the event of a tied position each entrant will receive the number of points allocated to the place.
6. In all cases the judge's decision is final. **COMPANION DOG SHOW** and **HONEY SHOW**: see entry details in this schedule and on the website.