

RULES AND GUIDANCE FOR COMPETITORS 2023

GENERAL

There is no entry fee for entry to any of the competition classes except for the Companion Dog Show (details pages 43 & 44). 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, other than horticultural, must not have been shown in any previous Chalfont St Giles Show and must be the work of the entrant. All horticultural specimens (Divisions A-C) must have been grown or cared for by the exhibitor for at least two months.
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 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 **Noon ON Monday 28th AUGUST 2023 AT THE LATEST**. 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 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 following the publication of this schedule. Online entries must be received by **MIDNIGHT ON Monday 28th August 2023 or as indicated in the class description**.

Deadlines are **final**. Late entries will **NOT** be accepted unless the circumstances are exceptional and the decision 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 or check with the competitions manager, Christine Drury 07747 867879.

Prizes will be awarded as follows:

1st Prize £3.00, 2nd Prize £2.00, 3rd Prize £1.00

DIVISION J – JUNIOR CLASSES

Juniors must enter classes according to the year group they are in on 31st August 2023, ie NOT the new academic year starting on 1st September 2023.

Work that has been done at school, nursery, playgroup, or at outside activities may be entered into any class, as well as that produced at home.

Juniors may also enter adult classes, unless otherwise stated **BUT THEY CANNOT** enter junior classes meant for other age groups, **including older ones.**

A Junior's age must be entered on their entry form, and all work submitted must be entirely the Junior's own work.

The **deadline** for the return of paper entry forms is **NOON ON Monday 28th August 2023**, unless otherwise indicated in the class. The entry form **ONLY** may be handed in to one of the show agents (please **do not** leave exhibits at the agent's shops). Online entries must be received by **MIDNIGHT ON Monday 28th August 2023 or as indicated in the class description.**

PLEASE NOTE: YOUR ENTRY WILL ONLY HAVE BEEN LOGGED BY OUR SYSTEM IF YOU RECEIVE A CONFIRMATION EMAIL TO THE EMAIL ADDRESS SPECIFIED. *Check your spam box if you are unsure or check with the competitions manager, Christine Drury 07747 867879.*

FURTHER GUIDANCE AND INFORMATION FOR JUNIOR CLASSES

PARENTS/GUARDIANS/GRANDPARENTS/FRIENDS, PLEASE NOTE that on Show Day, we advise that exhibits should be brought well before by 9.15am. It is easy to underestimate the time needed to locate the classes (especially if you have more than one junior entering) and display exhibits.

Late entries (ie, paper entry forms not submitted by NOON ON Monday 28th August 2023 or online by on MIDNIGHT ON Monday 28th 2023) may be accepted for display in the marquee, but will not be judged.

Prizes will be awarded as follows:

1st Prize £3.00, 2nd Prize £2.00, 3rd Prize £1.00

- Tubbs Cup** For the most points gained by a junior in Classes J30 to J90
(except Open Classes and J79)
- Young Gardeners Cup** Individual who scores most points in the Gardening Section of Division J, classes J01-J20 inclusive
- Edmunds Cup** Individual who scores most points in classes J01-02
- Ann Bird Cup** For the best overall entry in J72 and J73

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. It is your responsibility to ensure you have completed your entries before this time. 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. **Exhibits are left at own risk**
2. The marquees will re-open for viewing at 2pm, or earlier if announced.
3. Exhibits should remain on display until 4.30pm at the earliest. 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.