

1-10 Seedling Scorecard Federation of Northwest Dahlia Growers

The purpose of this scoresheet is to provide a consistent method of evaluating undisseminated dahlias at Federation shows. Here is the recommended procedure:

1. Classify the undisseminated dahlia.
2. Determine current competition (refer to current issue of the American Dahlia Society *Classification and Handbook of Dahlias* as needed).
3. Each judge should determine how the undisseminated dahlia would fare against current competition in the open division of Federation shows, first in the color class and then at higher levels.
4. Each judge should then assign a number from one of the two scales below, depending on the classification of the dahlia.
5. Average the scores from all judges and write that score on the entry tag.
 - Every dahlia that receives an average score of 4.0 or higher will receive a blue ribbon.
 - The dahlia with the highest score in each class will receive a **best in class** ribbon. In case of a tie, the judges must decide which variety possesses the greatest and most outstanding distinction over similar standard varieties.
 - The dahlia with the highest overall score will be declared the winner of the award for **Best Undisseminated Dahlia in Show**. Ties will be broken as above.

If this entry were shown in the open division at a Federation of Northwest Dahlia Growers show, this entry would most likely win:

Points	FD, ID, SC, C, LAC	Other Classifications
10	Best in Show	Best in Show
9	Section Champion	Contender for Best in Show
8	Blue ribbon and Best of Type (green ribbon)	Section Champion
7	Blue ribbon and frequently a Best of Type (green ribbon)	Blue ribbon, contender for Section Champion
6	Blue ribbon and occasionally a Best of Type (green ribbon)	Blue ribbon and occasionally a Section Champion
5	Blue ribbon	Blue ribbon
4	Sometimes a red but most frequently a blue ribbon	Sometimes a red but most frequently a blue ribbon
3	Red ribbon most of the time, occasionally a blue	Red ribbon most of the time, occasionally a blue
2	Red ribbon	Red ribbon
1	No award	No award