

Basket Scorecard
Federation of Northwest Dahlia Growers

QUALITY OF BLOOM — 50 Points	SCORE
Color — 10 points <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Major faults: faded, blotchy, streaked, bruised [-1 to -6]</i> • <i>Minor faults [-1 to -3]</i> 	
Form — 10 points <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Major faults: green centers, open centers, not true to type [-1 to -6]</i> • <i>Note: do not disqualify for green or open centers</i> • <i>Minor faults: irregular centers, gaps, thin, immature [-1 to -3]</i> 	
Substance — 5 points <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Faults: ray flowers soft, failing, shriveled [-1 to -5]</i> 	
Dahlia Stem and Foliage — 5 points <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Stem faults: stem weak, willowy [-1 to -2]</i> • <i>Foliage faults: if shown, too large, looks diseased, damaged [-2 to -5]</i> 	
Uniformity — 20 points <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Major faults: different colors in like varieties, mixed and irregular centers [-3 to -10]</i> 	
QUALITY OF ARRANGEMENT — 50 POINTS	SCORE
Proportion and Balance — 40 points <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Blooms too crowded, covering other blooms; no empty space. Not enough blooms for size of basket. Gaps in arrangement [-5 to -15]</i> • <i>Blooms placed in straight lines or facing unappealing directions [-3 to -10]</i> • <i>No blooms behind handle, or handle crossing directly in front of blooms, causing poor balance [-1 to -5]</i> • <i>Arrangement does not follow shape of basket [-1 to -5]</i> • <i>Unappealing plane: ideal is dome shaped [-1 to -5]</i> 	
Basket — 5 points <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>No fixed handle; 1/3 to 1/2 of handle not showing; basket in poor condition [-1 to -5]</i> 	
Filler — 5 points <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Filler covering blooms, not covering staging material, detracting from blooms, not free from berries or flowers; back not finished [-1 to -5]</i> 	
TOTAL SCORE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Note: there is not a fixed score required to achieve a blue or red ribbon; rather scores are to determine rank of exhibits. Entries without competition in a class should be awarded blue ribbons unless there are major faults.</i> 	

The main objective for a dahlia basket is to be a mass horticultural display of individual blooms, distinctively arranged to show the quality and value of each bloom.