

## FEDERATION RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. **EXHIBITORS:** Each exhibitor without Federation show numbers must register before making entries and will be given an exhibitor's number. There is no entry fee.
2. **NUMBER OF ENTRIES:** There will be no limit on the number of entries an exhibitor may enter in any class unless otherwise specified.
3. **CLASSIFIED DAHLIAS:** Dahlias will be exhibited as classified in the most recent issue of the *ADS Classification Book* or the Federation's supplemental listing in the most recent *ADS Classification Book or the current year's Federation Show Annual*. The Federation supplement will take precedence in cases of conflict. A minor fault will be assessed for undersized or oversized blooms.
4. **UNCLASSIFIED DAHLIAS:** Dahlias not listed in the classification books will be shown in the appropriate size, type, and color class. Size categories are:

Giant (AA) Dahlias .....	over 10"
Large (A) Dahlias .....	over 8" to 10"
Medium (B) Dahlias .....	over 6" to 8"
Small (BB) Dahlias .....	over 4" to 6"
Miniature Dahlias .....	4" and under
Ball Dahlias.....	over 3½"
Miniature Ball Dahlias.....	over 2" to 3½"
Pompon Dahlias.....	2" and under

Exhibitors unsure of proper classification should have the entry tag marked by the CLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE or ANY SENIOR JUDGE. An entry cannot be disqualified for incorrect classification if it is so marked.

5. **SUPPORTING STEMS:** The use of any material above the top of the container to support dahlias will disqualify the entry.
6. **SHOWING RULES:** Except in the arrangement and seedling sections, all blooms shown in competition can be entered with either a name or number, and must be grown by the exhibitor. Blooms must be shown disbudded and with at least two leaves that complement the bloom.
7. **ENTRY TAGS:** Entry tags supplied by the show committee must be completely filled out (*including true name of dahlia*) by the exhibitor and attached to each entry. Exhibitors will use the following color code:  
**Novice — Pink Tags; Amateur — Yellow Tags; Open — White Tags**
8. **JUDGING INSTRUCTIONS:** The Chairman of Judges shall instruct each judge as to the classes he shall judge. The judges will follow the standard system of judging as defined by the American Dahlia Society (refer to the *Guide to Judging Dahlias, a Manual of the American Dahlia Society*) unless other provisions are stated in this schedule. No person shall judge any class in which he has a special interest, but shall step aside until judging of such class is complete.
9. **DECISIONS OF THE JUDGES:** The decisions of the judges are considered final; however, the Chairman of Judges may call for the re-judging of any class. This can be done within two hours following the conclusion of judging and only if a signed complaint has been registered with the Chairman of Judges.
10. **FILLER:** Each exhibitor will be responsible for the filler used in his containers.

11. **RIBBON PRIZES:** The ribbons will be blue for first and red for second except in Seedling Sections. (*The judges may give only a second award if no entry merits a first.*) Only blue ribbon winners will be eligible for further awards. Best-of-Type and Section Champion ribbons will be awarded where designated.
12. **BEST DAHLIA IN SHOW:** The Best Dahlia in the Show will be selected from the best single entry in all Sections except Undisseminated, Baskets, and Arrangements. Best Triple entry in show will be selected from the best triple entry (of same variety) in all Sections except ADS Bench, Baskets, and Arrangements
13. **MULTIPLE BLOOM ENTRIES:** All blooms in any multiple-bloom entry such as triple entries or five bloom entries (*arrangements not included*) must be one variety unless otherwise stated.
14. **BASKETS:** No minimum number of blooms is required in any entry, unless otherwise specified, but the number of blooms must be in proportion to the size of the basket. The blooms in a basket are not required to have a set of leaves; other greens are allowed. One or more varieties are allowed in all classes. A balance of blooms is more desirable, with a minimum of at least 3 blooms of each type or size in a mixed basket. Baskets are required to have a handle.
15. **SEEDLINGS:** Seedlings and undisseminated dahlias entered in the Seedling Sections shall be judged on their individual merits and not in competition with each other. The judges shall award a SEEDLING OF MERIT ribbon to each worthy entry in Undisseminated Dahlias. American Dahlia Society rosettes will be awarded in ADS Seedling Bench. Once a seedling is entered in ADS competition at any dahlia show, it is no longer eligible to compete in Undisseminated Dahlias. There is a 1/2" tolerance for size on mignon single dahlias.
16. **REMOVAL OF ENTRIES:** No exhibit or any part of an exhibit may be removed at any time during the show; however, the show committee reserves the right to remove any exhibit which is inferior in condition, detracts from the general quality of the show, or is exhibited in a leaking container.
17. **RESPONSIBILITY:** The club shall not be responsible for loss or damage to the exhibits or the exhibitor's personal property; however, the utmost care will be exercised for same.
18. **ADDITIONAL RULES:** The Show Chairman may make additions or changes in the rules which are deemed necessary for the proper conduct of the show. Any rules so made shall be as binding as though they were a published part of these rules.

## HORTICULTURAL SECTIONS

**Novice — Pink Tags; Amateur — Yellow Tags; Open — White Tags**

Novice, Amateur, and Open Divisions will use the following show schedule.

**In Horticultural Sections, each division will be judged separately. For triple entry, place a T in front of the Section.**

<b>SECTION</b>	<b>ABBREVIATION</b>	<b>CLASS NUMBER</b>
GIANT	G	0001 to 0515
LARGE	L	1001 to 1515
MEDIUM	MED	2001 to 2515
SMALL	SM	3001 to 3515
MINIATURE	MIN	4001 to 4515
BALL	BA	6001 to 6515
MINIATURE BALL	MB	6101 to 6115
POMPON	POM	6201 to 6215
STELLAR	ST	7001 to 7015
WATERLILY	WL	7301 to 7315
NOVELTY - DOUBLE	NX	7601 to 7615
PEONY	PE	8001 to 8015
ANEMONE	AN	8201 to 8215
NOVELTY - OPEN	NO	8601 to 8615
COLLARETTE	CO	9001 to 9015
ORCHID	O	9201 to 9215
ORCHETTE	OT	9401 to 9415
SINGLE	S	9601 to 9615
MIGNON SINGLE	MS	9701 to 9715

**NOTE: CLASS NUMBER IS THE SAME AS THE ADS CLASSIFICATION NUMBER**

**FIVE-BLOOM ENTRIES**  
**(OPEN TO ALL) — Use White Tags**

Giant (G) Dahlias  
Large (L) Dahlias  
Medium (MED) Dahlias  
Small (SM) Dahlias  
Miniature (MIN) Dahlias  
Ball (BA) Dahlias  
Miniature Ball (MB) Dahlias  
Pompon (POM) Dahlias  
Stellar (ST) Dahlias  
Waterlily (WL) Dahlias  
Novelty Fully Double (NX) Dahlias  
Peony (PE) Dahlias  
Anemone (AN) Dahlias  
Novelty Open Centered (NO) Dahlias  
Collarette (CO) Dahlias  
Orchid (O) Dahlias  
Orchette (OT) Dahlias  
Single (S) Dahlias  
Mignon Single (MS) Dahlias

**UNDISSEMINATED DAHLIAS (1-10 Scoresheet)**  
**SINGLE ENTRY (OPEN TO ALL) — Use White Tags**

Giant (G) Dahlias  
Large (L) Dahlias  
Medium (MED) Dahlias  
Small (SM) Dahlias  
Miniature (MIN) Dahlias  
Ball (BA) Dahlias  
Miniature Ball (MB) Dahlias  
Pompon (POM) Dahlias  
Stellar (ST) Dahlias  
Waterlily (WL) Dahlias  
Novelty Fully Double (NX) Dahlias  
Peony (PE) Dahlias  
Anemone (AN) Dahlias  
Novelty Open Centered (NO) Dahlias  
Collarette (CO) Dahlias  
Orchid (O) Dahlias  
Orchette (OT) Dahlias  
Single (S) Dahlias  
Mignon Single (MS) Dahlias

**ADS SEEDLING BENCH EVALUATION  
TRIPLE ENTRY (OPEN TO ALL) — Use White Tags**

**ADS SEEDLING BENCH EVALUATION**

This class is offered in cooperation with the American Dahlia Society. Open to all exhibitors. Show officials and exhibitors must read and adhere to all rules for entries and judging as printed in the *ADS Classification and Handbook of Dahlias*. For mignon singles, there will be a half inch tolerance on size, as long as they have the overall look of a mignon single dahlia.

**BASKETS**

**Novice — Pink Tags; Amateur — Yellow Tags; Open — White Tags**

A novice is someone who has shown baskets in 10 shows or fewer, exhibitors continue as an amateur until they have won a total of 10 Best in Show, at which time they move up to open.

**(One or more varieties — All Classes)**

Giant (G) Dahlias  
Large (L) Dahlias  
Medium (MED) Dahlias  
Small (SM) Dahlias  
Miniature (MIN) Dahlias  
Ball (BA) Dahlias  
Miniature Ball (MB) Dahlias  
Pompon (POM) Dahlias  
Stellar (ST) Dahlias  
Waterlily (WL) Dahlias  
Novelty Fully Double (NX) Dahlias  
Peony (PE) Dahlias  
Anemone (AN) Dahlias  
Novelty Open Centered (NO) Dahlias  
Collarette (CO) Dahlias  
Orchid (O) Dahlias  
Orchette (OT) Dahlias  
Single (S) Dahlias  
Mignon Single (MS) Dahlias  
Mixed Dahlias

**A balance of blooms is more desirable, with a minimum of at least 3 blooms of each type or size in a mixed basket.**

1. Foliage must be natural.
2. Staging material must be concealed.
3. Basket must have handle.
4. Exhibitor must grow the blooms (Showing Rule #6)

## **ARRANGEMENTS**

Novice — Pink Tags; Amateur — Yellow Tags; Advanced Amateur — White Tags

A novice is someone who has shown arrangements in 10 shows or fewer; an exhibitor continues as an amateur until s/he is winning consistently in the Arrangement Section.

Rules governing entries in the Arrangement Section are:

1. Each exhibitor must register before making entries and will be given an exhibitor's number.
2. Mark entry tags in the top right corner to designate Novice, Amateur, or Advanced Amateur.
3. Plant material need not be grown by the exhibitor, but all exhibits must be arranged by the exhibitor.
4. Any flower, foliage, and accessories including dried, treated, or painted material may be used. Artificial flowers and/or foliage may not be used.
5. All arrangements must include dahlias as the predominate flower. They must have good color and substance and be free of insect and mechanical damage.
6. Designs may or may not be staged against a wall. Therefore, all designs should be finished on all sides.

## JUNIOR SECTION

Use White Tags – write JUNIOR on the top of tag

Open to exhibitors 16 years and under. Any worthy entry will receive either a blue or red ribbon. The best of each class will win a Best of Type ribbon. The best entry from all classes will go to the head table as Best Junior Entry and will be considered for best in show.

On white entry tags:

- ➔ For section - indicate JR
- ➔ For class - use abbreviations below

Single Bloom Giant or Large .....	Any color or form .....	Class G/L
Single Bloom Medium .....	Any color or form .....	Class MED
Single Bloom Small .....	Any color or form .....	Class SM
Single Bloom Miniature .....	Any color or form .....	Class MIN
Single Bloom Ball or Min. Ball .....	Any color .....	Class BA/MB
Single Bloom Pompon .....	Any color .....	Class POM
Single Bloom Waterlily .....	Any color .....	Class WL
Single Bloom Stellar .....	Any color .....	Class ST
Single Bloom Novelty Open or Double .....	Any color .....	Class NO/NX
Single Bloom Peony or Anemone .....	Any color .....	Class PE/AN
Single Bloom Collarette .....	Any color .....	Class CO
Single Bloom Orchid or Orchette .....	Any color .....	Class O/OT
Single Bloom Single or Mignon Single .....	Any color .....	Class S/MS
Triple Bloom Fully Double .....	Same variety .....	Class 3-FD
Triple Bloom Open Center .....	Same variety .....	Class 3-OC
Basket of Dahlias .....	Color Variation Allowed .....	Class BASKET

### Junior Section Judging Instructions

- Organize the entries by class.
- Award a blue ribbon to every worthy entry. Note: virtually every entry will be worthy and will receive a blue ribbon. There will be multiple blue ribbons in each class; there may be a few red ribbons.
- Award a best-of-type, section champion ribbon, or special junior ribbon (whatever is allocated by show officials) to the best entry in each class.
- Choose the best single-bloom entry from among the class winners; this will be the Best Junior Dahlia in Show.

The overall effect will be a sea of blue ribbons, perhaps a few reds, and when necessary, a few no awards.

*The purpose of this section is to encourage junior exhibitors.*