

FEDERATION OF NORTHWEST DAHLIA GROWERS
REQUIREMENTS TO MAINTAIN
CANDIDATE, ACCREDITED, OR SENIOR
JUDGING STATUS

1. Continuous member of ADS, Federation, and local club(s).
2. Exhibit at two dahlia shows annually.
3. Judge at two dahlia shows annually.
4. Attend a judging class every other year.
5. Attend a minimum of one Federation workshop annually.
6. Successfully retake and pass the ADS judges' test once every five years.
7. Judge all classes as requested by the show judging chairs unless you have an entry in that class.
8. Knowledge and use of current ADS scorecards is imperative for all accredited and senior judges. Therefore, accredited and senior judges must judge a minimum of eight dahlias at a trial garden every other year. Those unable to meet these standards can fulfill the requirements through the "alternative options to fulfill seedling judging requirements" described below. Accredited and senior judges unable to meet any of the options outlined must contact the Federation judging chair.
9. Candidate judges must complete 1 through 6 above.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS TO FULFILL SEEDLING JUDGING REQUIREMENTS

In **extraordinary circumstances** when ADS judging in shows or trial gardens is not practical, the requirements may be met in two alternative ways. These alternatives may be used by judges working to advance as well as current judges maintaining their status. It is strongly recommended that this judging be conducted at either (or both) actual ADS trial gardens or in ADS-affiliated dahlia shows.

Alternative #1

A garden of a society member may be used for a garden-scoring experience **under the supervision of a senior judge**.

- ▶ Two or more cultivars of the same variety, grown side-by-side, can be scored using the current ADS scorecard.
- ▶ There must be at least six to eight blooms.
- ▶ The scorecards must be signed by the supervising senior judge and submitted to the Federation judging chair.

Alternative #2

Using the current ADS scorecard, cultivars set up as seedling entries at an ADS-affiliated show, training class, or seminar can be judged **under the supervision of a senior judge**.

- ▶ The scorecards must be signed by the supervising senior judge.
- ▶ The scorecards must then be submitted to the Federation judging chair.