



CENTRAL ARIZONA CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY (CACSS)

2027 Annual Show Rules & Guidelines

A) Show Dates and Eligibility.

1. Dates, times, location, scheduling and all other information for the Show will be announced to club members via emails, at club meetings, on the website, and in the Central Spine newsletter no later than two months prior to each Show.

2. All plants entered by an individual member must be under that member's name as listed in the current CACSS or Tucson Cactus and Succulent Society (TCSS) Roster.

B) Exhibitor Classifications.

1. Exhibitors will register as a Junior, Novice, Intermediate, Advanced, or Master. Exhibitor Classification is based on cumulative blue (first place) ribbons won in previous competitions that are recorded on the Blue Ribbon Winners Active Members spreadsheet on the website. The Junior classification is based on age only, not the cumulative number of blue ribbons.

- Junior (green entry cards): Any entrant under 18-years-old as of the show date regardless of number of blue ribbons previously won
- Novice (yellow entry cards): 0-5 blue ribbons
- Intermediate (blue entry cards) 6-24 blue ribbons
- Advanced (tan entry cards) 25-99 blue ribbons
- Master (white entry cards): 100 or more blue ribbons

2. Any Exhibitor who wishes to enter the show in a higher classification than determined by current rules may do so with the understanding that all plants they enter will be included in that same classification, and they may not revert to their previous Exhibitor classification in future shows.

C) Judging Criteria and Scale.

- Condition of plant - 50%
- Difficulty of culture - 20%
- Size and degree of maturity - 20%
- Staging and presentation - 10%

D) General Show Rules and Guidelines



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1. To properly categorize the plant and complete the entry card, use the Plant List Categories and Divisions document available on the CACSS website (centralarizonacactus.org). Show Committee representatives reserve the right to re-categorize plants at admission.
2. Plants entered in the Show shall have been in the possession and care of the Exhibitor for a minimum of 6 months prior to the plant entry date of the Show.
3. CACSS and the Desert Botanical Garden are not responsible for lost, damaged, or unclaimed entries.
4. All plants entered in the Show shall be free of pests and/or disease. Before entry plants will be screened and any diseased or infected plants may be denied admission for failure to meet entry requirements at the discretion of the Show Committee representatives.
5. The decisions of the Judges and Show Committee are final.
6. Plants must be horticulturally propagated and not field-collected - whether salvaged legally or illegally. Any plants determined to be field collected by Show Committee representatives will not be admitted.
7. No plant illegal to possess under federal, state, or local law or that might be mistaken for such a plant will be admitted; for example, any plant in the genus *Lophophora*.
8. Each entry (plant or item) must be accompanied by an Exhibitor entry card. CARDS MUST BE FILLED OUT PRIOR TO ACCEPTANCE INTO THE SHOW. Entry cards will be available at monthly meetings before the Show month. Required information must be supplied in black ink, ABOVE and BELOW the line, without folding the entry card. If unable to obtain cards at meetings, contact the Show Chair via the centralarizonacactus@gmail.com email address to request for alternative arrangements.
9. All plant entries must have a white plastic or metal label with the plant botanical name clearly legible inserted in the soil at the back of the pot facing forward. Placement of the label will determine the orientation of the plant when placed on display.
10. Plants and top dressing must be free of debris such as leaves, spent flowers, cobwebs, etc. and present an aesthetically pleasing and professional appearance both for judging and public display. Attend to this prior to entering plants in the show. ABSOLUTELY NO CLEANING IN DORRANCE HALL.



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11. Do not water plants just prior to the Show. Any plants dripping water on the show tables may be removed from the show at the discretion of the Show Committee.

12. Measurements in inches as indicated in the Show categories refer to the inside diameter of the pot. For odd-shaped pots, size is determined by adding the length and width together and dividing by two.

13. Plant stands may only be used in the Bonsai class or with plants that cascade below the bottom edge of the pot.

14. Plant Category Sections I and II are for SINGLE PLANTS ONLY. For example, if you have a pot with 3 *Astrophytum ornatum*, regardless of their size that entry does not belong in Section I Class A Division 6 (Astrophytum). Rather it belongs in Section IV, Class B, Division 1 (Dish Gardens and Planters- Multiple Plants-Cacti).

15. Plants and arrangements that cannot be lifted by one person are not permitted. Any plant or display item deemed too heavy to be safely moved by one person will not be admitted at the discretion of Show Committee representatives. Acceptable heavy and bulky items will be placed in a designated area of the showroom, along with the completed entry card plus a full-sized sheet of paper (8.5" X 11") with either a photocopy of the entry card or a handwritten note with the plant/item name, Exhibitor number, section number and division number. As plants may be moved multiple times as new entries are received, the completed sheet of paper will serve as a placeholder for your plant until its final display position is identified so the plant itself will only need to be moved once. Show Committee representatives will determine the final placement of all entries.

16. Entries are limited to 20 per Exhibitor. If more than 20 entries are received at intake, all plants will be rejected until the Exhibitor reduces the number of entries to no more than 20. NO EXCEPTIONS.

17. Only Show Committee representatives, judges and judging assistants are permitted in the showroom during judging. Exhibitors, visitors, and any personnel not directly involved in the judging are not permitted on the Show floor during judging. Authorized photographers may enter after the judging is complete when specified by Show Committee representatives.



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18. No plants shall be removed before the Show closes. Plants shall be removed from the show area no later than an hour after the Show closes.

19. Entries will only be accepted within the time frames for intake supplied prior to the Show (including on the CACSS website). Doors to the intake hall will be closed and locked at the published plant entry closing time and NO plants not already inside the intake facility will be allowed entry into the show. NO EXCEPTIONS.