COFFS HARBOUR ORCHID SOCIETY

MONTHLY MEETING ORCHID COMPETITION RULES AND PROCEDURES

The Coffs Harbour Orchid Society conducts an orchid growing competition held in conjunction with the Society’s monthly meetings. The plants are judged by two members of the Society, usually an experienced grower, and a newer grower. Points are given, and based on the accumulation of these points, prizes are awarded at the December Meeting and Awards Night.

The following Rules and Procedures will apply:

1. Plants need to be benched at each monthly meeting by 7.15pm.
2. Judging will commence at 7.20pm.
3. Judging will occur across the 42 listed orchid categories. A list of these categories is attached to this document.

First, Second and Third place will be awarded to plants in each category.

First Place = 3 points Second Place = 2 Points Third Place = 1 Point

Each plant awarded first place with be distinguished by placement of a blue dot on the competition label. Second place will be marked with a red dot. Third place will be marked by green dot.

1. Only members of CHOS who are present at the meeting can bench plants for judging in the monthly competition.
2. Plants must have been owned by the member for a minimum of six (6) months before they can be benched for judging.
3. Members shall record the name of the orchid plus the category number on the Competition Label. Members to write their name on the back of the competition label. Failure to record their name will result in no allocation of competition points for that entry. If the plant is labelled as *Unknown* or *NoID* then it must be judged as a hybrid plant. Copies of the Competition Labels can be downloaded from the CHOS website.
4. All plants will be identified with a yellow number prior to judging (for determining Popular Vote).
5. Members present at the meeting will be asked to vote for the numbered plant they consider to be the best plant on display. The votes will be counted just prior to the start of the meeting and the highest score awarded the Popular Vote. A certificate will be presented to the plant owner and a photograph taken of the plant (for the newsletter).

Three (3) points will be awarded for the winner of the Monthly Popular Vote. If there is a tie, etc, then these plants will be counted as both winners of the Popular Vote. Three (3) points will be allocated to each plant. If the same member owns two or more plants which are awarded equal Popular Vote then they will receive a certificate for each plant plus three (3) points per plant.

1. At the end of the meeting all the competition labels with blue, red and green dots will be collected by the Monthly Competition Marshal and forwarded to the Competition Points Score Recorder.
2. Points allocated each month will be totalled and used to determine the Competition Winner at the end of each year, with the competition year to be from February to November. The Winner will be the member with the highest total point score, and will be presented with *The Glad Fleming* Perpetual Trophy.
3. Cash prizes ($10) will be given to those who gain the highest number of points in each of the plant competition categories. A minimum of six (6) points is needed for consideration as the winner of a specific category. Popular Vote will not be considered as a cash prize category but will be included in the total points accumulated over the competition year.
4. The display of plants will be under the direction of the Monthly Competition Marshal. Any decisions made by the Marshal shall be final.

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