

THE BROMELIAD SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA INC.

COMPETITION RULES AND SCHEDULE OF CLASSES (File "Show Rules8.doc". Updated 15/10/16)

Grand Champion	BSA bi-annual trophy + prize money of \$30 + individual trophy
Reserve Champion	Bi-annual trophy + prize money of \$20 + individual trophy
Species Award	Bi-annual trophy + individual trophy + \$20 Terry Davis prize
Any plant can only win one of above 3 Major prizes. Grand and Reserve are the spectacular "show-stoppers" and will be removed before Species Award is judged. Species Award should particularly reflect our goal of species preservation.	
Novice Champion	Bi-annual trophy + individual trophy + \$20 Alan Mathew prize. Winner precluded from future (bi-annual Show) Novice Class.
Class Winners	(1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd) Certificates and prize money (vouchers for \$10, \$7, \$5)

Competition Rules

1. Exhibitors must be financial members of the Bromeliad Society of Australia Inc. for a min. of 6 months and attend regular meetings if living in greater Sydney region.
2. Plants must be correctly labeled, disease free and established in pot or mount.
3. Water must be emptied from plants and pot dried before registration.
4. Plants must have been the property of the exhibitor and is in his/her custody for at least 6 months prior to the show.
5. Plant registration is: 7:45am-8:45am Saturday (NB none will be accepted after 8:45am). Friday night registration MAY be possible.
6. An exhibitor may enter a maximum of three (3) plants in each class.
7. Registrars will not record ANY of an exhibitor's entries unless the exhibitor has already decided in which classes to enter ALL such entries. This point will be checked before registration commences. Undecided entrants will be advised to consult a competition guide person.
8. Registrars may advise against entry of a plant in an obviously wrong class, but can not spare time to engage in lengthy debate.
9. Plants entered in the wrong classes will not be judged.
10. The judging panel's decision is final as to eligibility and quality of plants in the various classes.
11. Only Competition Stewards will place entries on the benches in their nominated classes. The Stewards will attend to exhibit arrangement and adjustment of bench space according to the number of entries in each class.
12. There will be NO interaction between the nominated Judges/Registrars/Stewards and any other club/public person during the Judging or Benching.

Schedule of Classes:

1. **Pot of Aechmea** (May consist of multiple connected plants. Potted.)
2. **Pot of Billbergia Specimen** (Single specimen only. Pups allowed PROVIDED they are obviously too immature for removal. Potted.)
3. **Pot of Billbergia Colony** (May consist of multiple connected plants. Potted.)
4. **Pot of Cryptanthus** (May consist of multiple connected plants. Potted.)
5. **Pot of Neoregelia Species** (May consist of multiple connected plants. Potted.)
6. **Miniature Neoregelia** (May consist of multiple connected plants. Potted or mounted. Maximum 200mm diameter.)
7. **Pot of Neoregelia Hybrid** (May consist of multiple connected plants. Potted.)
8. **Pot of Nidularium/Canistropsis** (May consist of multiple connected plants. Potted.)
9. **Tillandsia Specimen** (Single specimen only. Pups allowed PROVIDED obviously too immature for removal. Potted or mounted.)
10. **Tillandsia Colony** (May consist of multiple connected plants. Potted or mounted.)
11. **Pot of Vriesea** (May consist of multiple connected plants. Potted.)
12. **Foliage / Variegated Bromeliad(s)** (May be multiple connected plants. Potted or mounted. Immature inflorescence only, not above leaves.)
13. **Other Genera** (May consist of multiple connected plants. Potted, or mounted if appropriate.)
14. **Pot of Intergeneric** (May consist of multiple connected plants. Potted.)
15. **Bromeliad(s) suitably mounted** (Various plants, but NOT Tillandsia, connected or not. Suitably mounted/established. No embellishments.)
16. **Pot of Terrestrial Bromeliad** (Genera not elsewhere included. May consist of multiple connected plants. Potted.)
17. **Artistic Arrangement** (Predominantly Bromeliad material. May be multiple plants, or parts of. Embellishments allowed.)
18. **Novice** (May consist of multiple connected plants. Potted or mounted. Any genera. Must be established.)

Note:

Classes 2 and 9 are for single plants only. Small offsets are permitted provided they are obviously too immature for removal.
Other Classes may consist of multiple plants. Except Class 15 and 17, multiple plants must be connected – e.g. rhizomes or stolons.
Note: 2014 onwards, Tillandsias NOT permitted in class 15, Mounted Bromeliads.
Class 18 is for Novice entrants only. Novice entrants may enter the open classes as well as Novice if they desire.

Definitions:

Novice: A member who has not won "Novice Champion" in a prior bi-annual show of The Bromeliad Society of Australia Inc.
Colony: Two or more naturally connected plants.
Specimen: An individual exemplifying a group; one that is a noteworthy example. Pups allowed provided obviously too immature for removal.