

FIVE DOCK RSL ORCHID SOCIETY INC
RULES & CONDITIONS FOR
BENCHING AT MONTHLY MEETINGS & SHOWS

1. All entries are free and open to members of the Five Dock RSL Orchid Society Inc
2. Entries are accepted on condition that the exhibits are free of disease. The decision of the Show Marshal and or Committee will be final
3. Entries are received upon the basis that the Society and or its sponsors shall not be liable for any loss, destruction or damage to the exhibits and that the exhibitor shall have no claim against the Society and or the sponsors
4. **All competitive entries shall have been owned and in the possession of the exhibitor for the preceding 6 months**
5. Entries are to be received no later than 30 minutes before the stated judging time on show schedule
6. **NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS TIME**
7. All competitive entries are to be correctly labelled with the genus and name of the plant. Judging will commence at the time stated on the show schedule and will be conducted by Judges of the Orchid Society of NSW Inc. Judging will be in accordance with the Judging Standards Of the Australian Orchid Council Inc and the By Laws of the Orchid Society Of NSW Inc
8. **NO EXHIBIT MAY BE DISMANTLED OR REMOVED PRIOR TO THE CLOSING TIME OF THE SHOW** as listed on the show schedule. If it is considered by the show Marshal that a plant should be removed on the basis of it being a poor show standard it will be removed and not exhibited.
9. Novice shall mean any exhibitor, until she/he has won, in aggregate, a First Prize in any three genera at any Orchid show or shows, but shall cease to be a Novice in respect of each genus /class in which a First prize has been won. The winning of the yearly point score of any society in any genus/class shall be deemed equivalent to a First Prize in that genus/class. An exhibitor shall remain a Novice until the end of the calendar year in which the First Prize for the third genus/class was won
10. Seedling shall mean the complete plant growth from seed to flowering for the first time, Plants that have been grown on or divided prior to being exhibited on the show bench are not eligible to be shown as seedlings. For exhibition purposes seedlings shall retain their status of a seedling throughout the flowering season in which they first flowered. Species seedlings are eligible.
11. Intermediate Cymbidiums are defined as Cymbidiums where the majority of the flowers are greater than 60mm and less than 90mm when measured across the widest spread of the petals without manipulation.
12. Miniature Cymbidiums are defined as Cymbidiums where the majority of the flowers are less than 60 mm when measured across the widest spread of the petals without manipulation
13. Cattleya means Cattleya or Hybrids between Cattleya and one or more of Brassvola, Laelia and Sophronitis and other Cattleya alliance
14. Staking shall be in accordance with the rules of The Orchid Society Of NSW Inc. i.e. flowers may be supported in the best possible manner for presentation. This support should be in such a manner so as not to be obtrusive and distract from the overall beauty and charm of the plant. With single flowered plants such as Paphiopedilum, Lycaste etc, ties or support shall be no higher than immediately below the ovary. If it is necessary to tie above the bottom flower or top branch, the judges are permitted temporarily remove such tie for the purposes of judging

If, in the opinion of the judges, no exhibit in any class warrants a prize, none shall be made.