

APPENDIX “D” - TO BY-LAWS

JUDGES

Adopted by State Council 8 February 2009

PREAMBLE: These regulations relate to the accreditation and training of Probationary Judges, the categories of judges, the progression of judges, the Code of Ethics, the local judging guidelines and general matters involving judging.

GENERAL

1. The Annual Meeting for judges shall be held in February to coincide with the State Council Meeting. If business is not concluded at this meeting it may be continued in May. A practical workshop may be held at this latter time. No meeting is usually scheduled for August. The Spring workshop is usually held to coincide with the November State Council meeting.
2. The Judges and Probationary Judges may collectively be referred to as the Judges' Panel.
3. The latter have voting rights at Judges' meetings but cannot assume the positions of Chairman or Vice-Chairman.
4. The Duty Statement for the Chairman of Judges appears as an attachment to the By-Laws document. The judges shall nominate a member from their ranks to be appointed as Chairman of Judges and this recommendation shall be submitted for the approval of State Council.
5. All Senior Judges have the status of Vice-Chairman. In his absence the Chairman may appoint an Acting Chairman. If an acting Chairman has not been appointed those Vice-Chairmen in attendance shall elect an Acting Chairman.
6. In order for a Rose Society of NSW Inc. judge to retain his or her judging status he or she must be a financial member of The Rose Society of NSW Inc. or have honorary life membership.
7. At the AGM each year the Chairman of Judges shall present to State Council a list of the currently accredited judges.
8. An accredited judge from another Australian state who has transferred to NSW shall be accepted as a judge in this state. The Chairman of Judges shall interview the judge from interstate and make a recommendation as to his/her ability to judge in NSW to the Panel of Judges who shall then make a determination of the level at which he/she is to be placed.
9. Where clarification of the name of a rose or its classification is required, “Modern Roses” shall be the reference book. A copy of this book shall be available on the judging day. In addition, The National Rose Society of Australia handbook “Judging Roses”, Appendix “E” - Show Regulations and Appendix “F” - Show Schedule, should all be available for judges.

10. Following the application from Regionals for exhibitors to be upgraded, the Judges' Panel shall consider such applications and make recommendations to State Council.
11. All correspondence should be sent to the State Secretary who will in turn forward it on to the Chairman of Judges.
12. It is expected that judges will officiate as often as possible. In cases where a person is inactive as a judge for a period of three years or more, he or she may be requested to attend a workshop prior to recommencing his or her duties.
13. Horticultural shows and the like which are to be included in the judge accreditation process should be selected by the Judges' Panel on a yearly basis.

CATEGORIES OF JUDGES

PROBATIONARY JUDGE: A person who has attained at least "B" Grade exhibitor standard and has held that status for a minimum of twenty-four (24) months may be considered to become a Probationary Judge. A Royal Horticultural Society judge may be considered for specific judges' training.

JUNIOR JUDGE: A "B" Grade exhibitor who has satisfactorily completed judge's training may be appointed as a Junior Judge. Such judges shall be restricted to officiating on "B" and "C" Grade classes as individuals or under the supervision of a Senior Judge at the higher level.

SENIOR JUDGE: An "A" Grade exhibitor who has satisfactorily completed judges' training may be appointed as a Senior Judge.

APPOINTMENT AND PROGRESSION OF PROBATIONARY JUDGES

1. Any member who meets the requirements as set out above may apply for appointment as a Probationary Judge.
2. The application may be made through a Regional to the Judges' Panel together with the recommendation of the Regional Committee. All applications must be forwarded.
3. The Judges' Panel will consider the application and forward it with their recommendation to the State Council.
4. The State Council may appoint the applicant as a Probationary Judge. He or she will be given an up-to-date copy of "Judging Roses" and the Rose Society of NSW Inc. Appendix "E" - Show Regulations and Appendix "F" - Show Schedule.
5. The probationer will be required to undertake a training program as set out in this document.
6. The probationer will be responsible for maintaining and producing, when required, the sheet titled "A Record of Training".
7. When the probationer has completed a minimum of three years training, has submitted a record of his or her training and has scored at least 80% in the written tests, he or she may be recommended to State Council for placement at the appropriate judging level.
8. The Chairman of Judges will take the recommendation of the Judges' Panel to the State Council for decision. A simple majority is required for granting a judge's status.

PROBATIONARY JUDGE TRAINING PROGRAM

A member having been appointed as a Probationary Judge will be required to undertake the training program set out below.

Under the supervision of a Senior Judge of the Society:

1. Judge at least ten monthly Regional show bench shows. Alternatively, pre-judge the same number of rose shows at local horticultural society / garden club shows or Agricultural Shows. Any combination of these two is acceptable. These exercises shall be with the full agreement of the organizing committees whose permission must be sought in advance.
2. Observe with a Senior Judge at least four Regional Rose Society shows and at more than one Regional.
3. Participate in at least three workshops organized by the Judges' Panel.
4. The supervising Senior Judge shall comment on the Judge's Report form and shall then forward that form to the Chairman of Judges.
5. The Probationary Judge should ensure that the supervising judge signs the "Record of Training" sheet after each show judged.
6. Written tests will be conducted. They will be in two parts: 20 questions multiple choice and 20 questions true / false. In the event of a candidate scoring less than the required 80% he or she may sit a parallel test at a date of their choosing.

PROGRESSION OF JUDGES

On assessment of the candidate's performance it should be at the discretion of the majority of judges as to whether a recommendation is made to State Council for a person to be promoted.

Probationary Judge to Junior Judge: The person shall have complied with the requirements as set out above. In addition he or she shall have demonstrated competency on the show bench as an exhibitor. Success in at least four "B" (or "A") Grade Championships or ten Champion Unit awards would be viewed favourably, as would success at Sydney Royal and other non-Society shows.

Probationary Judge to Senior Judge: The person shall have complied with the requirements as set out above. In addition he or she shall have demonstrated competency on the show bench as an exhibitor. Success in at least four "A" Grade Championships or ten Champion Unit awards would be viewed favourably, as would success at Sydney Royal and other non-Society shows.

Junior Judge to Senior Judge: The person shall have demonstrated competency as a Junior Judge. In addition he or she will have demonstrated competency on the show bench by winning at least four "A" Grade Championships or ten Champion Unit awards. Favourable consideration would also be given to success at shows such as Sydney Royal and other non-Society shows.

Royal Horticultural Society Judge to Rose Society Judge: Persons who have been approved as judges with the Royal Horticultural Society of NSW may seek to become judges with The Rose Society of NSW Inc. For this transition to take place they must undertake the Probationary Judges' Program as set out above and comply with its requirements. When successful this person may be granted Junior Judge status.

**CODE OF ETHICS and DECORUM for
THE ROSE SOCIETY OF NSW INC. ROSE JUDGES**

1. The judge, as a representative of The Rose Society of NSW Inc. shall act with dignity at all times and in a manner that will bring credit to The Rose Society.
2. A judge shall be neat and tidy in appearance and appropriately dressed at all times.
3. A judge shall be present in ample time to commence judging at the time set down in the show schedule and early enough to contact the show officials prior to judging.
4. A judge shall endeavour to complete judging within the stipulated time so as to allow the show to open at the advertised time.
5. A judge shall not publicly criticize another judge in front of an exhibitor or the general public. If it is considered that a judge has broken the Code of Ethics or acted in a way which is detrimental to The Rose Society of NSW Inc., the matter shall be placed before the Chairman of Judges for his or her adjudication. After conference with other judges this matter may be reported to State Council for its adjudication. The judge shall have the right to reply and explain. If found guilty the judge may be penalized from judging for one season.
6. A judge shall study the show schedule before judging so that he or she is conversant with its requirements. Where any doubts about the wording on the schedule occurs, the wishes of the show officials shall be the deciding factor.
7. A judge must be completely unbiased and impartial and show the highest integrity by judging every rose unit and exhibit on its merits. He or she should not show a preference for any flower, colour, type of arrangement, exhibit or personality whilst judging.
8. A judge must not rectify any error or change exhibits in any way. A judge may pick up a unit/exhibit to judge it, but must not touch or interfere with the flower or flowers in any way whatsoever.
9. Where the schedule does not comply with standard requirements, the judge may take up the matter with the Chief Steward and inform him or her of the usual standards.
10. Judges must not be present in the hall until staging is completed unless they are also exhibiting. They shall not have any interest in any class which they are to judge.
11. No person shall act as a Rose Society of NSW Inc. judge unless appointed by that Society through its approved training course and State Council. Judges shall act only in a private capacity with **the knowledge of the Rose Society of NSW and** Chairman of Judges for The Rose Society of NSW Inc.