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NAFAS National Show 2027 – Competition Regulations and Information 2027

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General

- All competitive classes are open to members of Clubs and Societies affiliated to any of the Areas of NAFAS, including International Affiliates, Overseas members of a Flower Association affiliated to a WAFA affiliated country and to individual members of NAFAS
- All exhibits will be judged in accordance with the NAFAS Competitions Manual Fourth Edition 2023
- All exhibits must be the unaided work of the competitor and must be assembled in the venue with the exception of Classes 2, 4, 11a and 11b which must be submitted ready assembled
- Classes 2, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b and 14 are INELIGIBLE for Best in Show and Runner Up to Best in Show
- Classes 9 and 10 are ineligible for any of the Special Awards
- Items that necessitate additional preparation time may be brought pre-assembled but must not predominate in the exhibit. This will be monitored throughout staging and relevant information given to arbitrators and judges
- Any complaints should be made in writing and handed to a Steward before the end of staging at 12 Noon on Thursday 8th July 2027
- All exhibits will be staged in artificial lighting except Class 16
- Measurements stated in the Schedule are approximate
- All exhibits must be staged within the space allowed
- Unless otherwise instructed, nothing may be attached to the staging in any class
- Aerosol cans of any description must not be used anywhere on the Showground
- Fabric & Fire Safety: All fabrics, drapes, and textiles used within displays must be inherently fire retardant or treated with a fire-retardant application.
- Exhibitors must possess a valid, current fire safety certificate for all materials used, which must be available for inspection upon request by the Show Safety Officer.
    - (There is a list available of suppliers of suitable fabrics, if required. Contact the Show Committee)
- Competitors may only use cold or battery powered Glue guns.
- All exhibits and competitors' property will be at the risk of the competitor and neither NAFAS nor the owners/trustees of the premises in which the competitions, or any part of them are held, can accept any liability for any loss or damage sustained by any competitor
- All exhibitors must complete the attached Health and Safety questionnaire and return it by 9th June 2027 to NAFAS Head Office 1st Floor, 42-44 Bishopsgate, London EC2N 4AH or via email to vanessa@nafas.org.uk

Entries

- Area, Class for 2 people and Individual entries must be on the appropriate official entry form via the NAFAS website. Please confirm that the appropriate fee has been paid
    - Entry fees:
        - Area class £45.00
        - Class for 2 people £35.00
        - Individual classes £35.00 for the first entry and £15.00 for a second entry. If a second entry is not available, then that fee will be refunded
- The entry fee for the Imposed Classes 9 and 10 is £50.00 each which is inclusive of all materials
- Young People's entries – no fee is required for Classes 11a and 11b
- Alternative choices may be made as indicated on the entry form
- Postal applications must include a self-addressed stamped A5 envelope
- All entry forms must reach Vanessa Keys at NAFAS Head Office, 1st Floor, 42-44 Bishopsgate, London EC2N 4AH or by email vanessa@nafas.org.uk or via the NAFAS website between 1st and 31st January 2027 - not before and not after
- A maximum of three competitors may stage an entry in Class 8 and two competitors in Class 14
- Competitors may stage only one entry per class
- Competitors may not enter more than two classes, inclusive of the Area and the Class for two people. This rule does not apply to classes 9 and 10.
- Competitors will be advised of an offer of entry/entries as soon as possible after the closing date
- If a class is oversubscribed, entries will be allocated by ballot
- Competitors must accept entry/entries within ten days of receipt of the confirmation offer

Gala Preview Thursday 8th July 7.00pm-9.00pm

The entry fee gives the competitor free access to the Gala Preview, providing this has been clearly indicated on the acceptance form.

Prize giving Friday 9th at 4.00pm in the Epic Centre

The presentation of the prizes will take place on Friday 9th July 2027 at 4.00pm at the Entertainment stage in the Epic Centre

Staging

- Staging of exhibits will be from 6am to 1pm on Thursday 8th July 2027 except Classes 9 and 10. (See also Craft and Young People's classes below)
- Class 9, Imposed Class, will be staged from 11.00am to 1.00pm on Friday 9th July. There will be 15 minutes of thinking time from 10.45am to 11.00am. The staging area will be cordoned off but the public will be able to view the work in progress
- Class 10, Imposed Class, will be staged from 11.00am to 1.00pm on Saturday 10th July. There will be 15 minutes of thinking time from 10.45 to 11.00am. The staging area will be cordoned off but the public will be able to view the work in progress
- Competitors/Security badge will be found on their exhibit and must be worn at all times
- The Competitions Team will allocate the position of all entries
- The location of classes can be found within the schedule. Further details of staging, if applicable, will be sent with acceptance of entries
- Only officials, competitors and other authorized persons will be allowed in the Competition areas during staging times
- Subject to completion of setting up of staging, competitors will be allowed to unload ONLY (i.e. nothing may be placed on the staging) on Wednesday 7th July 2027 between 3.00pm to 6.00pm. Unloading during this time will be closer to the Competition Halls than on Thursday 8th July.

Showmakers

To enhance the experience of all visitors to the National Show we are requesting all competitors to volunteer their time to be a "Showmaker" for the show. We are an inclusive organisation and welcome people with disability. Please let us know when completing the relevant application form whether you have any health issue or disability that we should be aware of so that we can take steps to ensure your safety.

Dismantling

- Clearing of all exhibits with the exception of Class 9 will take place on Saturday 10th July from 5.15pm to 6.00pm after all visitors have left the Halls
- Class 9 must be cleared on Friday 9th July 2027 at 5.00pm after all visitors have left the Halls
- Competitors must indicate on the Acceptance Form if a second badge is required for assistance with dismantling
- Competitors must ensure that all rubbish is removed from the Competition Halls. Please take your flower boxes to reuse and do not dispose of them at the venue.
- Any exhibits left after 6.00pm will be disposed of by the Competitions Team

Craft classes

In classes 2, 11a and 11b a competitor's exhibit may be posted, details of the address will be given on the confirmation of entry. The exhibit is to arrive between 15th June and 30th June OR handed in to the Competitions Team from 3.00pm to 6.00pm on Wednesday 7th July and from 8.00am to 9.30am on Thursday 8th July 2027

Maintenance of exhibits

- Competitors are responsible for maintaining their exhibits for the duration of the Show
- Maintenance should take place between 8.00am and 9.00am, before the Show opens to the public
- The Competitions Team reserve the right to remove any wilting plant material

Photography

- Competitors MUST NOT post photographs of any exhibits on any social media sites until after the show closes at 5.00 pm on Saturday 10th July 2027
- 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Special Award exhibits will be photographed by the official photographers
- NAFAS reserves the right to use any photographs of any exhibits for any purpose

Judging Panel

- The judges' decision is final
- The panel of National Judges will be:
    - Carol Baker
    - Pip Silverton
    - Christina Curtis
    - Pam Fleming-Williams
    - Pen Harrison
    - Lilias Hoskins
    - Sionedd Hughes
    - Elizabeth Murray
    - Mary O'Brien
    - Lesley Sturdy
    - Reserve Judge - Rita Braithwaite
- Arbitrators:
    - NAFAS National Judges Committee Chairman Debbie Wadge
    - NAFAS National Judges Committee Vice-Chairman Heather Hume

Awards

- Best Individual Exhibit in the Show (excluding classes 2, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b and 14)
- Runner-Up to Best Individual Exhibit in the Show (excluding as above)
- Exhibit Best Emphasising the Use of Fresh Garden Plant Material
- Exhibit Best Emphasising the Use of Colour
- Exhibit Best Emphasising the Use of Texture
- Exhibit Best Emphasising the Use of Creativity
- Best Exhibit by a Newcomer