

JUDGES AND JUDGING A BSI STANDARD SHOW

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CHANGE TO HANDBOOK – PAGE 1 – DISTRICT NAME CHANGE

The judging districts are now:

WESTERN JUDGING DISTRICT – formerly CA-OR-IL, etc.

CENTRAL JUDGING DISTRICT – formerly TX-OK-LA

EASTERN JUDGING DISTRICT – formerly FL-GA

**INTERNATIONAL JUDGING DISTRICT – Australia and any others
Outside the US in the future.**

(JCC 2005 official change: “The Judges Certification Committee Chairman (JCCC) approves the judges for all BSI shows and provides the Judges’ Record Forms.”) Anything related to the judges, should now be handled by the JCCC and not the ASC.

SCALES OF POINTS

All entries must be judged by the applicable BSI scales of points as listed on pages 36-40 of the *Handbook*

EXCEPTION: Affiliate provides points for judging affiliate-created classes.

POINTS UPDATE: RARITY was eliminated, placing all 10 points for “Difficulty of Cultivation.” (JCC 2000)(See *Scale of Points* section on this website for further information).

JUDGING PANELS

The judging panels must consist of at least 2/3 Internationally Accredited Bromeliad Judges or Master Judges with the remaining 1/3 made up of Student Judges or Judges Emeriti.

- All of the aforementioned judges must be in good standing.

IN RARE INSTANCES, AND ONLY WHEN PERMISSION IS GRANTED BY THE JCCC, the make-up of the panels can vary. See page 77 of the *Handbook* for a more thorough explanation of judging panels.

APPROVAL OF JUDGES

A list of the proposed judges must be sent to the JCC for approval. Until the judges are approved, no BSI awards will be shipped to the affiliate.

Any changes in the judge’s lineup must be approved, either verbally or by mail, by the JCC. If the affiliate’s Judges Chairman cannot get in touch with the JCC, the ASC should be contacted. If both are unavailable for consultation, the District Registrar should be contacted for advice and approval. If a change in the proposed judges is approved by anyone other than the JCC, a copy of the amended lineup must be sent to the JCC within two weeks after the show. (See Judges & Judging, and Approval of Judges above).

JUDGES' RECORDS

Once the judges are approved, the Judge's Record forms will be sent to the affiliate for distribution.

Each BSI judge involved in judging, exhibiting, [or serving as chairman/cochairman of major committees]* in the show, receives a completed form for his records either at the show or by mail. Within two weeks after the show, the Judges Chairman must send one completed form for each participating BSI judge to the appropriate District Registrars.

*(JCC 1998)

JUDGING ISSUES

- Each panel of judges shall be the final authority for each class which it judges during ribbon judging.

UPGRADING RIBBONS: Just prior to major award judging, other panels of judges may elevate blue ribbon plants that they consider worthy of 95 points or higher.

[Upgrading must be done by a panel of three, not by an individual judge. Also, the panel must properly re-evaluate the entry using the proper judging procedure.]* *(JCC 2000)

Handbook addition, Page 5, #f -- Judges may change an incorrect name on an entry tag **with permission** from the Classification Chairman during ribbon judging, if it was missed at the time of entry and classification. A note should be made on the entry card, initialed by the judge, and since Classification bears this responsibility, the chairman should also sign the card. (JCC 1998)

- See "Judging for Major Awards" *Handbook* p. 59-62 for additional BSI recommendations.

Handbook addition – Important Major Committees - page 64: Serving on major committees for credit should include chairmen for general/show, awards, classification, clerks, entries, judges, placement and schedule. All of these committees are important to a show. All major committees should include a co-chair, who would also get credit for serving.

Handbook addition, Page 29, #5 – Horticultural Displays: Mounting that has been "home" to a plant for a long time will not be the beauty that it once was. Judges should judge the plants and consider the age of the mount. Judges need to be made aware that some Tillandsias never root and a judge should not take off points or try to re-classify.

Handbook addition, Page 59, #C – Difficulty of Cultivation: Difficulty of cultivation should also be considered in ribbon judging and not just during major awards.

Handbook addition, Page 59: Judging Tillandsia clumps: When judging Tillandsia clumps, points should not be taken off when the dry, dead leaves near the roots or at the base are not removed. The dry leaves can be trimmed back, but complete removal may cause the clump to fall apart.

Handbook change, Page 68,#1 – Requirements for Judging School Instructor: Be a judge in good standing who has renewed his/her certification at least once, and who has served as general/show chairman, or chairman/co-chairman of a major committee for a standard BSI show in the last 3 years. Major committees are defined as general/show,

awards, judges, classification, clerks, entries, placement and schedule. EXCEPTION: New instructors may be “grandfathered” in those geographical areas outside the United States where BSI judging instructors are needed.

Handbook change, Page 69, par. #1 – Symposium Instructor: The same rule for Judges School Instructor will apply for Symposium Instructor (see above).

Handbook change, Page 75 – JUDGES TOUCHING OR MOVING PLANTS DURING JUDGING: This will be a society option. Whether they do, or do not, want the judges touching or moving entries, the show schedule must state this and the judges chairman should include this in briefing.

Handbook addition, Page 76, added after second paragraph: When a team decides to give a RED ribbon, they should note on the back of the entry card, the reasons for taking off 11 points. They should also write any courteous, constructive comments that will help the exhibitor or public justify the ribbon awarded.

Handbook change, Pages 77 and 78 – Definition of BROMELIAD EXPERT: The definition of a bromeliad expert will be “one who is bromeliad knowledgeable, but has no formal training in judging.

Handbook deletion Page 81 #F Seminars: Delete the last sentence in this paragraph.

Handbook addition, Page 81, #F (a): JUDGES CREDIT: Add the following sentence: Judges will get credit for attending SEMINARS. “One (1) judging credit may be earned per 3 year term by attending a seminar.” Ribbon credits may only be earned by entering bromeliads in a BSI show.