

Show Conditions and Rules for ANOS (Melbourne Suburbs) Group

Definitions: (please read carefully)

Australasian (as defined by the ANOS constitution) New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Irian Jaya, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Fiji and New Caledonia.

Australian Native Orchid Species A species orchid growing on the Australian mainland, Tasmania or any island under the political control of an Australian state, but does not include natural hybrids.

Australian Native Hybrid Progeny exclusively of Australian native orchid species or their hybrids. No exotic orchid shall be included in their ancestry.

1. All exhibitors must be financial members of ANOS (Melbourne Suburbs) Group
2. Staging of exhibits is under control of the Show Marshall, who reserves the right to reject without explanation, remove, or in consultation with the owner, to rearrange an exhibit.
3. All show plants must be entered on the official Show Entry Form.
4. The Show Marshall or their delegate will provide a card for each plant which will display the plant name, exhibitor's number, and the judging class. Plants nominated in a seedling class will be additionally identified by a coloured mark provided at the registration desk.
5. Cards must display correct botanical and horticultural names, marked clearly and visible from two metres distance. The plant number **MUST** appear in the upper right hand corner (as per diagram).

Class No.	Plant no
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6. ANOS Judging standards will apply to the Show. Judges decisions are final and binding. No prize will be given if, in the opinion of the judges, a prize is not warranted.
7. To be eligible for judging, plants must have been owned and grown by the exhibitor for a minimum of twelve months. Plants not eligible may be identified and clearly displayed as non-competitive.
8. A seedling exhibit must comprise the whole of a clone being exhibited in its first flowering season. Bush collected plants, and those divided prior to exhibiting, are not eligible to be shown as seedlings.
9. Specimen plants do not need separate nomination. Judges will make their own selection.
10. Exhibits are under control of the Show Committee for the duration of the show. They must not be handled or removed from the display before the end of the show except with the authority and supervision of the Show Marshall. If any plant requires attention, the exhibitor **MUST** be accompanied by a committee member.
11. All reasonable care will be taken of plants by ANOS Melbourne Suburbs, but no responsibility will be taken for any damage or loss to exhibits or sales plants, and no exhibitor or seller shall have any claim against ANOS Melbourne Suburbs or its members.
12. Plants must be accessible for scrutiny by the judges. The Show Marshall and Judges may together decide that a plant may be rejected, removed, or temporarily relocated for judging of premier honours or other reasons.
13. No other plants in flower or fruit except orchids are allowed in displays. Exotic or highly coloured foliage plants and variegated forms such as crotons, anthuriums, bromeliads etc. are not to be used, as they distract from the orchid display.
14. Plants that have been clearly damaged in transit to the show should be notified at the registration desk at the time of entry, and a note made on the Entry Sheet.
15. In all classes, the judges' decision shall be final.
16. The Show Committee and Judging Panel may, at their discretion, prohibit the entry of any plant suspected of being virused or otherwise diseased.
17. Submission of plants for the Sales Bench is reserved to exhibitors only, according to the directions of the Show Committee.
18. Names, catalogues etc. shall not be displayed on any exhibit prior to the completion of judging.
19. Plants can be entered into more than one class where appropriate.
20. ANOS Melbourne Suburbs reserves the right to photograph any exhibit in the show for its own purposes only.
21. *Dendrobium* sections. 'Naturally occurring' refers to plants which are understood by the grower to have a natural origin, preferably with information on the location within the distribution range. The Registrar will determine whether the plants are of natural origin.
22. Decorative pot exhibit should follow instructions given at the general meetings, when preparing plants for this class. Individual plants may be repotted into a suitable container (maximum diameter round pot 10cm (4 inches), rectangular pot maximum width 10cm, length 15cm (6 inches)), one plant per container. The container may be subtly decorative to enhance the display of the plant, but should not have depictions of flowers or fruits. The grower may provide a label or title to the exhibit and a brief description or explanation of the display concept, or the significance of the plants displayed.

Exhibits are judged considering plant quality, quality of flower and foliage, balance, harmony, line and design, arrangement of pots and plants, presentation, label/comments and finish. The objective is to highlight the features of small plants. Flower numbers need not be large. Non flowering plants are acceptable in one specified class.