GENERAL CONDITIONS

**1**.Entries are free and open to all members of Orchid Societies

**2.**Entries will be accepted from 4pm and shall be benched by 7pm and available for judging by 7.30 pm on the day of setup. All persons not involved with the judging must leave the hall by 7.30 pm.

**3**. The Queensland Orchid Society Inc. or its agents will accept no responsibility for theft, loss, destruction of plants or damage of any kind occasioned to plants, either during transport to and from the show venue or while at the show venue. This includes all plants submitted for sale.

**4.** All exhibits and exhibitors shall conform to the Rules and By-laws of the Society.

**5.** The President in conjunction with the Chief Steward shall have the right to refuse the exhibition of any plant, which in their opinion, appears diseased.

**6.**All plants entered shall be the property of the exhibitor. The plants must have been in the exhibitor's possession for the preceding six months.

**7**.Individual plants may be entered in only one class. All entries of plants shall be in show condition.

**8**. Exhibitors are responsible to see that all plants are correctly labelled with benching cards provided by the Society.

**9**. Although it is the responsibility of the exhibitor to enter the plant in the correct class and place it in a suitable position on the competitive bench, the Chief Steward has the right to determine the class in which any plant may be exhibited; to reject, remove or re-arrange any entry; to combine (less than three plants) and/or establish extra classes if needed.

**10**. A Novice shall mean any exhibitor who has not been classified other than a Novice by any Orchid Society. A QOS member may remain Novice for up to 2 years from joining regardless of whether or not they have won a Novice section at a QOS Show. A Novice entry is eligible to be judged for any Champion.

 **11.** Plants to be judged in accordance with AOC standards, however, QOS staking and tying rules apply as follows - Staking and tying to support the inflorescence will be permitted. On all inflorescences, no staking or ties are allowed on or above the pedicle or ovary of the flower. On multi-flowered unbranched inflorescences, staking and ties are allowed up to but not above half way along that portion of the inflorescences carrying flowers and buds. On branched inflorescences, the main branch may be staked or tied up to but not above the uppermost branch. Parafilm or florist tape is not allowed as ties.

**12**.Seedling - Flowering for the first time - No Mericlones. First place in this class to be considered as Section Champion in the appropriate Species or Hybrid Champion Section with in the Show Schedule.

**13**. The judges shall select the winners of the Champion Awards from benched plants, OR by prior arrangement with the Show Marshal, nominated plants in displays.

**14**. The Grand Champion Orchid of the show shall be selected from the winners of the Class Champion.

**15**.The Reserve Champion Orchid of the show shall be selected from the remaining winners of the Class Champions plus the second-best orchid chosen from the class from which the Grand Champion Orchid was chosen.

**16**.The Judges Decision Shall Be Final

**17.** No bloom may be removed from a plant, even though spent, or plants or blooms interfered with, without the permission of the Chief Steward or other Official appointed by him.

**18**.No plant shall be removed from the show until the termination of the show. Any plant removed shall cause the owner to forfeit any rights to the prize in that class. Withdrawal of a plant without permission may lead to the exhibitor's disqualification at any future show.

**19**.Stealing of blooms or pollen may lead to the initiation of legal action.

**20.**Photographs may be taken at any time, but not at the inconvenience of the show patrons.

**21**. Members of any Orchid Society and Sponsors are entitled to sell plants using Society approved Barcodes, with those members benching a minimum of 2 Orchids. QOS Members only may offer 10 foliage plants for sale. Visiting members benching and/or selling orchids are obliged to give at least 4 hours work assisting with the running of the show

**22**. Fire Ant Regulations must be adhered to.

**23**.Acceptance of any Entry shall be Conditional on the Exhibitor Agreeing to be Bound by the Conditions set out Above.

**24**.The plant sales supervisor, or his representative, will have total authority to accept or reject any plant submitted for sale.

***Queensland Orchid Society Inc.***

***Spring Show***

**Belmont Shooting Complex**

**1485 Old Cleveland Road Belmont**

**Setup Friday 13th October 2.00pm –**

**Benching 4.00pm to 7.00pm -**

**Judging commencing at 7.30pm**

**Show open Saturday 14th October 2023 8.30am - 3.30pm Sunday 15th October 2023 8.30am - 2.00pm**

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***Champion Placings***

Grand Champion $150.00

Reserve Champion $100.00

Champion Specimen $75.00

Champion Species Exotic $50.00

Champion Cattleya Hybrid $50.00

Champion Australian Native - Species or Hybrid $50.00

Champion Oncidiinae Hybrid $50.00

Champion Dendrobium Hybrid Exotic $50.00

Champion Vandaceous Alliance Excluding Phalaenopsis $50.00

Champion Paphiopedilum & Phragmipedium Hybrid $50.00

Champion Phalaenopsis Hybrid $50.00

Champion Other Genera Hybrid $50.00

Champion Novice $50.00

**Frist in class $25.00 Second in class $15.00 Third in class $10.00**

***Champion Cattleya Hybrid - Notes:* Classes1 -10 with exception of classes 9 include Cattleya, Laelia, Brassavola Guarianthe & Rhyncholaelia ONLY in any combination of these Genera.**

A1 Cattleya Alliance Hybrid Standard Type Predominantly Purple, Lavender, or Mauve (Over 120mm

A2 Cattleya Alliance Hybrid Standard Type Predominantly White (Over 120mm)

A3 Cattleya Alliance Hybrid Standard Type Predominantly Yellow or Green (Over 120mm)

A4 Cattleya Alliance Hybrid Standard Type - Any Other Colour including Splash Petals (Over 120mm)

A5 Cattleya Alliance Hybrid - Cluster Type At least 1 inflorescence must comprise of 5 fully open blooms

A6 Cattleya Alliance Hybrid - Miniature (under 70mm)

A7 Cattleya Alliance Hybrid Type - (70mm - 120mm)

A8 Cattleya Alliance Hybrid Non-Standard Type

A9 Cattleya Alliance Hybrid within Epidendrum Encyclia & Prosthechia Group Including Crucifix Cut Flower

A10 Cattleya Allied Genera Hybrid - Any Other Type

***Champion Dendrobium Hybrid Exotic - Notes:* Blooms are to be measured horizontally across the visible limits of the flower where size restrictions apply.**

B1 Dendrobium Eugenanthe Hybrid (Nobile Type) Predominately White

B2 Dendrobium Eugenanthe Hybrid (Nobile Type) Any other Colour

B3 Dendrobium Hybrid Phalaenanthe/Spatulata/ Intermediate Type

B4 Dendrobium Hybrid – Indian Type Pendulous

B5 Dendrobium Hybrid Not Included Elsewhere (Dendrobium Classes excludes

Australian Native Dendrobium Hybrid)

***Champion Vandaceous Alliance excluding Phalaenopsis***

C1 Vanda Hybrid (under 60mm)

C2 Vanda Hybrid (60mm & over)

C3 Vandaceous Alliance Intergeneric Hybrid excludes C1 & C2

***Champion Oncidiinea***

E1 Oncidium / Gomesa Hybrid

E2 Oncidiinae Hybrid - Tolumnia Type

E3 Oncidiinae Brassia Hybrid

E4 Oncidiinae Hybrid not included elsewhere (other than E1 - E2 & E3)

***Champion Paphiopedilum & Phragmipedium - Notes:* Parentage to be shown on Plant Exhibition Label for Primary Hybrid class**

F1 Paphiopedilum Hybrid - Complex Exhibition Type

F2 Paphiopedilum Hybrid - Non-Standard Type other than Primary Hybrid

F3 Paphiopedilum Primary Hybrid (species parents must be identified)

F4 Paphiopedilum Hybrid Multi-Floral

F5 Phragmipedium Hybrid

***Champion Species Exotic***

G1 Laeliinae Alliance Species

G2 Vandaceous Species (Excluding Phalaenopsis)

G3 Paphiopedilum Species

G4 Dendrobium Species Other Than Australian Native

G5 Phalaenopsis Species

G6 Bulbophyllum Species

G7 Species Orchids Not Included Elsewhere

***Champion Phalaenopsis***

J1 Phalaenopsis Hybrid - Standard Type White & White with Coloured Lip also Blush Type

J2 Phalaenopsis Hybrid - Standard Type Pink, Lavender & Purple

J3 Phalaenopsis Hybrid - Standard Type Stripes - All Colours

J4 Phalaenopsis Hybrid - Standard Type Spotted - All Colours

J5 Phalaenopsis Hybrid - Non-Standard Type Novelty - Under 50mm -Any Colours

J6 Phalaenopsis Hybrid - Miniature Multi-Floral Type - Any Colours

***Champion Australian Native - Species or Hybrid* - *Notes:* Australian Native Orchid Hybrids shall be the progeny exclusively of Australian Native Orchids or Their Hybrids**.

K1 Australian Native Dendrobium Hybrid - Any Colour Native

K2 Australian Native Hybrid - Other Than Dendrobium

K3 Australian Native Sarcochilus Hybrid – Predominately Red

K4 Australian Native Sarcochilus Hybrid – Any Other Colour

K5 Australian Native Species other than Dendrobium

K6 Australian Native Dendrobium Species

***Champion Other Genera Hybrid***

O1 Cymbidium Hybrid -Any Size

O2 Bulbophyllum Hybrid

O3 Any Other Genera Hybrid Not Listed Elsewhere

***Novice* - *Notes:* Open to all Novice growers (Refer to condition 10)**

P1 Novice Hybrid Orchid

P2 Novice Species Orchid

***Seedling – First Flowering – Any Genera* (Refer to condition 12)**

Q1 Seedling – First Flowering