Judging Handbook Assignment – 9 January 2016

Handbook Sections I - IV

1. Organizational Chart

AOS Board of Trustees

Judging Committee

Judging Center Chair

National Training Coordinator

Training Coordinator

Accredited Judge Advisors (x2)

Student Judge

1. Minimum training period for student judge is 3 years
2. Final Decisions are made by the AOS Board
3. Behavior, integrity and team interaction is as important as knowledge and competence in a judge.
4. The recognized classes of judges are:

Retired Emeritus

Retired

Emeritus

Senior

Accredited

Probationary

Student

1. Eight judgings in one’s region

At least four of which in judging center

And one outside region

1. Twelve hours of training are required per year

Handbook Sections V, VI

The Judging Process

1. Have the appropriate judging materials on hand.
2. Plant submitted by owner.
3. Plant nominated by judge for further reconsideration.
4. Plant assigned, by judging chair, to a team of at least 3 certified judges (no more than one third probationary). A team captain is assigned.
5. Alternately, judging is done by a committee of the whole.
6. Plant is screened out from point scoring by unanimous consent OR point scored by each judge. Scores are averaged by captain. Big spread (6 points or more) requires rescore by all judges.
7. Results recorded (description, measurements, photographs) and submitted to Awards Registrar

Adjacent Judging Centers and Judging Dates

1. Mid-America – St Louis 2nd Sat at 1:00pm
2. Shreveport 4th Sat at 1:00pm
3. Houston 3rd Sat at 1:00pm
4. Alamo – San Antonio 1st Sat at 12:30pm
5. Rocky Mountain – Denver 2nd Sat at 7:00pm

Tri-Center Seminar Participants

Dallas, Shreveport and Houston

Completed 10 January 2016