



2022 Outstanding Varieties Competition Rules and Regulations

Please read the following carefully. SAF reserves the right to exclude any entry from the competition that does not meet all conditions as specified below.

WHEN: September 6-8 at the 137th Annual SAF Convention
WHERE: Hilton Orlando, Orlando, FL
INFORMATION: Contact Stephanie Brady at 703-838-5230; sbrady@safnow.org

Entry forms must be received by Wednesday, August 17 with full payment.

- To be eligible for the competition, the entered variety must currently be available on the commercial market. **No test varieties are permitted in this competition.**
- Chrysal Americas is the official sponsor of the 2022 Outstanding Varieties Competition. Chrysal Americas hydrating and preservative products are available for use by exhibitors during the duration of the competition. **The Chrysal Americas products supplied are the only products of this kind that can be used during the competition.**
- It is recommended that exhibitors prepare and set up their own entries. Company representatives responsible for setting up entries are required to check-in with the Outstanding Varieties coordinators upon arrival at the hotel to receive instructions.
- Upon arrival, each exhibitor will be required to sign a document agreeing to abide by all of the rules and regulations of the competition.
- Printed materials of any kind supplied by exhibitors are prohibited during the competition. This includes but is not limited to promotional materials, props or special signage. Only SAF approved and designated materials may be displayed.
- Decorative materials or other non-perishable supplies of any kind used in floral design are prohibited during the competition. This includes but is not limited to paints, sprays, foam, wire, ribbon, dyes, tints or other similar supplies.
- Entries that have been dyed or tinted in any way will not be permitted to enter the competition.
- Knives and cutting tools generally found in any floral industry business may be used during set-up of the competition. Mechanical devices or tools of any kind are prohibited during the competition.
- Fresh flower and decorative foliage entries will consist of no more than 24 stems of the variety. SAF reserves the right to admit and display the entry if less than the maximum number of stems (24) are available.
- Flowering, foliage and bedding plants must be displayed in non-decorative packs or pots. Three samples of the variety must be provided, and samples may be of mixed form at the discretion of the exhibitor. SAF reserves the right to admit entries if less than the required number of sample (3) are available.
- SAF will provide adequate workspace, knives, access to water, floral preservatives and standard containers for preparing and displaying fresh flowers and foliage.
- SAF will maintain the product during the duration of the competition according to currently accepted procedures for proper care and handling of floral products.
- SAF reserves the right to withdraw from the competition any product deemed unacceptable for display. No refunds will be made for product that is determined to be unacceptable.
- SAF reserves the right to not issue Best in Class Ribbons when there are less than 3 entries in a class.
- SAF and the Outstanding Varieties Coordinators have the final authority to resolve disputes in a way they feel supports and honors the integrity of SAF, The Outstanding Varieties Competition and individual exhibitors.

2022 Outstanding Varieties Competition Procedures

- There is **NO LIMIT** to the number of varieties that can be entered in the competition.
- Preparation for the competition will take place on Sunday and Monday, September 4-5 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Tuesday, September 6 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. All entries must be completely set up by 10 a.m. on Tuesday September 6. ***There are no exceptions to this rule.***
- SAF will decide on the final placement of entries in the competition.
- Any entry not set up by an exhibiting company by 10 a.m. on Tuesday, September 6 will be set up by SAF. The exhibiting company will be charged a set-up fee of \$50 for each entry SAF must set up.
- All entries set up by SAF will be done by a floral professional.
- Products entered into the competition will be delivered to the hotel on the morning of Saturday, September 3 in a refrigerated truck where they will be stored until set up begins on Sunday, September 4.
- Delivery method and delivery expenses for shipping products are the responsibility of the exhibiting company.
- Upon receipt of entry forms and payment, exhibitors will receive neon green labels that should be placed on the outside of the shipping boxes. These labels will help SAF quickly identify product for the competition versus product being donated for the SAF Orlando 2022 convention. ***Please be sure to display these neon green labels on the outside of your boxes.***
- Entry fees are payable with submission of the entry forms to SAF. Fees for entries canceled on or before August 10, will be refunded less a 15% administrative charge. ***No refunds will be made after August 17.***
- Substitutions for paid entries will be accepted until August 17. ***Absolutely no substitutions will be accepted after August 17 or on site in Orlando.***
- Refunds or credits will not be issued for damaged product, product not exhibited or product that does not arrive before set up deadline.



Judging Guidelines

- Each variety entered in the competition is judged on its own merits on four distinct areas. Three of the areas being judged are worth up to 10 points each, one of the areas is worth up to 20 points. Therefore, a maximum of 50 points can be earned for each entry.
- The four areas being judged for each entry are:
 - Color and commercial appeal (10 points)
 - Stem & foliage (10 points)
 - Bloom - form, consistency, free from defect or disease (10 points)
 - Overall quality/presentation (20 points)
- Judging will be conducted by three different sets of judges. Each set of judges will consist of a grower, retailer and wholesaler.

The categories for judging purposes are: Cut Rose; Cut Garden Rose; Cut Spray Rose; Cut Dianthus; Cut Chrysanthemum; Cut Bulb Flower; Cut Alstroemeria; Cut Gerbera; Other Cut Flower; Decorative (Cut) Foliage & Berries; Potted Flowering Plant; Potted Foliage Plant; Bedding Plant

- The score for each entry will be determined by averaging the total scores of the three judges in each judged group. There is no predetermined number of red or blue ribbons that may be awarded.

Blue ribbons are awarded to entries that score in the top 10%.

Only scores of 43 and up will qualify for blue ribbons.

Red ribbons are awarded to entries that score in the next 20%.

Entries receiving a score of 35 or below will not be awarded ribbons

- **Best in Class** will be awarded to the highest scoring entry in each of the 13 entry categories. In case of a tie, the judges will determine the “Best in Class” from among the tied entries. SAF reserves the right to not issue Best in Class Ribbons when there are less than 3 entries in a class.
- **Best in Show** will be judged from the 13 Best in Class award winners. All nine judges will be involved in selecting the Best in Show entry. In case of a tie, the judges will determine the “Best in Show” from among the tied Best in Class entries.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

***Judging will take place from 2:00 – 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 6, 2022.
No admittance in the competition room will be allowed after 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday.
Scoring and ribbon placement will occur Tuesday evening.***

General admittance to the competition room will begin on Wednesday, September 7 following the Kick-Off Breakfast. At that time, all ribbons will be on display, as well as the handout of ribbon winners.