

Suggestions for Judges and Potential Judges On Judging Vegetable Collections

- 1. Before judging, place a sheet of plain paper on each exhibit. Then check each exhibit to ensure it complies with the schedule, i.e. that the number of kinds comply and the number of specimens on each dish comply. At the same time, note the presentation of each exhibit; a maximum of 5 points can be awarded for presentation in the event of a tie, when the points are totalled up after all the exhibits have been judged.
If there should be a problem e.g. too many dishes or too many specimens, the steward could be asked to remove the offending dishes or specimens. If, on the other hand, there are too few dishes or too few specimens on a dish, unfortunately you will have to mark this exhibit N.A.S. (Not According to Schedule). This exhibit will not be judged or pointed.**
- 2. Select what looks like the best dish and decide on a points total for it. All other dishes will then be compared to this dish before awarding any points.**
- 3. Choose a kind, common to as many exhibits as possible, examine them and point them in accordance with the judges guide, bearing in mind your top pointed dish. Transfer your marks to the piece of paper by each exhibit.**
- 4. Repeat this procedure for each common vegetable, ensuring you check as you go along that each vegetable's points compare to other vegetables' points of similar merit or value, (e.g. if a dish of onions on collection number 1 is pointed at 15 points and a dish of celery on exhibit number 2 is also pointed at 15 points, then, in your mind's eye, they should be of equal merit or points. Likewise dishes pointed at 14 points would be slightly inferior, while dishes pointed at 16 points would be slightly superior).**
- 5. When all the vegetables common to all the entries are completed, commence pointing the odd vegetables on each collection. When they are**

all completed, add up all the marks and compare them to ensure you have a winner, a second and a third. In the case of a tie, you could either re-assess your pointing or add on the marks for presentation. In order to get a clear winner, second and third, **YOU MUST GET 1ST, 2nd and 3rd. A TIE IS UNACCEPTABLE.**

6 When the judging has been completed, transfer the results/points to the official pointing cards. In this way there should be no alterations to the final cards.

6. As a last procedure, walk along the exhibits and satisfy yourself that you are happy with the results and you are happy with the points you have awarded to each dish, in comparison to each other. **REMEMBER YOU MIGHT BE ASKED TO JUSTIFY YOUR POINTING TO THE EXHIBITORS.**

Before leaving this area, **ENSURE YOU LEAVE THE EXHIBITS IN A NEAT STATE OF ORDER, AS NEAR AS POSSIBLE TO HOW YOU FOUND THEM.**