

ETHICS and ETIQUETTE

**JUDGES UPDATE
JULY 2016 OHA CONVENTION
OHA JUDGING COMMITTEE
PRESENTATION**



Ethics

- Judges should not have entries in the Division they are judging.
- Judges should have a sense of responsibility to constantly upgrade their knowledge and, a basic humility to appreciate what they know and that they do not know everything.

Judges must progress or retire ! The time never comes when knowledge is complete! Success is not a destination... it is a continuing journey.”

Esther Veramae Hamel

The Encyclopedia of Judging and Exhibiting 1966

- Judges should arrive on time to judge, take time to judge effectively in the allotted time and not leave a show before judging is completed.

Ethics

- Come prepared and be organized have Schedule ,OJES pencils, paper, tape measure etc.
- Judges should be professional ,courteous and happy in their work.
- Your comments both verbal and written should be positive ,constructive , encouraging and respectful.
- Judges should not solicit assignments.

Ethics

- Be aware that OHA position is that repeat judging the same show year after year is not appropriate . If called upon to do so please provide list of other judges in your area.
- If for any reason a judge cannot fulfill her/his commitment, it is the responsibility of the judge to find a replacement and notify the Judge's Convener/Committee for approval.
- No judge should criticize another judge's decision

Ethics

JUDGING

- Judges may draw attention to misplaced entries and suggest to Show Chair or clerk that they be moved to correct class.
- Judges do not disqualify exhibits - that is the responsibility of the Show Chair.
- All judges should remember that the schedule is the “Law of the Show”.
- The identity of any exhibitor should not be divulged to the judge.

Etiquette

- Judges are usually invited to participate well ahead of the Show. Review the schedule in advance. Review OJES and other sources.
- A judge is an invited guest ,be polite thank the chair for the opportunity and be positive about the show . Provide helpful suggestions if asked
- **An honorarium**, to include travel expenses, should be agreed upon by the committee and the judge well in advance of the Show.

Etiquette

- Arrive in advance (but stay out of judging area) to allow time for a briefing session for judges and clerks prior to judging.
- Check on specific rules, special awards , interpretation or changes of the schedule
- Emphasize that the judge is not expected to rule on schedule interpretation
- Inform that judging is to be based on Ontario Judging and Exhibiting Standards for Horticultural and Floral Design, 2003 Edition unless otherwise stated in the schedule.
- If desired, a judge should write clear and concise comments
- Clerks should not offer advice or unwanted information and should not follow the judges too closely unless invited. The Show Chair or designate should be available for consultation during judging

Definitions

- Ethics :rules of behavior based on ideas about what is morally right or wrong
- Etiquette: the customary code of polite conduct in society or among members of a particular group

References

- Esther Vera Mae Hamel 2nd Ed
- OJES (2003)
- OHA and GCO Judging School notes
- Webster's Dictionary

References

- Esther Vera Mae Hamel 2nd Ed
- OJES (2003)
- OHA and GCO Judging School notes
- Webster's Dictionary