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## Horticultural Societies/Clubs in the Ontario Horticultural Association

# What does it mean to be “In Good Standing”?

***For a* member *to remain In Good Standing with the Ontario Horticultural Association (OHA), the member must:***

* Have paid Annual Dues to a Horticultural Society/Club In Good Standing with the OHA,
* Uphold the Constitution and/or By-Laws of the Society/Club,
* Uphold the Constitution and By-Laws of the OHA.

**Ramifications *of not being a member In Good Standing with a Horticultural Society/Club In Good Standing with the OHA:***

* Not eligible to enter OHA shows,
* May not enter shows or other competitions open to Horticultural Society/Club members,
* May not receive payment of prizes for shows or other competitions that are open to Horticultural Society/Club members,
* Is not eligible to win OHA awards,
* If an OHA certified judge loses their status due to not being In Good Standing, they would be ineligible to judge OHA shows or attend OHA judging schools or updates,
* Any OHA privilege or program available to a Horticultural Society/Club member is not available to a member not In Good Standing,
* May not vote at any Society/Club, District or OHA Annual General Meeting,
* May not carry a proxy vote at the OHA Annual General Meeting.

***\*\*\*\*\*Members whom are not In Good Standing can rectify the problem
and regain* their full privileges\*\*\*\*\***

***For a Horticultural* Society/Club *to remain In Good Standing with the OHA it must:***

* Meet the requirements set for *Horticultural Societies in the* *Agricultural and Horticultural Organizations Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. A.9. <http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90a09#bk35>,
* Pay membership dues to the Ontario Horticultural Association when billed,
* Pay insurance fees to the Ontario Horticultural Association when billed,
* File a complete Annual Information Report to OMAFRA,
* File a complete Annual Information Report including Volunteer Hours to the OHA,
* Pay membership dues to the District the Society/Club is in,
* Uphold the Constitution and By-Laws of the OHA,
* Uphold the Constitution and/or By-Laws of the Society/Club,
* Uphold the Constitution and/or By-Laws of the District.

## Ramifications of a Horticultural Society/Club not being In Good Standing:

* A Society/Club must be In Good Standing in order to obtain insurance coverage through the OHA insurance provider,
* No OHA grants will be awarded or paid to the Society/Club,
* Societies/Clubs cannot vote at the OHA (Convention) Annual General Meeting,
* Societies/Clubs cannot carry or grant/direct a proxy vote at the OHA Annual General Meeting,
* Societies/Clubs cannot vote or participate in District Annual General Meetings,
* Individual members of the Society/Club are not eligible to enter OHA shows,
* Members of the Society/Club may not enter other competitions open to Horticultural Society/Club members,
* The Society/Club or members of the Society/Club may not receive payment of prizes for shows or other competitions that are open to Horticultural Society/Club Members,
* The Society/Club and individual members of the Society/Club are not eligible to win OHA awards,
* Members of the Society/Club who are OHA certified judges, and lose their status due to not being In Good Standing, are ineligible to judge OHA shows or attend OHA judging schools or updates,
* Any OHA privilege or program available to a Horticultural Society/Club member is not available to a member of a Society/Club that is not In Good Standing.

***\*\*\*\*\*Societies/Clubs who are not In Good Standing can rectify the specific problem they have and regain their full privileges\*\*\*\*\****

**The following are additional recommended actions that we would like to see Societies/Clubs participate in:**

* Be represented at the OHA's Annual Convention by either a delegate or proxy,
* Be represented at its District Annual General Meeting by at least one delegate,
* Use OHA certified judges for its shows,
* Take its turn to host District meetings

However, failure to do so will not automatically result in a Society/Club losing its status of "In Good Standing".