

Competition Schedule and Guide for Competitors



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National Fruit Show

4th November 2026



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The route to success from the Chairman of Judges

This is how easy it is...

STEP 1

Selection of fruit.

From the orchard, bin or straight off the grader.

STEP 2

Packing 3 trays.

Mark trays, A, B and C. Only tray A will be judged in depth. Trays B and C must be the correct size and uniform in colour as tray A. All blemishes and marks in these 2 trays can be hidden.

A note from the Chairman of Judges



A huge thank you to all the competitors who entered last year to make a such a show stopping stunning display of wonderful fruit, a credit to our industry. We hope that the changes in entry requirements last year made it easier to get a Show sample together, and I don't believe it diminished the quality of the display.

We can always accommodate more entries so please, if you didn't enter in 2025, please do so in 2026. We know there has been frost and hail damage, but your support for our industry showcase event is much appreciated.

The two new classes for 2025, Harlequin Fit for a King and Tastiest Apple were well received and supported.

Please read the schedule carefully to ensure you have understood how the fruit should be packed, and which size classes you should be entering. Clearly complete the entry forms in this schedule. It will be appreciated by our Competition Secretary Irainne Styles, who works diligently to ensure the whole process runs smoothly, for which we thank her.

We thank our generous sponsors for their support to the competitions. Our judges work hard on the day before the Show opens and their expertise, patience and diligence are all much appreciated by the Society.

I wish all entrants the best of luck in this year's competitions and we look forward to seeing you at the Kent Showground in November.

Jonathan Blackman, Chairman of the Judges

Apple and Pear Competition Classes

Championship Prizes and Trophies

Best exhibit in Show

- 69 The NFU Prize of £400
- 70 The Roderic Sarson Memorial Trophy – Best all round exhibit of apples

Best exhibit of culinary apples

- 72 The Podger Norton Trophy – Best exhibit of culinary apples
- 75 The Fruiterers Company Medal – The most meritorious exhibit of culinary apples
- 77 The Fyffes Salver – Best exhibit of Bramley
- 86 The Dan Wuille Cup – Exhibit of culinary apples showing the best colour and skin for variety

Best exhibit of dessert apples

- 71 The Stokes Bomford Rose Bowl – Best exhibit of dessert apples
- 74 The Fruiterers Company Medal – The most meritorious exhibit of dessert apples
- 78 The UKF Fertilisers Cup – Best exhibit of Cox's Orange Pippin or any Sport
- 79 The John Henshall Salver – Best exhibit of any dessert apple grown in the UK outside Kent
- 87 The R Mitchell Challenge Cup – Best exhibit of any dessert apple variety introduced to the UK after 2000

Best exhibit of pears

- 73 The Bayer Rose Bowl – Best exhibit of pears
- 76 The Fruiterers Company Medal – The most meritorious exhibit of pears

Exhibitors Under 40

- 42 Arthur Goatham Memorial Trophy – Best exhibit of Bramley
- 44 The David Burd Memorial Trophy – Entrant with most points in all classes
- 85 The W Bruce Challenge Cup – Best exhibit of dessert apples excluding COP or any Sport in all Classes (Dessert apples, Exhibitor under 40)
- The Sue Daly Novice Trophy

Highest points

- 80 The Winch Memorial Challenge Cup – Exhibitor gaining the highest points total for Weald of Kent. Exhibits in all classes (restricted to exhibits grown in Kent, south of the M20 motorway)
- 81 The John Thwaites Challenge Bowl – Exhibitor gaining the highest points total for all exhibits in all classes (restricted to exhibits grown in Kent, north of the M20 motorway)
- 82 The Fiennes Cornwallis Trophy – Exhibitor gaining the highest total of points in all classes
- 88 The BIFGA prize – Exhibit gaining most points entered by a BIFGA member
- 89 The John Acock Memorial Rosebowl – Exhibitor with most points in culinary classes
- 45 Agrovista Regional Champion Cup – Grower with most points from Eastern Counties
- 46 Agrovista Regional Champion Cup – Grower with most points from West Midlands

Other prizes

- 83 The Cantagrians Association Cup – Best exhibit picked and packed by a former student of Hadlow College, KFI or KHI
- 91 The J R Breach Prize – Nuvar™; Cheerfull Gold™ NC1; Stardance™ NC2; Cabaret™ NC3; Misty Rose™ NC4

The 2026 Bonanza Prize

How to qualify for the draw

Your name will be included in the Bonanza Competition Draw once for every three staged entries gaining a minimum of 85 points. Only entries in Classes 1-17 are eligible.

The draw will be made at the Prize Giving on Wednesday 4th November.

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Best Exhibit in Show

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Best shell scheme stand

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Apple and Pear Competition Classes 2026

Closing date for entries Monday 12th October 2026

Classes 1-17 judged and displayed at the show

Each entry will consist of three 60cm x 40cm trays. **Only Tray A will be presented for detailed examination by the judges.**

Trays B and C must be of the same size and colour as Tray A.

Prizes:

First – £150

Second – £50

Third – £25

Classes 1-16 Open to All Growers

Judge's Score Card: Apple and Pears

Freedom from disease and pest	20
Freedom from bruise and other damage	20
Internal condition (including bitter pit etc)	15
Skin quality	15
Uniformity of colour	15
Uniformity of size and evenness of shape	15
Total	100

Class and Perpetual Trophy (held for 1 year)		Prize Money for Class sponsored by
Class 1	Bramley 90-100mm diameter The Alfred Shread Challenge Cup	
Class 2	Bramley 80-90mm diameter Squire Salver	
Class 3	Any other variety of culinary apples 75-100mm diameter, with 5mm differential Dufaylite Developments Cup	
Class 4	Harlequin fit for a King (Fruits will be of differing sizes) Systhane Cup	
Class 5	Cox's Orange Pippin or any Sport of Cox 65-70mm or 70-75mm diameter Vernon Hayes (Seeds) Ltd Challenge Cup	
Class 6	Cameo 65-70mm or 70-75mm diameter Cornwallis Cup	
Class 7	Jazz™ 65-70mm or 70-75mm diameter Fuller Water Systems Trophy	
Class 8 The Roger Worraker Class	Gala or any Sport of Gala 65-70mm or 70-75mm diameter Pask Cornish & Smart Cup	
Class 9	Russets: All varieties 65-70mm or 70-75mm diameter Henshall Rose Bowl	
Class 10	Magic Star 65-70mm or 70-75mm diameter A R Piller Challenge Cup	
Class 11A	Braeburn or any Sport of Braeburn 65-70mm The WASP Bin Trophy	
Class 11B	Braeburn or any Sport of Braeburn 70-75mm or 75-80mm diameter The Horticultural Containers Wine Goblets	 NFU Mutual Canterbury and Sittingbourne
Class 12A	Any Other Variety of Dessert Apple introduced before 2013 Small fruited varieties 65-70mm or 70-75mm diameter Large fruited varieties 70-75mm or 75-80mm diameter George Harlow Cup	
Class 12B	New Variety of Dessert introduced after 2013 Small fruited varieties 65-70mm or 70-75mm diameter Large fruited varieties 70-75mm or 75-80mm diameter Invicta Petroleum Shield	

Class and Perpetual Trophy (held for 1 year)		Prize Money for Class sponsored by
Class 13	Comice 70-75mm, 75-80mm or 80-85mm diameter Ernest White Cup	Lambert & Foster
Class 14	Conference 60-65mm or 65-70mm diameter AMG Trophy	 RH GROUP
Class 15	Concorde Fruit must be 60-65mm, 65-70mm or 70-75mm diameter East Kent Packers Cup	 RH GROUP
Class 16	Any Other Variety of Pear 60-65mm, 65-70mm, 70-75mm, 75-80mm or 80-85mm diameter Segro Salver	 NFU Mutual Flimwell / Tunbridge Wells

Entrants under the age of 40

Under 40s culinary class has been removed. Please enter your pears and culinary apples in classes 1-3, 13-16 as appropriate. Dessert apples may be entered in class 17 or any other dessert apple class. To encourage U40s' entries the entrant does not have to grow the fruit, but must pick it and pack it themselves. U40s entrants are eligible for all the relevant championship trophies on page 3, as well as those specifically for U40s. The name and date of birth of the individual entrant must be completed on the entry form.

Class 17	Dessert Apples - Entrants under age 40. Western International Market Shield for Dessert Apples	 HAYNES AGRICULTURAL LTD.
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Competition for the Tastiest Apple

Sponsored by  **PRIME PRODUCE**

Prize: **Winner – £300**

Conditions: Five apples per entry must be submitted separately to your other classes.

Competition for the Five Heaviest Apples

Sponsored by  **BRASH**

Prize: **Winner – £75**

Conditions: Five sound apples of any one variety for each entry must be pre-registered on the appropriate entry form and delivered to the Show at the Kent Event Centre, Kent Showground, Detling on Monday 2nd November 2026 between 1pm and 3pm. All entries should be clearly labelled with the variety and the exhibitor's name.

(2005 World Record 1.849kg Chrisato Iwasaki – Hirosaki City, Japan)

Competition for the Five Heaviest Pears

Sponsored by  **COOPER PARRY WEALTH**

Prize: **Winner – £75**

Conditions: Five sound pears of any one variety for each entry must be pre-registered on the appropriate entry form and delivered to the Show at the Kent Event Centre, Kent Showground, Detling on Monday 2nd November 2026 between 1pm and 3pm. All entries should be clearly labelled with the variety and the exhibitor's name.

Classes 22-27 Long Term Farm-Stored Classes Closing date for entries 26 February 2027

Prizes:

First – £75

Second – £50

Third – £25

Landseer Ltd will also award a special prize of £50 to the Store Operator of the Best Winning Entry.

The Ron Tassell Trophy is awarded for the Store Operator of the Best All-Round Exhibit in the LTFS classes.

Class and Perpetual Trophy (held for 1 year)		Prize Money for Class sponsored by
Class 22	Gala or any Sport of Gala The Bloomfields Award	
Class 23	Bramley The John Wills Award	
Class 24	Any Other Variety of Dessert Apple introduced before 2013 National Fruit Show Award for Long Term Farm Stored AOV before 2013 and The Marks & Spencer Trophy for the Best Entry of Cox	
Class 25	Any Other Variety of Dessert Apple introduced after 2013 National Fruit Show Award for Long Term Farm Stored AOV after 2013	
Class 26	Pears National Fruit Show Award for Long Term Farm Stored Pears	
Class 27	Braeburn The Lambert & Foster Award	

The entry form for the 2027 Long Term Farm Stored Competition will be sent out in the New Year. Fruits to be delivered in a net.

Entries will be on show at the 2027 Annual General Meeting, together with information cards and score cards.

Judge's Score Card: Long Term Farm-Stored Apples	
Ground colour of skin	25
Absence of shrivel or greasiness	25
Firmness of flesh	25
Absence of disorders and rots	25
Total	100

Judge's Score Card: Long Term Farm-Stored Pears	
Ground colour of skin	25
Absence of shrivel or greasiness	25
Firmness of flesh	15
Absence of disorders and rots	15
Ripening of fruit at 18°C	20
Total	100

NB. In the event of a tie for first place, the Chairman of the Judges for the LTFS Competition will award first place to the entry with the best pressures.

Long Term Farm-Stored Classes 2025/2026 - Results

Class and Perpetual Trophy (held for 1 year)		First	Second	Third
Class 22	Gala The Bloomfield Award	Mansfields Farm Ltd	Ian Overy Farms	J L Baxter & Son
Class 23	Bramley The John Wills Award	A C Goatham & Son	John Collingwood Fruit Farms	Adrian Scripps Ltd
Class 24	Any Other Variety of Dessert Apple National Fruit Show Award for Long Term Farm Stored AOV	Newling Fruitgrowers Ltd (Magic Star)	Newling Fruitgrowers Ltd (Cameo)	Mansfields Farm Ltd (Smitten)
Class 25	Jazz The Marks & Spencer Trophy	J L Baxter & Son	Chandler & Dunn	Mansfields Farm Ltd
Class 26	Pears National Fruit Show Award for Long Term Farm Stored Pears	Moatlands Farm Ltd	A C Goatham & Son	Mansfields Farm Ltd
Class 27	Braeburn The Lambert & Foster Award	Mansfields Farm Ltd	Newling Fruitgrowers Ltd	Adrian Scripps

Ron Tassell Trophy for the Store Operator of the Best All Round Exhibit

Store Operator: Jonathan Blunt
Best All Round Exhibit: Newling Fruitgrowers Ltd

2026 Long Term Farm-Stored winners



**CLASS 22 GALA WINNER:
MANSFIELDS FARM LTD**



**CLASS 23 BRAMLEY WINNER:
A C GOATHAM & SON**



**CLASS 24 AOV WINNER:
NEWLING FRUIT GROWERS LTD**



**CLASS 25 JAZZ WINNER:
J L BAXTER & SON**



**CLASS 26 PEARS WINNER:
MOATLANDS FARM LTD**



**CLASS 27 BRAEBURN WINNER:
MANSFIELDS FARM LTD**

Cobnut and Walnut Classes 2026

Closing date for entries Friday 16th October 2026

Prizes:

First – £100

Second – £50

Third – £25

Class and Perpetual Trophy (held for 1 year)		Prize Money for Class sponsored by
Class 50	Kentish Cobnuts	S&W
Class 51	Cobnuts – any other variety	THE RURAL PLANNING PRACTICE
	The John Bardsley Tankard for the Most Meritorious Entry of Cobnuts	
Class 55	Walnuts - Eight nuts in their shells unbleached in each punnet. Open to commercial and amateur growers.	BENNETTOPIEL ^{TD}

Judge's Score Card: Cobnuts

Fullness of kernel and internal condition	40
Taste	20
Freedom from pest and disease	External 10
	Internal 10
Attractiveness and uniformity of shell colour	10
Size and uniformity of size	10
Total	100

Judge's Score Card: Walnuts

Size, uniformity and appearance	30
Kernel percentage and appearance	30
Shell thickness	15
Taste	15
Freedom from pest and disease	10
Total	100

National Fruit Show 2026 Guide to Packing

Apples

Please display dessert apples with eyes to the top of the tray or alternatively on their side with eyes to the right. All culinary apples to be displayed with eyes to the right.

Eyes Up



Eyes Right



Pears

Conference and Concorde pears can be alternated as shown in the picture. Comice pears can be packed on an angle with eyes to the right; this prevents stalk damage to neighbouring fruit.

Conference Pears



Comice Pears



1 POINT PENALTY DEDUCTION FOR INCORRECT PACKING

If you have any queries or questions regarding packing or packaging please contact Annette Bardsley:

Tel: 07837 721950 Email: annette@bardsleyuk.com

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If you need assistance with getting your fruit delivered to the Kent Event Centre please speak to Competition Secretary.

National Fruit Show 2026 – Entry Form for Top Fruit

Exhibitor's Name/Trading Title:

Name of contact (if different):

Address:

Postcode:

Tel:

Mobile:

Email:

Bank details for direct payment via BACS:

Account Name:

Sort Code:

Account Number:

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I wish to enter the competitions indicated below and agree to abide by the relevant rules and regulations.

Signed:

Date:

Closing date for entries Monday 12th October 2026

Please email your entry form to the Competition Secretary: competitions@nationalfruitshow.org.uk

Classes 1-17 Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary.

Class No	Variety and Sport	Under 40

Total No of Entries

Under 40s

Name of Entrant

Date of Birth

Tick if you are a BIFGA member

Tick if the picker and packer of the entry is a former student of Hadlow College, KFI or KHI

Tick if you are a LEAF member

Tick if you are eligible for the Agrovista Eastern Counties/West Midlands award.

Please indicate which depot you would like to collect your competition packaging from:

East Harling

Marden

Ledbury

Wisbech

Codford

NB: If you need assistance with getting your fruit delivered to the Kent Event Centre please speak to Competition Secretary. Fruit entries being delivered to the Kent Event Centre, Kent Showground, should arrive between 1pm-3pm on Monday 2nd November 2026 otherwise will not be accepted.

Each tray should be clearly marked with the exhibitor's number, variety and sport details where applicable. No other means of identification should be on the entries.

National Fruit Show 2026 – Entry Form for Heaviest Apples, Pears and Tastiest Apple

Exhibitor's Name/Trading Title:

Name of contact (if different):

Address:

Postcode:

Tel:

Mobile:

Email:

Bank details for direct payment via BACS:

Account Name:

Sort Code:

Account Number:

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I wish to enter the competitions indicated below and agree to abide by the relevant rules and regulations.

Signed:

Date:

Closing date for entries Friday 23rd October 2026

Please email your entry form to the Competition Secretary: competitions@nationalfruitshow.org.uk

Heaviest Apples (5 apples per entry)

Variety (if known)

Heaviest Pears (5 pears per entry)

Variety (if known)

Tastiest Apple (5 apples per entry)

Variety (if known)

Entries must be pre-registered and delivered to the National Fruit Show at the Kent Event Centre, Kent Showground, Detling on Monday 2nd November 2026 between 1pm-3pm.

National Fruit Show 2026 – Entry Form for Cobnuts and Walnuts

Name of contact (if different):

Postcode:

Mobile:

Bank details for direct payment via BACS:

Account Number:

Signed:

Date:

Cobnuts and Walnuts - Closing date for entries Friday 16th October 2026

Please email your entry form to the Competition Secretary: competitions@nationalfruitshow.org.uk

Classes 50-55

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Cobnut and Walnut entries must be delivered to the National Fruit Show at Kent Event Centre, Kent Showground, Detling by 3pm on Monday 2nd November 2026.

IMPORTANT ENTRY RULES:

Walnut Classes: 1 Entry = 2 x 250gm punnets, 8 walnuts in each.

Cobnut Classes: 1 Entry = 4 x 250gm punnets, 2 with husks on 2 with husks off.

National Fruit Show 2027 – Entry Form for Long Term Farm-Stored

Exhibitor's Name/Trading Title:

Name of contact (if different):

Address:

Postcode:

Tel:

Mobile:

Email:

Bank details for direct payment via BACS:

Account Name:

Sort Code:

Account Number:

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I wish to enter the competitions indicated below and agree to abide by the relevant rules and regulations.

Signed:

Date:

Closing date for entries Monday 26th February 2027

Please email your entry form to the Competition Secretary: competitions@nationalfruitshow.org.uk

Class No	Variety	Entrant
22	Gala	Name of Store Operator Store Operator Company (If different from exhibitor)
23	Bramley	Name of Store Operator Store Operator Company (If different from exhibitor)
24 AOV of Dessert Apple introduced before 2013		Name of Store Operator Store Operator Company (If different from exhibitor)
25 AOV of Dessert Apple introduced after 2013		Name of Store Operator Store Operator Company (If different from exhibitor)
26 Pears		Name of Store Operator Store Operator Company (If different from exhibitor)

Total No of Entries

You will be informed when and where to deliver your entries to nearer the time.

Each net should be clearly marked with the exhibitor's number, variety and sport details where applicable. No other means of identification should be on the entries.

Presentation of Prizes will take place at the AGM being held on **Wednesday 27 April 2027**.

Show Regulations and Rules: Competition Classes 1-17

Entries

- 1 An exhibitor in the Open Classes may be an individual, partnership or corporate body, in whose name an exhibit has been entered, and must have grown the same. The exhibitor must also have been responsible for the cost of production of the same. The exhibitor may also be a student engaged in a full time education course either
 - a) on an accredited horticulture course
 - b) an accredited horticulture course apprenticeship.Such entries may be made either
 - a) during the full time academic year/years, from the attended college fruit farms, or
 - b) during the industrial year forming part of a full time course, from the commercial fruit enterprise in which the student is employed.
- 2 The above regulation does not apply to entries in class 17 and will be restricted to exhibitors who have not attained their 40th Birthday by 1st December in the current year.
- 3 No exhibit entered will be admitted for the competition unless the printed Entry Form be submitted properly completed and signed by or on behalf of the exhibitor.

Packing

- 4 Only containers (60cm x 40cm) and inner trays supplied by the Society may be used.
- 5 Exhibitors must complete the identification panel stating the variety (and sport where applicable) entered, Exhibitor's Number, Competition Class Number and size range of fruit. If more than one entry is made in any one class by the same exhibitor, the entries must be labelled "A", "B", "C", etc after the Exhibitor's Number.
- 6 All exhibits of fruit should be delivered to the Show at the Kent Event Centre, Kent Showground, Detling, Maidstone, ME14 3JF between the hours of 1pm and 3pm on the Monday before the Show.
- 7 The Committee will receive each exhibit from the exhibitors and will be responsible for staging. After delivery to the Show, exhibits shall not be touched by the competitor or anyone acting on his behalf until after the judging has been completed.

Indemnity

- 8 Neither the Committee nor the officers shall in any way be responsible for any loss or damage, no matter from whatever cause, arising to competitors, their servants or agents, or to exhibits brought to the Show.
- 9 Each exhibitor shall be solely responsible for any injury or damage to his exhibit or for any consequential loss or damage, and indemnifies the organisers against all claims or legal proceedings and expenses arising therefrom in regard to such description.

Judging

- 10 Competent Judges will be appointed by the Committee. In the event of any of the Judges being unable to attend, the Committee reserve the right to substitute others.
- 11 No prizes will be awarded to an exhibit which does not, in the opinion of the Judges, possess sufficient merit.
- 12 No interference with the Judges while making their decision will be allowed, and any such interference by a competitor or anyone acting on his/her behalf will disqualify his/her exhibit.
- 13 The Committee may refuse space for any exhibit that does not in their opinion reach a sufficiently high standard of merit or on which there is visible any name or mark which will enable Judges to identify the exhibitor.
- 14 Prizes will be awarded in classes of three exhibits or less if they receive 80 points or more and the Judges consider the entries are of sufficient merit.
- 15 In the case of "ties" for First Prize, scores will be compared in the order which they appear on the Score Card. In the event that there is still a tie, a decision will be made by the Chairman of Judges or a Panel of Judges appointed by him.

Protests

- 16 The Committee proposes to accept the Classification of Apples as Dessert or Culinary as laid down by the Royal Horticultural Society. Entries of Crispin apples will only be accepted for dessert classes.
- 17 The Committee reserves the exclusive right of management and display of all exhibits. All protests, objections and disputes as to such management or display will be considered by them.
- 18 Prior to the Show the Committee will elect a Sub-Committee to deal with any protests which may arise out of judging, marking or awarding of prizes.
- 19 Any objection or protest must be made in writing and delivered to the Secretary before 1pm on the first day of the show accompanied by a deposit of £2 which will be returnable in the event of the objection being upheld. If the objection is not upheld the deposit shall be forfeited to the Society.
- 20 The decision of the Committee or Sub-Committee so appointed as the case may be shall be final and binding on all interested parties.

Removal

- 21 Under no circumstances can any fruit be "bought back" or removed from the Show, before it goes for disposal.

Show Regulations for Long Term Farm-Stored (LTFS)

Entries

1. All entries will be acknowledged and you will be sent your Exhibitor's Number together entry labels, detailed instructions for delivering your entry, plus Information Sheets which should be completed and emailed back to the Competition Secretary Competitions@nationalfruitshow.org.uk
(Please note Information Sheets must NOT be delivered with your fruit).
2. A sample net of fruit, marked only with your Exhibitor's Number, the Class and Variety, should be taken from your cold store and delivered to AGA Ltd Lamberhurst Road, Horsmonden TN12 8DP
3. The fruit will be judged shortly after delivery by members of our judging panel.



Show Regulations for Cobnuts and Walnuts Classes

Entries

1. Neither the judges nor their employees are eligible to compete in any of these classes.
2. All entries must be made on the printed entry form and no exhibit will be admitted for competition unless such an entry form has been properly completed, signed by the exhibitor or his agent and sent to the Show Secretary to arrive on or before the closing date for entries. Please ensure you complete the forms correctly. Errors may result in a significant points deduction.
7. The name of the exhibitor must not appear on the package. Labels identifying the exhibitor number will be supplied by the Show Secretary and should be attached to the short end of each punnet. THE CORRECT NAME OF THE VARIETY MUST BE STATED ON EACH LABEL.
8. All questions in connection with the identification of varieties shall be decided by the Chairman of the judges.

Packing

3. Cobnuts should have the husks removed in two punnets and two with them on.
4. Each entry will consist of i. Cobnuts – four 250gm punnets
ii. 8 Walnuts in two 250gm punnets. All exhibits must be packed in the standard packaging available from the Show Secretary on request.
5. All punnets except Walnuts must be filled as near as possible to the rim. EXCESSIVE OVER OR UNDER FILLING WILL BE PENALISED. No false bottoms may be used.
6. Each entry must be of ONE named variety only.

Delivery

9. All exhibits MUST be delivered to the National Fruit Show at the Kent Event Centre, Kent Showground, Detling as stated on the entry form. The Committee will receive each exhibit and will be responsible for the staging. After delivery to the Committee, exhibits shall not be touched by the competitor or anyone acting on his behalf.

Indemnity, Judging and Protests

10. Rules 9-16 and 18-21 from the Show Regulations page 11 will apply. PRIZE PRESENTATION 11. The prizes will be presented at the main prize giving ceremony at the Show.

All entries of produce in the competition classes become the property of the Society.

Guide for Competitors

Packing the Exhibition Tray

All entries must be of a single layer of fruit placed in cells of the appropriate size. Please note different varieties of apples and pears will require different sized cells, which must be selected to suit the size of fruit entered.

The size of fruit is mandatory in all classes, as follows:

Apples – 3 Trays per Entry

Bramley

Class 1 90-100mm

Class 2 80-90mm

Other Culinary Varieties

Class 3 75-100mm with 5mm differential

Dessert Varieties

65-70mm 70-75mm

Large Fruited Varieties

70-75mm 75-80mm

Harlequin fit for a King

Size for its variety

Pears– 3 Trays per Entry

Conference

60-65mm 65-70mm

Concorde

60-65mm 65-70mm 70-75mm

Comice

70-75mm 75-80mm 80-85mm

All other varieties

60-65mm 65-70mm 70-75mm

75-80mm 80-85mm

Fruit must be displayed with eyes to the top of the tray or alternatively on their side with eyes to the right.

Freedom from Disease and Pests

Spots due to any disease and scars caused by any pests are undesirable. In close competition it is necessary to take notice of very small blemishes. Anything affecting keeping quality is likely to be severely marked down.

Freedom from Bruise and Other Damage

Marks are likely to be lost in proportion to the extent of damage. Slight hail marks, container marks which do not cause discolouration, and other slight damage, will not be so heavily penalised as bruising and picking marks.

It is not essential for apples or pears to be ripe at the time of showing but they must be in such condition that a satisfactory stage of ripeness will eventually be reached. Points will be deducted if they are over-ripe or if, owing to their condition, they can never ripen properly.

The fruit must be firm; the judges will use a penetrometer as part of their assessment.

Skin Quality

This should be at least a minimum of Class 1 level and should be as uniform as possible within an entry. No other substance (such as wax or lacquer) should be applied to the surface of the fruit.

Uniformity of Colour

All fruits in trays A, B and C should be as alike as possible. The colour should comply with the Class 1 requirement for that variety. This includes background colour and reverse of the fruit.

Uniformity of Size and Evenness of Shape

All fruits in trays A, B and C should be as nearly the same size and shape as possible. The size range must be stated on the label. In ALL CLASSES there will be a quarter-point penalty for each fruit outside the size range up to a maximum of 15 points.

Important

Fruit should not be handled/re-arranged once it has been placed on the staging at the show although it can be adjusted whilst on the floor prior to staging.

Any infringement of these guidelines, such as displaying eye up or applying a substance to the surface of the fruit, will lead to a points deduction.

The Marden Fruit Show Society, organisers of
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