

## HORTICULTURE DIVISION RULES

1. The Horticulture Division will be open to any student who is an active FFA or 4-H Club member under the direct supervision of an advisor or adult leader and meets the requirements stated under the general rules section herein.
2. All horticulture specimens must be fresh plant materials grown by the Exhibitor and must have been in the possession of the Exhibitor for two months prior to the show, with the exception of bedding plants or vegetables started from seed. No artificial plant material of any kind will be permitted in this Division. All entries must have been grown from seeds, cuttings, rooted cuttings or root divisions (e.g. fern) purchased in no larger than 3" pots. If beginning with rooted cuttings or root divisions, original plant material must not have exceeded 3" in diameter. Plants must have been started after September 1, preceding the fair at which they are exhibited.
3. An exhibitor may enter one or more classes, but only one entry per class will be permitted.
4. Plants must be of flower show quality, well groomed (removing dead or damaged foliage and blossoms), and compatible in size to the size of the container. Pots must be clean. No double potting will be permitted. Plants that have been treated with oil, lacquer, or dressing of any kind are not acceptable. (Foliage may be cleaned with lamb's wool or milk.)
5. All Classes will be judged beginning at the scheduled time. Immediately following the judging all first in their class will be interviewed to determine the Best of Show. Exhibitor must be present for the interview to qualify for the Best of Show.
6. The entry fee will be \$5 per exhibit. Entries are to be delivered to the Walker County Fairgrounds at designated time and date. All classes will be judged beginning at the scheduled time. All entries must be removed from the Committeeman's Room immediately following the Horticulture Sale, which is prior to the Freezer Sale beginning. Any exhibit remaining on display after the deadline will become the property of the Walker County Fair Association.
7. The Horticulture Sale will be held prior to the freezer sale according to the set schedule posted.
8. The sale order will be established by the placing in each of the classes, with the Best of Show being sold first.
9. Entries will be checked periodically by a member of the committee to ensure that all rules are being followed.
10. Should an exhibitor have more than one Grand Champion placing in the Horticulture Division, that exhibitor shall have the option of choosing which entry shall be sold. No private treaty sales for the horticulture division shall be permitted on the Walker County Fairgrounds.
11. The Horticulture Division will include the following classes:
  - a. Bedding plants (must be 4 total pots of one plant variety with pots to not exceed 4"; and grown from seed or grown from cuttings.)
  - b. Vegetables (must be 4 total pots of one vegetable variety in pots not to exceed 4")
  - c. Flowering Hanging Baskets (Judged for plants materials, not containers). Basket not to exceed 10", only one species per basket. No double potting.

- d. Foliage Hanging Basket (Judged for plant material, not containers). Basket not to exceed 10", only one species per basket. No double potting.
- e. Flowering Plant in Container — 6" pot, only one species per container. Must be in flower.
- f. Foliage Plant in Container — 6" pot, only one-species per container. Plant must not have any flowers.
- g. Decorative Container – can be from purchased or pre-owned items, decorated by the exhibitor. Plants need not have been grown by exhibitor but must be growing in the container. A scrapbook must accompany the exhibit. The scrapbook is meant to highlight the work that the exhibitor puts into their project and should show the phases of the projects construction. Scrapbooks may not have any pictures of the exhibitor's face or name of exhibitor visible. Judging will be on attractiveness, originality of the display, and on scrapbook quality.
- h. Creative Container – must be hand-crafted from scratch by the exhibitor. A non-visible plastic liner will be the only pre-manufactured item allowed in this category to avoid water damage to projects. Plants need not have been grown by exhibitor but must be growing in the container. A scrapbook must accompany the exhibit. The scrapbook is meant to highlight the work that the exhibitor puts into their project and should show the phases of the projects construction. Scrapbooks may not have any pictures of the exhibitor's face or name of exhibitor visible. Judging will be on craftsmanship, attractiveness, originality of the display, and on scrapbook quality.

12. Judges for the Horticulture show should be considered professionals in their field, this can be defined by their degree of education, experience in their field, or a certification. The judging panel will include a minimum of 3 judges. New judges will be selected after serving two years.

#### SALE ORDER

1. Best of Show
2. Highest placing eligible Creative Container
3. Highest placing eligible Decorative Container
4. Highest placing eligible Foliage Hanging Basket
5. Highest placing eligible Flowering Hanging Basket
6. Highest placing eligible Foliage Six-Inch Pot
7. Highest placing eligible Flowering Six-Inch Pot
8. Highest placing eligible Bedding Plant
9. Highest placing eligible Vegetable Plant
10. Second eligible Creative Container
11. Second eligible Decorative Container
12. Second eligible Foliage Hanging Basket
13. Second eligible Flowering Hanging Basket
14. Second eligible Foliage Six-Inch Pot
15. Second eligible Flowering Six-Inch Pot
16. Second eligible Bedding Plant
17. Second eligible Vegetable Plant

Eligibility will be determined by the placing in each class, to ensure that students will sell only one item at auction at the Walker County Fair. All judges' decisions will be final.