

2026 Tampa Rose Society Horticultural Schedule

“Bloom into Beauty”

Rules for Horticultural Exhibitors

This Rose Show is governed by the standard rules, regulations and guidelines of the American Rose Society (ARS).

1. **Show Sponsorship and Management:** This show is produced by and is the property of the Tampa Rose Society (TRS). The Society provides all show management functions and establishes all show policies.
2. **What May be Exhibited:** The show is designed for the display of roses grown by exhibitors in their private outdoor gardens. By entering this show the exhibitor attests that the roses have been obtained legally.
3. **Who May Exhibit:** Competition is open to all rose growers, regardless of residence. By entering the competition, exhibitors agree to abide by the rules of the show and conduct themselves in accordance with the accepted and expected standards for conducting rose shows.
4. **When to Submit Entries:** Entries are accepted from 6:00 to 9:00 a.m., Saturday, May 9, 2026. The exhibitors' work area opens at 6:00 a.m. All roses entered become the property of TRS. (No exhibits may be removed until 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 9, 2026, without express permission of the show chairman. **Show Awards may be picked up after 5:00 p.m.**)
5. **Containers:** TRS will provide containers for all specimens, including boxes, palettes, picture frames, and various bowls, except Class 15 & 22 and Division IV Photography.
6. **Entry Tags:** Standard ARS entry tags, large and small, will be available in the work area. Small tags are used for all Miniature and Miniflora entries. Exhibitor accepts responsibility for the accuracy and legibility of information provided in completing both the top and bottom portions of the tag. Tags will be folded by the classification official at the entry table.
7. **Wedging Material:** Stem-wedging material is green Styrofoam. Exhibitors should provide their own material, although additional supplies will be provided by the TRS Show Committee. Wedging material protruding above the lip of the container may be penalized.
8. **Varieties:** An exhibitor may make as many entries as desired of the same or different varieties, except in Classes that are restricted to one.
Rose Eligibility: This show will be governed by the guidelines and rules for Judging Roses of the American Rose Society (ARS). Classification and eligibility will be determined in accordance with American Exhibition Names: “AEN” American Exhibition Name. In general, the AEN will be, to the extent possible, the name under which the rose is available or otherwise generally known in the United States, not the name assigned based on the first use in international commerce as was previously the case.
9. **Side Buds and Other Growth:** One-bloom-per-stem specimens may be naturally grown, with no side buds, or maybe disbudded. Multiple bloom specimens should be shown as naturally grown, but an exhibitor may remove unwanted growth, subject to possible penalty.

10. **Exhibition Standards:** Judging is based on a comparison of a bloom's approach to perfection for the individual variety. At the time of judging, an exhibition rose should be at its "most perfect phase of possible beauty," which is usually one-half to three-fourths open. Grandifloras and Hybrid Teas shown as sprays should be exhibited in a similar manner as Floribunda sprays. Floribundas and Polyanthas shown as sprays should display a maximum proportion of blooms at-or-near the most perfect phase of beauty for the particular variety. Specimens in fully-open classes must be fully open with the stamens easily visible. Stem lengths should be in proportion to the size of the blooms. Foliage should be clean and free of spray residue.

Decorative/English Style class has been added. The term describes roses that do not form a classic high spiral center bloom. A decorative rose generally is heavily petaled. The term is represented by David Austin roses, originally classified as Shrubs, now ARS refers to them as English Style Shrubs or English Style Hybrid Teas.

11. **Point Scale:** the following point scale is used for judging.

Form	25 points
Color	20 points
Substance	15 points
Stem & Foliage	20 points
Balance & Proportion	10 points
Size	10 points

12. **Disqualifications:** Entries may be disqualified for the following reasons:

1. A FOREIGN SUBSTANCE THAT HAS BEEN APPLIED TO ENHANCE THE BEAUTY OF THE LOOK
2. Misnamed. Rose is not the variety given on the entry tag.
3. Unlabeled or Mislabeled. Entry lacks an entry tag or the exhibitor's name, the class number, and/or the name of the variety is not given on the entry tag.
4. Exhibitor's name visible if not corrected before the entry is judged.
5. Entry was not grown outdoors.
6. Violation of Show Rules

Stem on stem: Stem on Stem shall *not* be disqualified in any class but may be considered a fault in stem & foliage to be penalized only to the degree of its distraction, if any.

Side buds no longer a disqualification, penalization only.

Mislabeled should be moved to correct section.

Mislabeled entries that contain the erroneous class on the entry tag shall be moved to the proper place and judged.

13. **Placement:** All entries are placed for judging by the Placement Committee, except as noted in the Schedule of Exhibits. Exceptions may be placed by the exhibitor under the direction of the Placement Committee.

14. **Show Hours:** The Rose Show is open to the public from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 9, 2026. **Show Awards may be picked up after 5:00 p.m.**

15. **Liability:** Neither the TRS and its members, nor Citrus Park Town Center, will assume responsibility for loss or damage to property or person.

Schedule of Horticultural Exhibits

Division I

Section A: Tampa Rose Society Members Only

Class 1

The Fermin Rodriguez Award. *Bloom into Beauty*: One Hybrid tea (except Single-type) or Grandiflora shown without side buds, including climbing Hybrid Teas or Grandifloras having a bush counterpart, one bloom to the stem, displayed at exhibition stage. *Rotating Trophy*

Class 2

Small Garden Class. For TRS members growing 1 to 25 bushes, including Minifloras. As many entries as desired. One Hybrid Tea or Grandiflora without side buds, at exhibition stage. Members with small gardens may also compete in other classes. *Award*

Class 3

No Spray Garden Class. For TRS members with a No Spray rose program. As many entries as desired. OGR, Shrub, Hybrid Tea or Grandiflora at exhibition stage. *Award*

Class 4: Decorative/English Style Form. One stem, decorative or English style form, no side buds. Exhibitors may submit as many entries as desired, but no duplicates. *Award*

Section B: Judges Challenge- open only to Judges officiating at this show.

Class 5

One specimen, any variety, one bloom per stem or multiple bloom at exhibition stage: All type or variety of rose, including mini and mini-flora. May make multiple entries. *Cash Award/ARS Cert*

Division II

Section C: Unrestricted Classes

For all rose growers. Exhibitors may submit as many entries as desired, providing they are of different varieties. Entries are staged alphabetically by variety name.

Class 6

One Hybrid tea (except Single-type) or Grandiflora shown without side buds, including climbing Hybrid Teas or Grandifloras having a bush counterpart, one bloom to the stem, displayed at exhibition stage.

Queen, King, Princess and Royal Court is selected from this Section. (Royal Court is comprised of three remaining roses after Queen, King and Princess are selected from the top six.)
Awards and ARS Certificates- Queen, King, & Princess Awards- three Royal Court

Section D: Multiple –Bloom Hybrid Teas and Grandifloras

Class 7

Multiple-bloom Hybrid Teas (except Single-types) and Grandifloras (including climbing HT's and GF's with bush counterparts), with two or more blooms. Buds are permitted but do not count as blooms. *Award*

Section E: Floribunda and Polyantha Sprays

Class 8

Floribunda and Polyantha sprays, including all climbing Floribundas and Polyanthas. Must have two or more blooms.

Prince of Show is selected from this section

Award and ARS Certificate-Prince of Show

Section F: One Bloom per Stem Floribundas

Class 9

One bloom per stem Floribundas without side buds. No Polyanthas permitted in this section.

ARS certificate and Award

Section G: Fully Open Hybrid Teas or Grandiflora Blooms

Class 10

Fully open Hybrid Teas (except Single-types) and Grandifloras without side buds. Stamens must show.

Award

Section H: Single and Semi-double Hybrid Teas

Class 11

Single (4-8 petals) and Semi-double Hybrid Teas, Floribundas or Shrubs. May have more than one bloom and/or buds. *Award*

Section I: Novice Exhibitors

Class 12

This section is open to any exhibitor who has never won a *blue ribbon* in an ARS-sanctioned rose show. Exhibitors may submit as many entries as desired, providing they are of different varieties. Novices may also compete in other sections.

One Hybrid tea (except Single-type) or Grandiflora shown without side buds, including climbing Hybrid Teas or Grandifloras having a bush counterpart, one bloom to the stem, displayed at exhibition stage.

Award and ARS Novice Certificate

Section J: Old Garden Roses

Class 13

One bloom or spray of an Old Garden Rose introduced prior to 1867.

Award and Dowager Queen Certificate

Class 14

One bloom or spray of an Old Garden Rose of varieties introduced in 1867 or later, or with unknown dates of origin (after 1867).

Award and ARS Victorian Rose Certificate

Class 15

Old Fashioned Bouquet. A bouquet of OGR and/or Shrub roses, any number permitted, in a container furnished by the exhibitor. Use of “oasis” or other supporting material or implements in the container is permitted. *Award*

Class 16

Any Climbing rose or Rambler that does not have a bush counterpart.
Award and ARS Certificate

Class 17

Classic Shrub rose. An entry of any Classic Shrub, one or more blooms, naturally grown or disbudded, with a family name as classified in the *ARS Handbook for Selecting Roses* or other ARS publication. Classic Shrub Rose classifications include Hybrid Kordeii ((HKor), Hybrid Moyesii (H Moy), Hybrid Musk (H Msk) and Hybrid Rugosa (H Rg). *Award and ARS Certificate*

Class 18

Modern Shrub rose. And entry of any Shrub, one or more blooms, naturally grown or disbudded, identified with the classification of Shrub (S) in the *ARS Handbook for Selecting Roses* or other ARS publication. *Award and ARS Certificate*

Sections K: Single & Semi-Double

Class 19

All other Single (4-8 petal count) or semi-double (9-16 petal count) except HT, which includes minis and mini-floras, floribundas, shrubs, and OGRs. May have more than 1 bloom and buds.
Award

Section L: Collections

Exhibitors may make as many entries as desired in Classes 20-21. Each entry in one vase with one entry tag. Variety names may be listed on the reverse side of the tag.

Class 20

Three one bloom per stem Hybrid Tea or Grandiflora specimens, exhibition stage, same or different varieties, in one container. *Award*

Class 21

One Hybrid Tea or Grandiflora and one matching Miniature or Miniflora. Both one bloom per stem without side bud at exhibition stage. Staged in separate vases with separate entry tags. Roses should be matching in color and form. The Miniature or Miniflora will be staged in front of the Hybrid Tea/Grandiflora entry. To be placed by the exhibitor. *ARS Award*

Class 22: Tin Can Derby

Any variety or combination of roses pleasingly arranged in a TIN CAN SUPPLIED BY THE EXHIBITOR. No need to list variety names on tag. One entry per exhibitor. *Award*

Section M: Special Exhibits

Class 23

English Box: Six Hybrid Tea or Grandiflora blooms, of at least three different varieties, at exhibition stage. Use one entry tag with varieties listed on reverse side. One entry per exhibitor. *Award/ARS Cert*

Class 24

Hybrid Tea or Grandiflora Bowl Exhibit: One Hybrid Tea or Grandiflora floating in an open bowl, at exhibition stage; no stem or foliage. One entry per exhibitor. *Award & ARS Certificate*

Class 25

Floribunda Bowl Exhibit: One Floribunda rose floating in an open bowl, at exhibition stage; no stem or foliage. One entry per exhibitor. *Award*

Class 26

“Art in Bloom” Exhibit: One Hybrid Tea or Grandiflora rose in a picture frame, at exhibition stage; no foliage. TRS Frames must be used, available on first-come basis. One entry per exhibitor. *Award*

Class 27

Roses on Water: From five to seven blooms of any OGR, Shrub rose or Climbers, no stems or foliage, *any combination of varieties and colors*, floating in bowl of water. One entry per exhibitor. *Award*

Class 28

Cycle of Bloom: Three one bloom per stem Hybrid Tea or Grandiflora specimens, same variety, showing three stages of development. One bud with sepals down and petals starting to unfurl; one bloom at exhibition stage; one bloom fully open with stamens showing. One container. *Award*

Section N: Miniflora Roses

Exhibitors may submit as many entries as desired, providing they are of different varieties. Entries are staged alphabetically by variety name. Miniature Roses may not be exhibited in classes 29 and 30.

Class 29

One bloom per stem Miniflora rose shown at exhibition stage, without side buds. No Single-types.

Miniflora Queen, Miniflora King is selected from this Section.

Awards and ARS Certificates

Class 30

One multiple-bloom Miniflora spray.

Miniflora Prince is selected from this section
Award and ARS Certificate

Section O: Miniature Roses

Exhibitors may submit as many entries as desired. Miniflora roses may not be exhibited in classes 31 and 32. Entries are staged alphabetically by variety name.

Class 31

One bloom per stem Miniature rose shown at exhibition stage, without side buds. No Single-types.

Mini Queen, Mini King, is selected from this Section.

Awards and ARS Certificates

Class 32

One multiple-bloom miniature spray. **Mini Prince** is selected from this Section.

Award and ARS Certificate

Section P: Fully Open Miniature and Miniflora Roses

Class 33

One bloom per stem specimens, fully open with stamens showing. Single-types and Semi-double types excluded. *Award*

Section Q: Miniature and Miniflora Rose Collections

Class 34

Three one-bloom Miniature specimens or three one-bloom Miniflora specimens, without side buds, *each a different variety*, in one container. *Award*

Class 35

Cycle of Bloom: Three Miniature or Miniflora specimens, *same variety*, showing stages of development: one bud with sepals down and petals starting to unfurl; one bloom at exhibition stage; one bloom fully open with stamens showing. One container. *Award*

Section R: Miniature and Miniflora Special Exhibits

Class 36

Miniature or Miniflora Rose Bowl: One Miniature or Miniflora rose in an open bowl, at exhibition stage; no foliage. TRS bowls must be used, available on first-come basis. One entry per exhibitor. *Award*

Section S: Best of Show

Class 37

Best of Show: **Judges select the best entry of the entire show.**

Award and ARS Best of Show Certificate