# HORTICULTURE FESTIVAL 2025 HORTICULTURAL COMPETITION 2025 SCHEDULE

To be held at

MULTI-PURPOSE HALL, HORTPARK 23 – 31 AUG 2025 9.00 am – 7.00 pm

Plant Registration Day: Thursday 21 August 2025 Plant Judging Day: Friday 22 August 2025

Organised by:



# HORTICULTURAL COMPETITION 2025

### I. ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

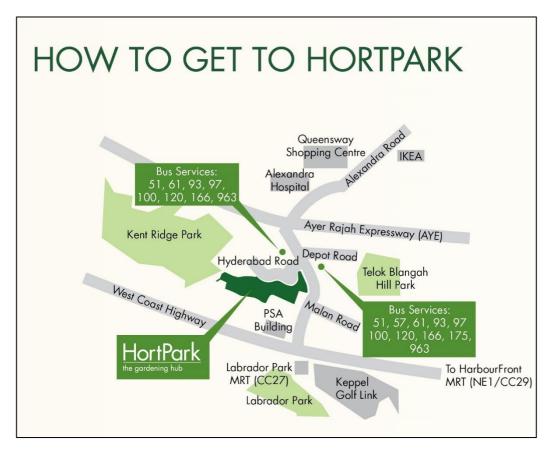
- 1) The entry form may be found at: <u>https://go.gov.sg/hortcom2025</u>.
- 2) Should you have any queries about the competition, please email us at Hort Competition2025@nparks.gov.sg

### Important Dates and Times

3) Competitors should take note of the following dates and times:

Date	Event
Now till Thu 14 Aug 2025	Submission of Entry Forms (pre-registration)
Thu, 21 Aug 2025 (9 am to 5 pm)	Plant Registration Day
Fri, 22 Aug 2025	Plant Judging Day
Sat, 23 Aug 2025 (9am to 7pm)	Official Opening of Horticulture Festival 2025
Sat, 23 Aug 2025 to Sun, 31 Aug 2025 (9am to 7pm)	Exhibition of Entries
Sun, 31 Aug 2025 (7pm)	Closing of Horticultural Festival 2025
Mon, 1 Sep 2025 to Wed, 3 Sep 2025 (9am to 7pm)	Return of all entries to Competitors

## Getting to HortPark



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Carpark Charges:
\$0.60 per 30 min
(per minute charge: \$0.02/min) 10.30 pm to 7 am: \$5.00

## **II. PLANT CATEGORIES ELIGIBLE FOR PARTICIPATION**

## Category 1: Air Plants

Plants from the genus Tillandsia.

#### Class

1. Single

Definition: Plants which present as an individual, with no pups or clusters.

2. Clumped

Definition: Plants which present as a clump, or more than one connected individual.

### Category 2: Begonias

Plants from the genus Begonia.

### Category 3: Aroids

Plants from the family Araceae.

### Class

1. Climbing Aroids

Definition: Species, varieties, and cultivars which have a climbing or scrambling habit; requiring support, mount or having stems spreading on growth media (e.g. *Epipremnum, Monstera, Philodendron* etc.)

2. Non-Climbing Aroids

Definition: Species, varieties, and cultivars which do not have a climbing or scrambling habit; not requiring support, mount or not having stems spreading on growth media (e.g. *Aglaonema*, *Dieffenbachia*, *Homalomena*, *Schismatoglottis*, *Amorphophallus* etc.)

### Category 4: Succulents

Plants with thick, fleshy and swollen stems and/or leaves, and are adapted to dry environments.

### Class

1. Globose Succulents

Definition: Plants which present as a globular individual or cluster (e.g. *Astrophytum, Gymnocalycium, Frailea* etc.). Entries from the following genera *Lophophora* will not be accepted into the competition.

- 2. Columnar, Clustered or Branched Succulents Definition: Plants which present as a columnar individual or cluster or with an erect leafy stem (e.g. ceroid cactus, stapeliads, *Kalanchoe, Euphorbia* etc.)
- 3. Rosette Succulents

Definition: Plants which present as a rosette individual (e.g. *Echeveria*, *Ariocarpus, Haworthia, Crassula, Aloe* etc.)

4 Cauduciform Succulents

Definition: Species, varieties, and cultivars that have a pronounced caudex visible above the substrate level (e.g. *Adenium, Stephania, Dorstenia* etc.)

Variegated plants may be entered for all categories.

### III. COMPETITION RULES

The Horticultural Competition 2025 ("the Competition") is organised by the National Parks Board ("the Organiser") as part of the Horticulture Festival 2025 ("Show"). By registering for and participating in the Competition, the participant ("the Participant") agrees to unconditional acceptance of the following terms and conditions.

### <u>Eligibility</u>

- 1) This Competition is open to all residents of Singapore.
- 2) A Participant below the age of 18 as of 1 January 2025 must obtain the consent of his or her parent or legal guardian before participating in this Competition. By way of the Participant participating in this competition, the parent or legal guardian agrees to the Terms and Conditions set out in this document. The Organiser may require the Participant to show proof of such consent.
- 3) Participants may participate in their own name, or under a pseudonym. Corporate or organisational names are not allowed.
- 4) No submission or application fee is required for participation in this Competition.

## **Registration for Competition**

#### Submission of entry forms

- 5) Participants can fill in the registration form available at <u>https://go.gov.sg/hortcom2025</u>.
- 6) Please note that the deadline for pre-registration is 14 August 2025.

#### Plant registration

- 7) Upon submission of the registration form, the Participant must bring his or her plant entries to HortPark for registration on Thursday, 21 August 2025, between 9 am to 5 pm ("Plant Registration Day").
- 8) Participants may choose to register plant entries on Plant Registration Day on the spot or via pre-registration.
  - a. To ensure smoother and faster processing of the registration of plant entries on Plant Registration Day, the Participant is encouraged to pre-register these plant entries via FormSG (<u>https://go.gov.sg/hortcom2025</u>). Once the plant entries have been successfully pre-registered online, Participants must bring the plants and your confirmation email on Plant Registration Day.
  - b. The Organiser will label all plant entries upon the Participant's submission of the same to the Organiser.

### Entries

- 9) To be eligible for competition, entries should be in one of the competition categories and classes. For single plant classes, entries will be judged on one single plant. Where more than one plant is in a pot or other container or mount, only the plant that was selected by the competitor will be judged.
- 10) Entries shall not be taller than 1.5 m in overall height (excluding pot), and the size of the pot shall not be larger than 0.5 m x 0.5 m x 0.5 m in dimensions.
- 11) Entries that require a case for humidity-control may be submitted with one, and cases should be transparent and not exceed twice the size of the plant.
- 12) Stakes or wires must be unobtrusive, must not touch any part of any flower, including the pedicel, and must not extend beyond the first flower on any spray.
- 13) Only whole plant entries will be accepted. Stems, flowers, root cuttings or any other part of the plant will not be accepted for registration.
- 14) By submitting plant entries, the Participant warrants and represents that these plant entries are disease and pest-free.

## Handling of Entries upon Submission

- 15) The handling and placement of competition entries after submission on Plant Registration Day within the exhibition or storage area shall be determined at the sole discretion of the Organiser. The Participant may provide the Organiser with instructions as to the handling of the plant entries at the point of plant registration, but the Organiser shall not be bound to comply with these instructions.
- 16) The Horticultural Competition display will be opened to the public from 9.00 am to 7.00 pm until <u>Sunday, 31 August 2025</u>. As such, the Participant shall note that the plant entries will be retained by the Organiser until 31 August 2025. Participants will be able to access their plant entries for the purposes of watering and maintaining the plant entries after the Plant Judging Day, i.e. from 23 August 2025 to 31 August 2025 (both dates inclusive), between 8 am to 9 am or 7 pm to 8 pm.
- 17) No entry may be removed before the close of the Competition without the permission of the Organiser.
- 18) The Organiser reserves the right to remove or replace plants from the display that are unable to last the full duration of the entirety of the Show. Participants will be notified to collect their plants if their plants are removed from the display by the Organiser.
- 19) The Organiser reserves the sole and absolute discretion to shortlist or longlist any application and/or exclude or disqualify any Participant from participating in this Competition. To avoid doubt, the Organiser reserves the right to accept and display only plant entries which it deems suitable for the purposes of the Competition.

## Plant Judging Day

- 20) Judging will take place on Plant Judging Day. The judging panel for the Competition shall comprise of the Organiser's employees and external parties.
- 21) The judges' decision for all awards shall be final and shall be made at the judging panel's sole discretion. Judges may in their sole discretion, withhold any award if entries are considered unworthy.
- 22) Entries will be judged based on their overall form, health, and size. Added merit may be awarded to flowering specimens for all categories.

### Ribbons, medals and Challenge Cup

- 23) A Participant's entry may be eligible to win more than one (1) award.
- 24) No cash prizes will be awarded.

- 25) Awards that may be won by a Participant for his or her plant entry shall be as follows:
  - a. <u>Ribbons</u>

Place ribbons are awarded for plants which are given first, second and third placing within plant classes for each class

Special Mention ribbons are awarded at the discretion of the judges to any entry.

b. Medals

Medals are awarded to the competitor with the best plant of each category across classes.

c. Challenge Cup

The City in Nature Challenge Cup ("Challenge Cup") is awarded to the Best of Show entry, which is the best entry out of all the plant entries from each of the four categories of the Competition.

- 26) The Organiser reserves the right to substitute or cancel any of the abovementioned prizes.
- 27) Prizes are non-transferable, non-refundable and non-exchangeable (whether for cash or otherwise), and subject to other terms and conditions as may be imposed by the Organiser.

### Prize ceremony and care of prizes

- 28) The official opening of the Show is on Saturday, <u>23 August 2025, 9.00 am</u> ("Official Opening"). At the Official Opening of the Show, the challenge cup and medal winners will be announced and presented with their awards on stage.
- 29) The Challenge Cup shall be displayed together with the Participant's winning plant entry. The winner of the Challenge Cup may retain the said Challenge Cup for a period of one year with a signed undertaking for the safe return of the same.

### Media consent

- 30) Participants are to note that a videographer and/or photographer engaged by the Organiser may be present during the Competition and the Show. Photographs and/or videos may also be taken by the Organiser during the Competition and the Show.
- 31) By participating in this Competition, Participants agree and consent to being photographed, videoed and or audio-recorded for any media or other purposes including public transmission or promotional purposes, without payment or claim to copyright or other intellectual property rights.

## <u>Conduct</u>

- 32) Participants should conduct themselves in a manner that does not offend other Participants and members of the public.
- 33) There shall be no use of vulgarities, physical intimidation or heckling of other Participants.
- 34) The Organiser reserves the right to ask Participants who do not conduct themselves in a proper manner to leave the Competition or the Show. The Organiser further reserves the right to exclude and/or disqualify the Participant(s) from the Competition or exclude them from entry into the Show.

### **Rights of the Organiser**

- 35) To avoid doubt, in addition to clauses 15, 17, 18 and 19 of these terms and conditions, the Organiser reserves the right to exclude, disqualify and/or withhold prizes from any Participant violating any of these terms and conditions, without notice or without first informing the Participant and without being liable in any way whatsoever for any loss, expense, costs, damages or otherwise suffered or incurred by the Participant from such disqualification or withholding.
- 36) The Organiser reserves the right to make any changes to the terms and conditions of this Competition, its prizes and any other arrangements relating to the Competition without prior notice. The Organiser does not make any representations or accept any responsibility as to the accuracy of the information relating to the Competition found on any source whatsoever that is outside the Organiser's corporate website.

### Liability and Indemnity

- 39) While the Organiser will exercise care in handling the submissions and endeavours to maintain and/or safeguard the plant entries (after submission) in such a condition to be eligible for the Competition and/or in accordance with the Participant's instructions, the Organiser does not guarantee, warrant or represent that the plant entries will be kept in such a manner or manners. In this respect, the Organiser accepts no responsibility or liability for any failure, whether perceived or actual, to maintain the said plant entries in the abovementioned manner(s).
- 40) The Participant shall assume and accept all risks of injury or property damage of any nature whatsoever that may arise from his/her making or creation of the submission, entry or participation in this Competition and the Show and will not in any way hold the Organiser responsible for any liability, loss, damage, expense and cost which he/she may sustain or incur as a result of his/her participation, except for liability which cannot be excluded by law.
- 41) To the extent permissible by law, the Participant shall indemnify and indemnify the Organiser for any and all loss, liability, damage, or expense arising out of or in connection with his or her negligence (including wilful, reckless or negligent conduct) arising out of or in connection with this Competition.

- 42) Participants may reclaim their entries from 1 to 3 September 2025 (3 days) for all entries (9.00 am to 7.00 pm) at HortPark Flower Room. Participants whose entries that are not on display during the Show will be contacted separately by email for collection.
- 43) Any non-compliance with any of these rules may lead to the turning away or disqualification of the entry or the Participant concerned. Any appeal must be made to the Organiser, whose decision shall be final.
- 44) The Organiser reserves the right to dispose of any item that is not removed from the exhibition or storage ground after the end of the event, and the Organiser shall not be liable to any Participant for any loss, expenses, damages or any other consequences arising from such disposal.

#### PERSONAL DATA

- 45) By participating in the Competition, the Participants shall be deemed to have consented to the collection, use and disclosure of his or her name, phone number, email address and/or likeness ("Personal Data") for educational and non-commercial purposes and for the purposes of carrying out NParks' functions, without any payment and/or compensation due to the Participant (except where specifically prohibited by law).
- 46) The Personal Data submitted by the Participant will not be shared with entities which are not Public Service Entities, except if we are required to share the Personal Data in order conduct the Competition to you by operation of law.