CHAPTER II
American Camellia Society Show Rules
Note: To be certified, a camellia show held in cooperation with the American Camellia Society MUST be held under the rules and regulations of the Society as approved by its Board.
Section 1: Camellia Show Requirements

a) The Chairman of the Judges MUST be an ACS Accredited Judge in good standing.

b) A show is restricted to the exhibition of blooms of the genus Camellia, while other horticultural displays are incidental to the camellia show.
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3) There are approximately 250 or more Species; for Show Purposes there are several different Species normally exhibited:
   1) Japonica
   2) Reticulata and Reticulata Hybrids
   3) Non-reticulata Hybrids
   4) Sasanqua and related Species - (Hiemalis & Vernalis)
   5) Other Species - (C. Nitidissima, C. Amplexicaulis, etc.)
Section 2: Acceptance of Show Exhibits

a) Shows held in cooperation with the American Camellia Society must accept blooms from all exhibitors, regardless of whether the exhibitor is a member of the ACS or any other camellia society or garden club. A local camellia society may choose to stage a camellia show featuring certain, but not necessarily all, recognized show divisions, e.g., an unprotected division, but not a protected division.

b) Professional growers, as well as amateurs, must be allowed to compete in all Seedling and Sport classes of a show. However, each local cooperating society is authorized to permit or prohibit professional growers from competing in other divisions of its show if rules to this effect are clearly stated in the Show Schedule. The American Camellia Society does not limit the granting of any of its awards or certificates solely to amateurs.
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c) Chemically treated blooms must not be barred from exhibition in any cooperative show.

d) No more than one or two leaves, not necessarily attached should be exhibited with each bloom. The local sponsoring society has the option to eliminate the requirement of mandating that all blooms must be exhibited with leaves. This must be clearly stated in the local Show Rules. No flower buds should be left on a single bloom exhibit.

e) The use of collars made of cardboard or other materials is acceptable and even desirable for use with large flowers to support the outer petals. The collar should be smaller than the bloom. (This rule would not apply if contrary to the Show Schedule of the sponsoring organization.)
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f) The definition of “unprotected blooms” is the responsibility of the local society sponsoring the camellia show. This definition MUST be listed in the Show Schedule.

g) Altered blooms: Flowers that have been altered (e.g., by removal of anthers or stamens, trimming, etc.) to an extent that it is detectable by the judges, or flowers that have been painted to conceal imperfections or enhance their appearance shall not be eligible for an ACS Award. Spraying with a moisture sealant is not considered bloom altering.
The ACS recognizes the Camellia Nomenclature, published by the Southern California Camellia Society, as the official nomenclature publication. To win an ACS Certificate or Award, except for seedlings and sports, the cultivar MUST be listed in the 1981 Camellia Nomenclature Historical Edition, the current edition of the Camellia Nomenclature, the Camellia Nomenclature Supplement or on the ACS website. Also included are: (1) cultivars with previously published mistakes, (2) cultivars registered with ACS but inadvertently omitted from the Camellia Nomenclature, (3) cultivars registered with ACS and listed in subsequent issues of the ACS Camellia Journal and the ACS American Camellia Yearbook, (4) cultivars registered with the SCCS subsequent to the publication of the Camellia Nomenclature.
Section 3: Nomenclature

- Blooms that are included in the International Camellia Registry will also be eligible if the exhibitor provides proof of registration acceptable to the Chairman of Judges.

- Variegated forms (blotched white and/or moiréd in varying degrees and patterns) of cultivars listed are eligible to win ACS Certificates or Awards.
What is the “Camellia Nomenclature”? It is the official Nomenclature Book of the American Camellia Society. It is published by the Southern California Camellia Society, Inc. It contains descriptions of thousands of Camellias registered by the American Camellia Society, the International Camellia Society, and the Southern California Camellia Society.
What is the “Camellia Nomenclature”? Inside the nomenclature is an alphabetical listing and brief description of thousands of camellias by species:

- Japonica
- Reticulata
- Hybrid
- Species including heimalis, sasanquas, vernalis and others.