CHAPTER IV

ACS Show Certificates and Awards
Section 1: Outstanding Bloom Certificates

Certificates are authorized for blooms in each of the following Divisions:

a) Most Outstanding Bloom in Show
b) Japonica Blooms Grown Unprotected
c) Japonica Blooms Grown Unprotected - Chemically Treated
d) Japonica Blooms Grown Protected
e) Japonica Blooms Grown Protected - Chemically Treated
f) Reticulata or Hybrid with Reticulata parentage - Blooms Grown Unprotected
g) Reticulata or Hybrid with Reticulata parentage - Blooms Grown Unprotected - Chemically Treated
h) Reticulata or Hybrid with Reticulata parentage - Blooms Grown Protected
i) Reticulata or Hybrid with Reticulata parentage - Blooms Grown Protected - Chemically Treated
j) Hybrid Blooms Grown Unprotected
k) Hybrid Blooms Grown Unprotected - Chemically Treated
l) Hybrid Blooms Grown Protected
m) Hybrid Blooms Grown Protected - Chemically Treated
n) Best Miniature - any species
o) Sasanquas and all other species
p) Best White Bloom - any species
q) Best Bloom by Novice
r) Runner-up (For any division a - q)
s) Best Tray of Three or More Blooms
t) Outstanding Seedling
u) Outstanding Sport
Each of the divisions listed above may be deleted or subdivided according to size or in any grouping of sizes at the discretion of the local club and MUST be stated in the Local Show Schedule. For example, divisions may be subdivided on the basis of size using the size classification for each cultivar contained in the most recent edition of the Camellia Nomenclature (i.e., Miniature, Small, Small to Medium, Medium, Medium to Large, Large, or Very Large).
Section 2: Sweepstakes Certificates

- Sweepstakes Awards recognize the Exhibitor who has the highest number of award-winning blooms in the show. Gold Certificates for Sweepstakes Winners and Silver Certificates for Sweepstakes Runners-up are authorized in the following divisions as per the Show Schedule.
  a) Blooms grown unprotected
  b) Blooms grown unprotected - Chemically treated
  c) Blooms grown protected
  d) Blooms grown protected - Chemically treated

- One set of Certificates may be awarded for ‘a’ and ‘b’ combined, and another set for ‘c’ and ’d’ combined, if indicated by the Local Show Rules.
Section 3: Court of Honor Certificates

If the local society decides to award special recognition to outstanding blooms considered for, but not selected for, Outstanding Bloom Certificates, it may do so by selecting them for a Court of Honor display. Court of Honor Certificates are authorized for these blooms.
Section 5:
Methods of Awarding Certificates

- Outstanding Bloom Certificates: Each award of this type must be selected by a written ballot of a majority of all judges eligible to vote; or, at the option of the local club sponsoring the show, by a voting system using written ballots and/or calculation of weighted averages.

- Sweepstakes Certificates: Winners of these certificates must be determined by an actual count of the first-place winners in the divisions involved. In the event of a tie, second-place winners should be counted as well. If need be, third-place winners also should be counted to determine the winner.

- Local Club Show Rules will apply in all cases.
Section 6: Show Reports

- All ACS Show Reports shall be sent to ACS within seven days of the show using the form supplied electronically.
CHAPTER V
Seedling and Sports Rules Pertaining to Exhibiting and Judging Seedling and Sport Camellia Blooms
Definitions

Seedling:

- A bloom of a plant grown from seed.
- A Seedling cannot have been disseminated commercially, or offered for sale, or sold, either by the originator or by others without the tacit consent of the originator.
Definitions

Sport:
- A bloom possessing a distinct break in color or form from the normally accepted parent bloom.
- A Sport must hold true for a minimum of three years.
- Variegation by a virus is NOT recognized as a mutation.
- Variegation caused by genetics is recognized. Questions are to be deferred to the Chairman of Judges.
Who can enter a Seedling or Sport bloom in an ACS Show?

1. The originator.
2. An exhibitor authorized by the originator.
When can a Seedling or Sport bloom no longer be entered as a Seedling or Sport bloom?

1. After a seedling or sport bloom has been registered with ACS.
2. If the bloom has won an ACS Outstanding Seedling or Outstanding Sport Certificate three times.
How long can a Seedling or Sport bloom be entered as a Seedling or Sport bloom?

- Not more than five years after it is first exhibited in a Seedling or Sport category.
Section 1:
Seedling and Sport Classes

a) Seedling and Sport classes may be combined or subdivided in any logical manner if such combinations or subdivisions clearly are stated in the Show Schedule.
Section 2: Requirements for Seedling and Sport Entries

a) Every Seedling or Sport entry MUST state whether the bloom has been grown protected or unprotected AND whether or not the bloom has been chemically treated. Otherwise, blooms may be disqualified.

b) Name of parent plant MUST be stated on the Sport bloom entry card.

c) Every Seedling or Sport entry MUST state whether the bloom has been grown on its own roots or grafted.

d) For the judges’ information, unusual bloom qualities may be noted on the entry card.
Section 2: Requirements for Seedling and Sport Entries

e) Amateurs and professionals alike MUST be allowed to exhibit Seedlings and Sports.

f) More than one specimen of the same Seedling or Sport (with one or more leaves ATTACHED) should be exhibited whenever possible, but all such blooms should be entered under the same entry card.

g) Seedling or Sport blooms are eligible for ACS Outstanding Seedling or Outstanding Sport Awards, respectively

h) Official Pink Seedling Entry Cards and Red Sport Entry Cards are available from ACS Headquarters.