CHAPTER VII

Rules for Judging Seedling and Sport Exhibits
Section 1: Judging Team for Seedlings

- The Chairman of Judges will select one team consisting of three or more experienced Accredited ACS Judges to choose the best Seedling and/or Sport in the show.
Section 2: Seedling and Sport Judging Characteristics

- Judges are expected to judge blooms based on their knowledge and experience of bloom characteristics.

- When judging Seedlings and Sports Distinctiveness and Unusual Qualities are primary considerations.

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- Distinctiveness - Here is the real test of the value of a new Seedling or Sport. Is the flower unique? How much does it differ from existing cultivars or forms? Is it a great improvement over any existing cultivar or form?

- Unusual Qualities - Does the new Seedling or Sport have outstanding features which are quite unusual? For example, a rare combination of “rabbit ears” with many petaloids.

- Form - The type of formation, shape, the number of petals, etc.

- Texture - Smooth or creped as characteristic of the cultivar. Thickness or thinness of petals as characteristic of the cultivar.

- Color - A clear soft shade or a bright brilliant hue, as distinguished from a muddy coloration unless it is a color breakthrough.

- Markings - Blendings or contrasts which are clean, clear, and harmonious are valuable features of a new Seedling or Sport. Blooms can be either solid or variegated. Virus variegation transmitted through root grafts and genetic variegation are not uncommon.

- Foliage - Distinctive features, such as patterned variegation of foliage or an unusual shape of leaves or heavy serration, adds to the value of a new Seedling or Sport, as this may be important in landscaping or to the hobby grower.
Section 3:
Nominations for Seedling or Sport Certificates

- The team of judges assigned to judge the Seedlings and Sports may select one or more blooms for selection as Outstanding Seedling and Outstanding Sport.
Section 4:
Ribbons or Special Awards for Seedlings or Sports

a) The team judging Seedlings and Sports may award as many first, second and third place ribbons as deemed proper. Likewise, ribbons may be withheld if blooms are not worthy.

b) If there are LOCAL SHOW AWARDS, such as Best Seedling or Best Sport, judges should comply and choose a bloom for that award category.

c) Seedling and Sport blooms selected for Best Seedling and Best Sport in the Show do not qualify for an ACS Best Bloom Certificate.
General Rules and Regulations
CHAPTER VIII

Application to Become a Novice or Accredited ACS Judge
The American Camellia Society encourages qualification of interested persons as Accredited Judges so that all shows will have well qualified judges readily available. ACS considers judging a privilege and not a right. Applicants must apply for and complete all information requested on the application. Applications may be obtained from the ACS website [www.americancamellias.org](http://www.americancamellias.org) or from the ACS Judge Registrar, 100 Massee Lane, Fort Valley, Georgia 31030.

Requirements for becoming a Novice Judge are listed on the application for ACS Novice Judge and include the following:
BECOMING A NOVICE JUDGE

- Must Be a Member of the American Camellia Society
- Must Be a member of a local Camellia Club/Society
- Must Be at least 21 Years of Age
- Successfully complete a Certified Judging School
- Serve as a clerk at a minimum of two ACS Cooperative Camellia Shows
- Own and grow at least 10 camellia varieties
- Exhibit a minimum of 10 blooms at ACS Cooperative Camellia Shows
BECOMING AN ACCREDITED JUDGE

- Must Be a Member of the American Camellia Society
- Must Be a member of a local Camellia Club/Society
- Have contact information published in the online Judges’ Roster
- Within five years of appointment as a Novice Judge, applicant must:
  - Own and grow at least 20 camellia varieties
  - Exhibit a minimum of 25 blooms at ACS Cooperative Camellia Shows
  - Become familiar with the characteristics of at least 50 different camellia varieties.
  - Serve as a Novice Judge in at least six ACS Cooperative Shows in no less than two years, and no more than five years
  - Be recommended as qualified to become an Accredited Judge by at least two Accredited Judges
Section 2: Advancement to Accredited Judge
- Any person who is a member of ACS in good standing may qualify for nomination as an Accredited Judge by complying with the requirements listed on the Accredited Judge Application on the ACS website.

Section 3: Applicants in Remote Locations
- Some Judges who live in places remote from other camellia growing areas may find it an extreme hardship to comply with the requirements listed above. These persons may apply to the Chairman of Exhibitions and Awards Committee for a waiver of the requirements.
Section 4: Judge Emeritus

Any Accredited Judge who is unable or unwilling to continue participating regularly in judging ACS Cooperative Shows may become a Judge Emeritus by making a written request to the ACS. He or she will not be required to continue to attend judging schools. The utilization of a Judge Emeritus will be at the discretion of the Chairman of Judges.

Section 5: Designation

The appointments of Novice and Accredited Judge and Judge Emeritus shall be indicated by the letters “N”, “J”, or “JE”, respectively, alongside the member’s name in each subsequent ACS Judges’ Roster.
Section 6: Judges’ Re-accreditation

- **Note:** Each Accredited Judge is required to attend an ACS Judging School/Judges’ Symposium every five years.

- Upon completion of the above requirement, ACS will issue an Accredited Judge’s Card with an expiration date of five years from December 31 of that year.

- Judging School instructors who have been approved by ACS and who have submitted adequate documentation shall be reaccredited based on the merits of teaching this course.
Section 7: Termination of Judges’ Appointments

- Novice Judge: Each Novice Judge’s appointment automatically terminates at the end of five years; or upon becoming an Accredited Judge; or upon failure to remain a member in good standing of ACS.

- Accredited Judge: Each Accredited Judge’s appointment terminates upon failure to remain a member in good standing of ACS or upon failure to complete an ACS Re-accreditation Symposium every five years; or upon becoming a Judge Emeritus.

The ACS Governing Board, by a majority vote of the full Board, shall have the right to terminate any Judge’s appointment by giving notice to such effect.