

Lavant Horticultural Society

Autumn Flower Competition - Apples

Some words of advice from the RHS Horticultural Show Handbook may help you select the best fruits for the competition. These explain the criteria by which the fruit should be judged.

Do not be put off if you think your fruit are less than perfect – all the competitors will just be trying to choose the apples from their garden that they think will stand the best chance

Apples (both classes)

For both classes of apples, fruits should be well shaped, with undamaged eyes, stalks intact and clear, unblemished skins of a colour characteristic of the cultivar.

The fruit will also be assessed for uniformity (size, shape and colour).

If you know which cultivar your apples are, please put a note of the name adjacent to your exhibit.

Class 9 – Apples, eating (dessert) – maximum diameter 80 mm.

The optimum size is 75 mm diameter; however, some cultivars are inherently small and for these a smaller size, typical of the cultivar, should not be marked down.

Condition and uniformity are the most important factors, with suitability of size and colour coming next.

Class 10 – Apples cooking – larger than 80 mm in diameter.

Size is an important factor, but uniformity and condition are of equal importance.

Dual-purpose cultivars

There are a small number of apple cultivars, such as 'Charles Ross' and 'Blenheim Orange', which are suitable for use as both dessert and cooking apples. Such cultivars should be entered either in Class 9 or in Class 10 depending on the size requirements given for each class.

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