

Maintain Judging Status - Accredited or Senior

Must be a continuous member of good standing of the ADS and fulfill the following requirements:

1. Continue to grow and exhibit in ADS sanctioned shows virtually every year (minimum 4 of 5 years).
2. Judge in at least eight ADS sanctioned shows in five years.
3. Judge seedling entries either at a Trial Garden or on the Seedling Bench. The recommended number is two per year but not less than 10 in five years.

Societies without seedling bench evaluation entries or trial gardens reasonably close may have their judges fulfill their maintenance requirements by:

- a. Score, using the ADS score card, disseminated cultivars set up as seedling entries at the society show, training class, or seminar to the satisfaction of the Judging Chair.
 - b. A garden of a society member may be used for a garden scoring experience when two or more disseminated cultivars of the same variety are grown side by side provided there are 6-8 blooms and the scores are reviewed by the Judging Chair.
 - d. Judges must fulfill the requirement of judging "entries". The recommended number is two per year but not less than 10 in five years.
4. Attend a judging seminar once every other year and satisfactorily take judges test once each five years.
 5. Senior Judges are required to judge every and all classes if asked by the Judging/Show chair unless they have an entry in that class.

Additionally

All judges must be given the opportunity to score seedlings even though they may not be assigned to the scoring team which will give the seedling the official score. Their score will be compared with the official team score and reported back to them.

Full directory information; surname, given name, address, zip code, telephone number, and name of "home," dahlia society should be provided with each application for a new judge or new Senior Judge. Where E-mail addresses are available, they should be reported

The Evaluation Chairperson of each Conference and of each non conference dahlia society is responsible for maintaining records of their judges and for reporting to the ADS Accreditation Chairperson the status of their judges and all deletions because of death, disability or loss of interest; transfers to or from other dahlia societies; and changes in addresses and telephone

numbers. Yearly reports on deletions, corrections, and activities should be made to the ADS Accreditation Chairperson on the date to be determined by the ADS Accreditation Chair.

Honorary Senior status (h) may be used at the discretion of the Evaluation Chairperson to designate those Senior judges who have served many years but for reasons as determined by the Evaluation Chair are no longer fully active, but continue to serve by judging occasionally or contributing other valuable assistance. The category will be listed in the directory but no special card will be issued.

Judges that do not fulfill all of the listed requirements to advance or maintain their judges status will be reduced to the next lower level of accreditation until they have demonstrated that they have completed approved training or experience to remedy the reason for demotion and retaken the judges test for the next level of accreditation.