

ADS Reporting Guidelines

In our shows, reports come from over seventy societies. The show divisions include: Junior, Novice, Amateur and Open Divisions; there will be blue and higher awards for small grower and large grower divisions or any other viable scheduling format. Classification should serve all of those who grow and show dahlias and the classification book should not in any way become an exclusive document for advanced growers.

Please use the following directions for recording blue and higher awards:

1. Single (1) Bloom Horticultural Sections
2. Triple (3) Bloom Horticultural Sections.
3. Five (5) Bloom Horticultural Sections
4. All Basket Sections where there is an emphasis on quality of bloom. Do not include baskets with more than one variety.
5. All Special Sections where there is an emphasis on quality of bloom. Do not include entries with more than one variety in them.
6. No Arrangement Sections will be included for blue and higher awards.

Procedures for Blue and Higher Awards

Please give maximum credit to winning entries.

Example #1: JESSICA; Single Bloom, Novice Grower Class, BB IC BI Y/R (Wins Best Single Bloom of Show)

- This entry receives one tally under Blue (B) for winning Best BB C BI in its grower class.
- A higher award (H) is tallied for being the Best BB C in its grower class.
- As the Best BB from all forms of the novice grower class this entry receives an additional higher award (H).
- As the Best BB selected in further judging of best BB entries from all grower classes, this entry receives another higher award (H).
- As the Best Single Bloom of the show, this entry receives yet another higher award (H).

So, the summary for this example is: (1) Blue and (4) Higher Awards.

Example #2: DOWNHAM ROYAL; Triple Bloom, Amateur Grower Class, MB PR (Wins Best Triple Bloom of Show)

- This entry receives one tally under B (Blue) for winning Triple Bloom MB PR in its grower class.
- A higher award (H) is tallied for being the Best Triple Bloom MB in its grower class.
- As the Best Triple Bloom entry from the entire Amateur grower class, this entry receives its second (H) higher award.
- As the Best Triple Bloom of the show (as judged against other grower classifications of other head table miscellaneous triple bloom entries), this entry receives another (H) higher award.

So, the summary for this example is: (1) Blue and (3) Higher Awards.

NOTE: The only difference in number of higher awards stems from an additional judging required in “size and form” classes that is not required in “form-only” classes. Therefore, all AA, A, B, BB, and MIN size classes have an additional level of judging and can receive an additional higher award.