

MAROONDAH ORCHID SOCIETY INC.

BY – LAWS

1. POINT SCORE AND ADVANCEMENT

1.1 The bench competition is divided into three (3) separate sections.

NOVICE

INTERMEDIATE

OPEN

We also have Floral Art which is divided into the following three (3) sections.

JUNIOR

NOVICE

OPEN

1.2 Members must own and grow their plants on their own premises for a minimum of nine (9) calendar months.

Members may bench plants on a non - competitive basis, provided cards are marked accordingly.

1.3 Members must be financial members of MOS Inc. to bench plants at monthly meetings and shows.

1.4 Points score shall be:

For each plant judged to be:

First	3 points
Second	2 points
Third	1 point

Points shall be recorded, added and printed in the MOS Inc. Newsletter quarterly, and presented to the Committee at the November Meeting.

1.5 Points shall not be awarded for Winter Show & Sarchochilus Show special categories, or Spring Shows.

1.6 Movement between Sections: Bench Competition (not Floral Art).

Intermediate to Open

The winner shall move up at the end of the calendar year.

If a member should win the Best Exhibit by a Intermediate Grower at a Spring Show for a second time, the member automatically moves up to the Open Section at the end of the calendar year.

Novice to Intermediate

Only the winner shall move up at the end of the calendar year.

There shall be a maximum period of five (5 years) in which a member may remain in the Novice Section, beginning from the first full calendar year of membership. After this period, the member automatically moves up to the Intermediate Section.

If a member should win the Best Exhibit by a Novice Grower at the Spring Show for a second time, the member automatically moves up to the Intermediate Section at the end of the calendar year.

1.7 Movement between Sections: Floral Art

Novice to Open

Only the winner of the Novice Section shall move up to the Open Section, and then only after a minimum of two (2) years experience, with the two year period to commence at the first full calendar year of presenting floral art.

If a member showing in the novice section at a Spring Show should win the Champion Floral Art Entry (Laurel Harris Memorial Award), the member shall remain in that section until the end of the calendar year and at the commencement of the following year shall move to the open section.

Junior to Novice

A junior member upon reaching the age of sixteen (16) years shall remain in this section until the end of the calendar year, and at the commencement of the following calendar year shall move to the Novice Section.

1.8 All upgrades shall be notified in the Newsletter prior to the start of the following year's bench competition, stating the new Section for benching for each upgrade.

1.9 The Committee, through the bench stewards, may:

- (a) Disqualify plants from competition
- (b) Relocate plants to correct sections

1.10 Should a member wish to bench their plants or floral art in a higher section, they may do so, but must continue in that section in accordance with these rules.

- 1.11 The committee shall at its discretion upgrade a member to a higher grade for judging if it deems fit, or if the member has been elevated to a higher grade at another orchid society/club.
- 1.12 If deemed necessary rules 1.1 to 1.9 shall be reviewed by the Committee at the beginning of any given year.
- 1.13 Any changes will take effect upon adoption, but are not to be retrospective unless there are exceptional circumstances.

2. AUCTION CONDITIONS

- 2.1 MOS Inc. to receive a 15% commission on items sold as detailed in a prepared 'Catalogue of Auction'. Items that are specified 'Negotiate direct with vendor', usually listed at the end of the Catalogue are not subject to a commission. e.g. Glasshouse.
- 2.2 The vendor is to pay identifiable expenses: e.g. Photo copying of catalogue, postage to Orchid Society's, and stationery etc.
- 2.3 No labour cost of any description is to be charged.
- 2.4 The vendor to provide at his/her expense tea/coffee biscuits etc. for workers and buyers during the course of the auction.
- 2.5 The vendor to provide at his/her expense refreshments for the workers after the auction is concluded.
- 2.6 The vendor can select an Auctioneer of his/her choice. If the Auctioneer is not a member of the Maroonah Orchid Society Inc. the vendor shall make the necessary arrangements with the chosen person.
- 2.7 The auction date to be decided between MOS Inc. and the Vendor.
- 2.8 The order of plants listed within the 'Catalogue of Auction' to be determined by MOS Inc.
- 2.9 MOS Inc. has the right to not list plants that in their opinion are suspected of having virus, additionally, if the plants have been listed and subsequently, in the opinion of MOS, any are suspected of having virus, they must be withdrawn from the auction. If the vendor wishes to challenge a decision, an attempt to get another opinion will take place if time permits.
- 2.10 MOS Inc. reserves the right to group numbers of plants together for sale purposes if it deems necessary.
- 2.11 Once the plants have been numbered and identified, in the 'Catalogue of Auction' the vendor must not withdraw any plant from the auction except when it has been found by either the vendor or MOS Inc. not to be in a fit state for sale.
- 2.12 MOS Inc. will provide the resources to carry out the auction, collect all moneys owing, and check that the appropriate purchaser gets the correct plants.

3. COMMISSIONS

3.1 MOS Inc. will deduct a percentage, to be determined by the Committee on items sold by or through MOS Inc.

3.2 At the date of adoption of these bylaws, the following commissions apply:

Member sales at monthly meetings (sales-bench)	15%
Guest speaker sales at monthly meetings	0%
Member sales at Spring Show	15%
Auctions- percentage as described under regulation 2.1 of these by-Laws.	

4. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

4.1 The Committee has the right to review Annual Subscriptions as provided under clause 12 of the Rules.

4.2 At the date of adoption of these rules, the following rates of Annual Subscription apply:

Junior Membership	\$ 5
Single Membership	\$16
Family Membership	\$20

5. CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION AWARD

5.1 The Committee may at any time, but preferably on an annual basis, consider the awarding of Certificates of Appreciation, either on the recommendation of the Committee or a convened Sub-Committee.

5.2 The Committee or Sub-Committee may nominate of its own volition any member for consideration.

5.3 The Committee or Sub-Committee may also consider any member nominated by a club member. The Committee or Sub-Committee may instruct that an article be placed in the Newsletter to request nominations.

5.4 A recipient of a Certificate of Appreciation award:

5.4.1. Should have had a long established association with the Maroondah Orchid Society Inc. and/or

5.4.2. Should have made and/or continues to make a substantial contribution to the life of the Society in ways that assist in the general running of Society activities, meetings and shows etc., and/or

5.4.3. Should be widely accepted within the Society for sound knowledge of Orchid Culture and the ability to share that knowledge with fellow members, particularly newcomers.

These By-Laws are adopted as regulations of MOS Inc. in accordance with Clause 79 of the MOS Inc. Rules and replace all previous MOS Inc. By-Laws.

Adopted by the Committee on 23 January 2014

