



IRISH
CHAMPIONSHIPS
2023



SHOW SCHEDULE

NATIONAL VEGETABLE SOCIETY

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Sunday 27th August 2023

at The Showgrounds, Moate Co. Westmeath

Note: Moate Agricultural Show Society and the National Vegetable Society will not be responsible for any loss, damage, accident or otherwise which may occur to any exhibitor, exhibit, visitor or vehicle at the Show.



Schedule of Classes

Class 1

Collection of 18 or 20 point vegetables.

A Collection of three kinds, two of each, that carry 18 or 20 points.

Exhibitors own staging including black cloth allowed but no garnish is permitted.

To be staged within 500mm run of table.

Sponsored by Margaret Prendergast

Class 2

A Legume Collection, Three kinds from the following list of four:

Runner Beans 5, Broad Beans 5, Peas 5, French Beans 5

Plates Supplied

Sponsored by Sean Egan

Class 3

Shallots. Large exhibition. One dish of five.

Plate Supplied with dry sand

Sponsored by Margaret Prendergast

Class 4

Potatoes. Two dishes of five (One plate coloured and One plate white)

Plates supplied no garnish is permitted.

Sponsored by Allo's Bar Bistro & Townhouse, Listowel, Co.Kerry

Class 5

Beetroot Globe One dish of three

Plate supplied.

Sponsored by Reggie Mitchell

Class 6

Onions. One dish of five.

Each onion must not exceed 250g. Plate supplied with dry sand.

Sponsored by Pat Thornton

Class 7

Collection of 15 points or less vegetables.

A Collection of three kinds, two of each, that carry 15 points or under.

Exhibitors own staging including black cloth allowed but no garnish is permitted.

To be staged within 500mm run of table.

Sponsored by Tom Boyd

Class 8

The Chairman's Challenge

Flaco Turnips. Seeds supplied by DT Brown One dish of three.

Plate supplied.

Sponsored by Raymond Higgins

Tips for growing Falco Turnips - Simon Smith

Turnips are relatively easy to grow from seed and will be ready 8-10 weeks after sowing.

The fairly large seed is best sown thinly in situ half an inch (12mm) deep, into drills 8-10" apart (200-250mm). A well-cultivated, friable, deep, moisture retentive and slightly alkaline soil is best, in a sunny location, and turnips also lend themselves well to growing in raised beds or deep pots filled with good quality compost.



After germination thin to approximately 6"- 8" apart (150-200mm) for growing on to full size. Protect with insect mesh or fleece if root fly is a problem. As a member of the brassica family, they can succumb to the same problems such as club-root and cabbage root fly, although both are rare. Apply lime and improve drainage to avert the former, and do not grow on ground affected by club-root in previous seasons if possible

Turnips don't take much preparation for the show apart from a good clean with a soft sponge under running water to remove any soil, and carefully snipping off any side roots with a pair of sharp scissors to leave a single, long (hopefully!) and healthy-looking tap root intact.

Cut the foliage to leave 3" (75mm) long stalks, and transport to the show wrapped in damp tissue paper in a Tupperware box or similar for protection.

The NVS judges guide awards the following points for turnips;

Condition	5
Uniformity	4
Size	2
Shape	2
Colour	2

It adds further that they should be 'clean skinned, solid, shapely roots showing good uniformity in size and colour' and should 'present with a single tap root. Size, shape and colour should be relative to the cultivar.

Prize Money and Awards

Classes 1 -7 Prizes:

1st €25 and Rosette

2nd €15 and Rosette

3rd €10 and Rosette.

Each first prize winner will receive a special trophy.



Class 8 Prizes:

1st €30 and Rosette

2nd €20 and Rosette

3rd €10 and Rosette.

The first prize winner will receive The National Vegetable Society Plaque and Card.



Best In Show:

The National Vegetable Society Medal, Card and “Best In Show” Rosette will be awarded by the judges to the most meritorious exhibit of vegetables in the show. This can therefore be a single dish or a collection, but not a dish taken from a collection.



Note: Presentation of awards and prizes including “Best in Show” will take place at 3pm in the horticultural marquee.

Rules and Regulations

1. The NVS Irish Championships are free to enter for all current members of the National Vegetable Society and any one current member of an Affiliated Society.
2. Each exhibitor can only enter one exhibit per class, which must be the property of and be grown by the exhibitor.
3. All Entry Forms must reach the Show Secretary no later than the stated time and may be emailed (preferable) or posted. Late entries will be considered but may be refused. A confirmation of entry will be sent to each exhibitor.
4. The Show Manager / Secretary reserves the right to refuse any entry. In the event of such a refusal, an explanation will be given.
5. Judging will be in accordance with the rules as laid down in the 2017 NVS Judges and Exhibitors Guide and as amended 2018.
6. The handling of all exhibits once judged is strictly forbidden.
7. It is the responsibility of the Exhibitor to place the correct staging and cultivar cards as supplied alongside each exhibit. All exhibits will be judged.
8. Judging will commence promptly at 10am on show morning. Only Show Officials, Judges and Stewards are permitted to remain in the marquee during judging.
9. The judge's decision is final. Protests and appeals may be raised and must be handed to the Show Manager / Secretary in writing, together with a deposit of €10, within one hour of the show hall opening to the public. The deposit will only be refunded if the objection is upheld.
10. All top foliage on root vegetables to be trimmed to approximately 75mm and all cabbages to be shown with approximately 75mm stalk and cauliflowers with approximately 75mm stalk.
11. Only natural raffia may be used for the tying of onions and shallots. All shallots to have been grown from sets.
12. The use of any foreign substance on the exhibit is strictly forbidden as described in the 2017 NVS Judges and Exhibitors Guide and as amended 2018.
13. Only plates and boards supplied by the Show Organisers will be used unless stated otherwise in the Schedule of Classes.
14. Exhibitors may use their own staging materials and / or black cloth but NOT as an addition to the staging supplied, except where stated in the Schedule.
15. Under no circumstances may any exhibit be removed from the tables, once staged, until 4.30pm, except by the Show Manager / Show Secretary.
16. The show organisers cannot accept responsibility for any loss or damage whatsoever, however all reasonable care will be taken.
17. All personal data submitted will be treated in accordance with the National Vegetable Society Privacy Notice, a copy of which is available on the NVS website.



JUDGE: Medwyn Williams





The National Vegetable Society would like to sincerely thank Moate Agricultural Show Society and our generous sponsors for your support with our inaugural Irish Championships.



ENTRY FORM

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Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6	Class 7	Class 8

Please tick the boxes for the class(es) you wish to enter.

Only one entry per Exhibitor per class allowed.

ENTRY IS FREE

Name:

Address:

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Telephone Number:

Email Address:

Entry form to be returned by 24th August 2023 to the Show Secretary by post or email:

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CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES IS THURSDAY AUGUST 24TH 2023.