



The National Vegetable Society  
for the Most Meritorious Vegetable Exhibit in the Show

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Sunday 25th August 2024  
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# SHOW SCHEDULE

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**The Eircode for the showground is N37 W2H3.**

**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 Brian Hughes](#)

### 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 Noel & Kathleen Higgins](#)

### Class 3

**Shallots. Large exhibition.** One dish of five.

Plate Supplied with dry sand.

[Sponsored by Pat Thornton](#)

### 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 Harold Herlihy](#)

### Class 6

**Onions.** One dish of five.

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

[Sponsored by Sean Egan](#)

### Class 7

**Tomatoes Medium** One dish of five

Plate supplied.

[Sponsored by Micheal McGoldrick](#)



## **Class 8**

**Onions.** One dish of three.

Each onion must exceed 250g.

Exhibitors own staging including black cloth allowed. The base of the onions should be no greater than 150mm above the level of the top of the table.

[Sponsored by Zara Evans](#)

## **Class 9**

**Carrots Stump** One dish of three

To be staged flat on the table, exhibitors own staging including black cloth allowed.

[Sponsored by Reggie Mitchell](#)

## **Class 10**

**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 Lakeside Farm Shop](#)

## **Class 11**

**Special Class – Confined to members who have not won a first prize at any NVS show.**

One dish of one kind of vegetable, numbers as in individual classes.

To be staged flat on the table or on the plate supplied, exhibitors own black cloth allowed.

[Sponsored by Margaret Prendergast](#)

## **Class 12**

**The Chairman's Challenge**

Korist F1 Kohl Rabi. Seeds kindly supplied by Unwins.

One dish of three.

Plate supplied.

[Sponsored by Raymond Higgins](#)



### **Note: Staging and judging**

Staging of exhibits will begin on Sunday morning at 7am and finish at 10am when Judging will commence.

## Tips for growing Korist F1 Kohl Rabi

Kohl Rabi are relatively easy to grow from seed and will be ready 10-12 weeks after sowing. The seed can be sown indoors in seed trays or outdoors into drills 8-10" apart (200-250mm) sown thinly half an inch (12mm) deep. A well-cultivated, moisture retentive and slightly alkaline soil is best in a sunny location.

After germination, protect seedlings and young plants from slugs and snails. Thin out the seedlings when they are 2.5cm (1in) tall or have their first true leaves, to a final spacing of 15cm (6in) apart. Keep the soil weed free, so seedlings and young plants don't have to compete for light, water and nutrients. Hand-weed close to the plants rather than hoeing, to avoid damaging the swollen stems.

Sow little and often, every two weeks, for ongoing harvests through summer and into autumn. Kohl Rabi grows best in cool, damp weather. Always keep plants well-watered, especially in hot, dry spells, to stop them turning woody or bolting. Unlike many brassicas, kohl Rabi is fast growing, so is ideal for filling gaps on the veg plot.

As a member of the brassica family, they can succumb to the same problems such as birds, cabbage caterpillars, cabbage whitefly, cabbage root fly, cutworms, flea beetle, slugs and snails.

Harvest Kohl Rabi when young around tennis-ball size. Kohl Rabi don't take much preparation for the show bench apart from a gentle clean to remove any soil, and carefully snipping off the root with a pair of sharp scissors to leave approximately 20mm. Handle carefully to maintain natural bloom. Cut the foliage leaves to approx. 3" (75mm) long stalks however the young foliage in the centre should be kept intact. Transport to the show wrapped in tissue paper in a Tupperware box or similar for protection.

The NVS judges guide awards a maximum of 12 points for Kohl Rabi;

<i>Condition</i>	5
<i>Uniformity</i>	3
<i>Size</i>	2
<i>Shape</i>	2

It adds further that specimens should be fresh and tender, with their natural bloom intact; they should be circular and as alike as possible. Tennis ball size would be ideal.





## Prize Money and Awards

### Classes 1 - 12 Prizes:

- 1st €25 and Rosette
- 2nd €15 and Rosette
- 3rd €10 and Rosette.
- 4th € 5 and Rosette.

Each first prize winner in class 1 -11 will receive a special trophy.

The first prize winner in Class 12 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 judge 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.**



2023 Presentation of awards

## 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. Staging on the morning of the show between 7am and 10am. 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 marque 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 were 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.
18. Filming and photography will take place during all stages of the Championships. Images will be used to promote the work of the Society.
19. A set of digital scales will be provided for staging and judging.



**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 Irish Championships.**

**Social Evening:**

*We have booked the restaurant in the Grand Hotel in Moate for 7pm on the evening of the show. We have also negotiated a three-course set menu with tea and coffee for 30 euro per person. Please confirm if you are attending with your entry.*







# ENTRY FORM IRISH CHAMPIONSHIPS 2024



Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6
Class 7	Class 8	Class 9	Class 10	Class 11	Class 12

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: .....

Telephone Number: .....

Email Address: .....

Entry form to be returned by 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2024 to the Show Secretary by post or email:

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**CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES IS THURSDAY AUGUST 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024.**

If you would like to join us for the evening meal in the Grand Hotel Moate, please tick the box and advise the number attending. **Social Evening**  **Number attending**