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## NATIONAL VEGETABLE SOCIETY

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**Sunday 24th August 2025**

at The Showgrounds, Moate Co. Westmeath

**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 400mm run of table.

Sponsored by Brian Hughes & Patrick Casey

### 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 Six.

Plate supplied.

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 Trevor Stevenson

### 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.

Sponsored by Reggie Mitchell

### Class 7

#### **Tomatoes Medium** One dish of five.

Plate supplied.

Sponsored by Micheal McGoldrick



### **Class 8**

**Onions, Large exhibition.** One dish of three.

Staging rings provided. Exhibitors own black cloth allowed.

Sponsored by Zara Evans

### **Class 9**

**Carrots Stump** One dish of three.

To be staged flat on the table, Exhibitors own black cloth allowed.

Sponsored by Christopher White

### **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 (New Class for 2025)**

**Cucumbers** One dish of two

Plate supplied.

Sponsored by Kevin Ward

### **Class 12 (New Class for 2025)**

**Shallots, Pickling.** One dish of nine.

Plate supplied. Each Shallot must pass through a 30mm ring unaided.

Sponsored by Martin Lawlor & Patrick Mason

### **Class 13 (New Class for 2025)**

**Tomatoes, Small Fruited.** One dish of nine.

Plate supplied.

Sponsored by Margaret Prendergast

### **Class 14**

**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 Kieran O'Keefe



### **Class 15 (New Class for 2025)**

#### **Open – Junior Class (for all 16 years of age and under)**

Three Vegetables – One of each kind

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

Sponsored by Kathleen Higgins

### **Class 16**

#### **The Chairman's Challenge – Confined to Irish NVS members**

Jaguar F1 Courgette. 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. There will be no parking in the vicinity of the marquee. Once the entries are unloaded, you will be required to park in the designated car park. Please follow stewarding directions. Vehicles will be permitted back to the marquee when the show is over to collect exhibits.



**JUDGE: Medwyn Williams**



## Tips for growing Jaguar F1 Courgettes

Courgettes do best in an open, sunny position protected from the wind, in fertile, moisture retentive, but not water logged soil. Courgettes are hungry plants, so do well in soil enriched with plenty of well-rotted horse manure or compost in the Autumn or early Spring. Once the soil has been prepared, cover over to retain ground heat and suppress weeds prior to planting out time. Courgettes do best in an open, sunny position protected from the wind, in fertile, moisture retentive, but not water logged soil. Courgettes are hungry plants, so do well in soil enriched with plenty of well-rotted horse manure or compost in the Autumn or early Spring. Once the soil has been prepared, cover over to retain ground heat and suppress weeds prior to planting out time. Courgette seed is best sown indoors individually in 9cm(3½") diameter pots or modular trays using a good quality seed & potting compost anytime from early May. Approximately 4 weeks after sowing the young courgette plants should have developed three "rough" leaves at which stage they will be ready to be planted out into their final positions.

When planting in open ground allow at least a square metre for each plant or one plant per container depending on your preferred method. Prior to planting out it is recommended that you make a small earth mound to accommodate the courgette plant so that water "runs off" away from the main stem thus eliminating water logging and potential stem rot. Where space is limited courgettes can also be grown in containers or large pots (typically 30Litres).

Whether you are growing courgettes in open ground or large pots the key to a successful harvest is to keep on top of the watering and feeding, particularly in warm dry spells. When the first flowers start to appear commence feeding on a weekly basis with a high potash tomato liquid feed. Courgettes are ready to harvest very soon after the flowers appear, and the fruit sets therefore check fruit growth daily. Cut fruits off at the base with a sharp knife when they are fresh and tender, approx. 10 to 12.5cm (4" to 5") long. Handle carefully to maintain natural bloom. Continued, regular harvesting will encourage the plant to produce more fruit, thus yielding a better crop over a longer period.

The NVS judges guide awards a maximum of 12 points for Courgettes.

<b>Condition</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Uniformity</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Size</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Shape</b>	<b>3</b>

It adds further that specimens should be fresh, young and of good uniform shape. Colour should be appropriate to the cultivar and approximately 150mm in length and 25-35mm in diameter. Specimens can be shown with or without flowers.



## Prize Money and Awards



### Classes 1 - 15 Prizes:

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

Each first prize winner in class 1 -15 will receive a special trophy.

The first prize winner in Class 16 will receive The National Vegetable Society Plaque and Card.

The Harold Lawlor Perpetual Cup will be awarded to the NVS Ireland member securing the highest points in Class 1

The NVS Ireland Perpetual “Dipper” will be awarded to the winner of Class 14.

### 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. A Rosette will also be awarded for “Reserve Best in Show”.

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

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

## 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 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.
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.
20. All prizemoney awarded will be paid by cheque in Euro.

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## 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.*

