

How To Judge an Exhibition Rose

Single Stem in a vase:

1. **Beauty**: fresh petals, vibrant center stamens, a very clear center with petals radiating from the center. Clean foliage.

Hybrid tea rose: perfect spiral center for petals.

2. **Strong** “neck” on a strong “stem” or cane. Standing straight in the vase!

3. **Balance**: in a vase, a 1:3 ratio is used. 1/3 of total height is in the vase, and 2/3 total height is above the top of the vase.

Rose Spray: All beauty criteria apply!

1. All roses on one stem or cane.

2. Balanced like a half circle.

3. Ratio of 1:3 for the vase and roses.

Floating Bowl: All beauty criteria apply!

1. The miniature rose is symmetrical in shape and center and fits easily in the bowl with at least a ½" empty space around it.

2. The larger rose is symmetrical in shape and the center fits easily in the bowl with at least a ½" to 1" empty space around it.

In formal judging, roses are scored on a point system:

*Most points are for Form, Color and Stem/
Foliage.*

Form: (shape, symmetry, openness)

Color: (hue, brightness, freshness)

Stem and Foliage: (stem straightness, appearance of peduncle and stem size within the 'norm')

Of lesser importance:

Substance: (strength and freshness of petals) ***Balance & Proportion:*** (stem length to bloom) ***Size of Bloom:*** (normal, with larger than normal getting extra points)

Exhibitors are not to use any foreign substance such as toothpicks, cotton balls, wire, etc to assist in exhibiting the rose.