

SNHF (French national horticultural society) ROSE GRAND PRIX RULES

1. Object of the SNHF Rose Grand Prix

The aim of the SNHF Rose Grand Prix is to choose varieties having uniformity of success whether they are from French regions or introduced to promote them for amateur or professional users. These rose trees are tested in different French climatic areas.

2. Competition conditions

2.1. Taking part

Varieties that have been marketed for less than 5 years on the list date can take part in the competition, as can original varieties and be subject to a distribution agreement.

2.2. Classification of rose trees for the competition:

The following classification will be adopted:

- BGF Bush with big flowers
- BFG Bush with clustered flowers
- MIN Miniature
- PAY Landscape (Shrub and ground covering)
- SX Climbing

2.3. Presentation conditions:

Each plant breeder can show a maximum of 3 varieties.
Each variety will be supplied in 5 specimens with the exception of climbing and landscape that will be supplied in 3 specimens.
The same variety must appear in all the observation sites under penalty of being rendered void.

2.4. Dispatching conditions:

As soon as possible and, apart from anything else, before dispatching the roses, the plant breeder should send a form, the model of which is attached in the annex No 1, to the Secrétariat du Grand Prix de la Rose SNHF, 84 Rue de Grenelle, 75007 Paris (Tel: 01.44.39.78.78 – Fax: 01.44.39.78.95 – E-mail: info@snhf.org), indicating which varieties will be presented for the Grand Prix:

- class
- name of the variety
- year
- colour
- height

When the document is received, the Secretariat will give an order number to each variety and give this information to the plant breeder on returning of the form. This number will be attached to each variety packet before being sent to the different sites.

Rose trees with bare roots, will be sent carriage-paid by the plant breeder or his representative to each site manager whose name and contact details are shown in annexe No 2, so that they will be received by the sites:

during week 48

The packages will include a letter specifying:

- order number
- contents of the package
- from where the plants came
- their identification
- categories
- phytosanitary certificate if necessary.

At the same time as the plants are sent, an E-mail should be sent to each site and to the Secrétariat du Grand Prix de la Rose SNHF, 84 Rue de Grenelle, 75007 Paris (Tel: 01.44.39.78.78 – E-mail: info@snhf.org) giving the varieties' data, their number, etc. and the dispatching manager's E-mail contact details.

When each rose tree is received, the manager of each site will send confirmation of receipt mentioning the date and time of reception to the plant breeder concerned plus a copy to the SNHF.

The sites will later specify the plantation date to the SNHF.

2.5. Taking charge of the rose trees:

The rose trees will be planted under a number so as to keep anonymity on the ground.

The rose trees will be cultivated and taken care of according to the rule book, depending on the conditions of each site. See form in annexe No 3.

Specialised gardeners are called in to take care of the cultural monitoring on each site.

3. Judging methods:

Varieties will be observed for two full vegetation cycles, three for climbers.

3.1 Local observations:

Local examiners, from 8 to 10, will be chosen by each site manager. Each year, they will carry out an examination of the rose trees at the following seasons:

- beginning of the flowering
- in full flower
- remontant
- first fortnight in October

They are supported by the gardeners' observations as far as the plants' vegetative characteristics are concerned.

Visits are in groups. If something crops up, local examiners can go individually on a date which is as close as possible to that of the grouped visit.

After each visit, examiners give a mark from 1 to 10 without any decimals.

The result will be the average of all the marks.

If there is a lack of consistency, examiners' notes having less than 5 out of 8 markings will not be taken into account.

If problems are noted on a site, the marking relating to the site will not be taken into account

3.2. Marking of rose trees:

Assessments will revolve around the following criteria:

- vegetation
- quality of the flower, flowering and shedding its flowers
- floriferousness
- sanitary condition
- originality
- perfume

Each criterion will be marked from 1 to 10 according to a marking grill shown in annexe No 4.

Only the first 5 criteria will be taken into account to assess an average.

Criterion 6 can be used for granting special mentions.

3.3 National jury:

The national jury will be made up of:

- field professionals
- observation site representatives, 1 per site

- SNHF representatives
- personalities having a great interest in roses

The jury will elect a President to manage the work.

The jury will assess the average of the marks collected on the sites.

4. Prizes:

Prizes consist of:

- one main prize (all types of roses taken into consideration)

Only one variety having obtained an average of at least 7/10 can win this prize.

Prizes could be awarded by category, but only one for each of them, two very exceptionally.

Prize-winning participants agree to supply a reasonable amount but enough grafts for a large publicity distribution for which prize-winning rose trees are subject to a marking.

Prizes will be awarded at the end of the year.

Prize-winners will be published during a press conference organised by the SNHF, publicised by the press and international news agencies and sent by name to all the participating plant breeders.

5. Participation conditions:

Registration for the competition means accepting these rules in full.