

# MDS ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE

Purpose: assist in providing and maintaining a quality judging program for the Minnesota Dahlia Society

## Responsibilities:

- Evaluate and advance accredited MDS judges
- Maintain accurate records on MDS judges
- Assure completion of each judge's accreditation level requirements within appropriate timeframes
- Review all judges' and applicants' seedling score accuracy against the ADS official score averages
- Review and score candidates' & current judges' accreditation tests for Accredited and Senior levels
- Make recommendations and approve requests for advancement/demotion per ADS guidelines
- Develop and implement a candidate judge mentoring program
- Make annual reports to the ADS Accreditation Chairperson regarding the status and activities of MDS judges
- Assure the provision of training and continuing education necessary for maintaining accreditation
- Update ADS with changes and deletions in the MDS judges' roster

- Distribute current accreditation materials as provided by the ADS
- Assign, coordinate and record evaluation teams at the Trial Garden
- Assign, coordinate and record judge teams for MDS shows

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### General Conditions:

“Any judge who has fulfilled the necessary requirements for advancement shall apply to the Evaluation Chairperson/Committee either verbally or in writing. Any Senior judge may also make a recommendation on behalf of a candidate he/she feels is ready to advance. This request must include the applicant’s record of judging and continuing education.

The Evaluation Chair/Accreditation Committee will consult with some of the judges who have worked with the applicant while judging to determine if performance is satisfactory. The applicant’s Trial Garden seedling score accuracy will be compared against the ADS official score average. Final decision on whether to approve the request for advancement rests solely with the Evaluation Chairperson”/(Accreditation Committee).

(MDS reqs adopted-

1980/rev.’96/rev.’98/rev.’07)

“Continuing Education is mandatory to retain the Senior Judge accreditation. Each judge must continue to maintain membership in the MDS/ADS in good standing; judge in at least eight (8) ADS sanctioned shows over a five (5) year period; judge at least ten (10) seedling entries either at the Trial Garden or on the Seedling Bench in a five (5) year period; attend refresher courses in Competitive Judging, Bench Evaluation and Trial Garden Judging every other year; re-take the ADS Senior Judges Examination and achieve an open-book score of at least 90% once every five (5) years. All judges must grow & show dahlias to remain accredited. Failure to meet these Continuing Education and Participation requirements will result in loss of accreditation status. However, the Evaluation

Chairperson/Accreditation Committee can make exceptions in hardship cases.”

(MDS reqs-1980/rev.'96/rev.'98/updated to incorporate 6-2007 ADS revisions)

“Judges that do not fulfill all of the listed requirements to advance or maintain their judges status will be reduced to the next lower level of accreditation until they have demonstrated that they have completed approved training or experience to rectify the reason for demotion and re-taken the judges test for the next level of accreditation.”

(new per 6-2007 ADS published requirements)

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