

**AMERICAN DAHLIA SOCIETY
SEEDLING EVALUATION SCORECARD**

Fully double **ONLY**
(Includes Stellar and Novelty Double)

Date _____ Place _____ Number of Plants _____ Cultivar name/number _____

Size Class _____ Type _____ Color Description _____ ADS Color Chip(s) _____

EVALUATION CHARACTERISTICS

- CHECK APPROPRIATE BOXES. For faults: more than one box may be checked.
- CIRCLE ALL FAULTS. For more than -5 points, enter number in the empty box provided ().
- Negative numbers in parentheses ARE SUGGESTIONS ONLY.

COLOR 22 points — no faults detected
 Serious faults: dull, blotchy, streaked, faded, burns, bleeds (-3 to -10)
 Minor faults: gray, fungus on bloom (-1 to -3) -1 -2 -3 -4 -5

FORM 28 points — no faults detected
 Serious faults: gaps, lopsided, thin, irregular centers, green centers, open centers, mixed form (more than one form) (-3 to -10)
 • WL: not flat or saucer shaped, does not have 4 to 7 rows of ray florets.
 • ST: Florets not narrow/involute/recurved.
 Minor faults: immature, not fully opened, bearded (-1 to -3) -1 -2 -3 -4 -5

Depth _____ inches Serious fault: less than 1/4 diameter, less than 2/3 diameter, less than 1/2 diameter (ST), uneven depth. More than 1/2 diameter for WL (-3 to -10)
Diameter _____ inches Minor fault: diameter near or at size breaks. -1 -2 -3 -4 -5

SUBSTANCE 15 points — no faults detected
 Serious faults: ray flowers soft, lack springiness, droopy, failing, falling, missing, shriveled, thin, browned, dirty, misshapen (-3 to -8)
 Minor faults: minor spots, over mature (-1 to -3) -1 -2 -3 -4 -5

STEM 10 points — no faults detected
 Serious faults: crooked, too short, too long, too thick, willowy, weak, wiry (-3 to -6)
Length _____ Minor faults: slight crook, faulty disbudding, not in center of bloom (-1 to -3) -1 -2 -3 -4 -5

FOLIAGE 10 points — no faults detected
 Serious faults: bloom & foliage out of proportion, too small, too large, folded, crinkled, spray deposits, coarse, unappealing appearance, tri-leaf (-3 to -6)
 Minor faults: not opposite leaves, mildew, heavy insect damage (-1 to -3) -1 -2 -3 -4 -5

BLOOM POSITION 5 points — no faults detected
 Serious faults: down facing, side facing, top facing on some forms (-2 to -4)
 Minor faults: top facing, not quite 45° (-1 to -2) -1 -2 -3 -4 -5

UNIFORMITY (Bench) 5 points — no faults detected
 Serious faults: not uniform color, form different from bloom to bloom, large variance in size, bloom positions different, overall effect not uniform (-2 to -4)
 Minor faults: small variance in size, poor staging (-1 to -3) -1 -2 -3 -4 -5

FLOPPEROUSNESS (Trial Garden) 5 points — no faults detected
 Serious faults: late blooming, not many blooms, poor grower (-2 to -4)
 Minor faults: mid-season blooming, moderate number of blooms (-1 to -3) -1 -2 -3 -4 -5

DISTINCTION 5 points
 -5 points: unlikely to win -4 points: occasional winner in class
 -3 points: frequent winner in its class -2 points: potential section winner
 -1 point: section winner, may win higher -0 points: potential for higher awards

Judge's Printed Name _____ Judge's Signature _____
 Note: Only one judge per scorecard. Each judge must use a separate scorecard.

COMMENT: _____

SCORE

Bench

Trial Garden

TOTAL SCORE