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Entry Form for National Bonsai Show 2024

Please fill out a separate entry form for each General Category Tree or Shohin Display, save the file with a descriptive file name, e.g. EntryFrm24-JapaneseMaple.pdf and submit entry with a digital photograph via email to nzbashow@gmail.com

General category
Common name: _____
Botanical name: _____
Height incl pot (cm): _____ **Width incl pot (cm):** _____ **Depth incl pot (cm):** _____
Year created as a bonsai: _____ **Year of ownership:** _____

Shohin category: Common Name, Botanical Name	Year created as bonsai, year of ownership
Tree 1 Name _____, _____	Year _____, _____
Tree 2 Name _____, _____	Year _____, _____
Tree 3 Name _____, _____	Year _____, _____
Tree 4 Name _____, _____	Year _____, _____
Tree 5 Name _____, _____	Year _____, _____

I agree to abide by the rules of the National Show (see overleaf or NZBA Website). I hereby certify that the tree is alive, in good health and is as depicted in the accompanying photograph. I am a member of NZBA or of an NZBA affiliated Society/Club. If selected I will arrange, at my own expense, for the tree to be delivered to the National Show venue.

Submitted by: _____
 Address: _____
 Email: _____
 Phone: _____
 Signature: _____ Date: _____

Submit entry via email **with a digital photograph** to nzbashow@gmail.com by

Wednesday 28th February 2024

Only applications sent to nzbashow@gmail.com by the due date will be accepted.

National Show Rules

1. Entrants must be a current financial member of a club registered with NZBA or an individual member of NZBA.
2. Bonsai submitted must have been owned by the person submitting for a minimum of two years at the time of the show. This includes yamadori or collected trees.
3. There is no limit to the number of bonsai which any one entrant can submit for selection, including Shohin displays. However, a maximum of three bonsai will be accepted per entrant for the Show, including native trees. NOTE: A group planting or shohin display is counted as one entry.
4. Shohin will be the only separate class of bonsai. Shohin should normally be a maximum of 20cm in height measured from the rim of the pot. Bonsai that are slightly taller should be of equivalent visual weight to a 20 cm tall Bonsai. Displays should consist of a set of a minimum of three Bonsai. The set of Shohin should be displayed in a way that makes it clear that they are a set.
5. Entries are to be submitted on the designated form together with a digital photograph of the bonsai. Photographs must be taken on a plain background and be a minimum of 1080x1080 pixels. The photograph should only show the tree and pot. You do not need to include the stand or accent.
6. Bonsai which have won awards at previous NZBA shows may not be re-entered into the competition for a minimum of 3 years. Exceptions to this are the winners of the Merit Awards, or the winner of the Shohin Trophy where the Shohin display can be re-entered in less than 3 years provided a minimum of two trees in the winning display are removed.
7. The closing date for entries will be advertised and no late entries can be accepted.
8. Selection for the National Bonsai Show will be undertaken by a Judging Panel nominated by the NZBA committee. Once an entry has been selected, substitution of an alternative tree is not permitted. As indicated above a maximum of three bonsai will be accepted per entrant for the show. If the judging panel select more than 3 trees per person the applicant must designate at least one month in advance of the National Bonsai Show which three trees are to be entered. The exception to this rule is for Shohin where one tree in the group may be substituted with notification at least one month in advance of the National Bonsai Show.
9. All bonsai need to be shown with stands and associated accent plants, figurines, or stones. It is the responsibility of the owner or his/her nominated representative to set up and look after their bonsai display during the show.
10. Photographs of the Award winning and merit trees will be displayed on the NZBA website and in the NZBA Bonsai Times Magazine.