

BONSAI JUDGING FORM

Event: _____ Entry Number: _____

Common Name: _____ Botanical Name: _____

Style: _____

Elements	Points Awarded	
	Max	Actual

A. Overall impression (45)

(Deduct points for obvious human interference)

Impact. (Aesthetical Impression)	20	
Focus Point.	5	
Balance	5	
Depth. (Three dimension)	5	
Harmony	5	
Style Reliability	5	
Sub Total	45	

B. Base (10)

Roots (Impressions and spreading)

Solidly Anchored	5	
Root jointing at the trunk	3	
Sub Total	2	
	10	

C. Trunk (10)

Not applicable to Root Over Rock or Clinging to Rock)

Apex (Where applicable)	2	
Movement	2	
Texture / Aging	2	
No wire damage or obvious man made scars.	2	
Trunk versus the style	2	
Sub Total	10	

C1 . Alternative Root over Rock and Clinging to Rock

Judged according to trunk. Use the following criteria instead

Impact of Rock	3	
Naturalness of composition	2	
Harmony between tree (s) and Rock	2	
Roots attached to Rock	3	
Sub Total	10	

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	Max.	Actual

D Branches (15) Not applicable to clinging to Rock Style

Quality and Development of Branches	5	
Deduct Marks for man made mistakes		
Ramification	5	
Proportional (Trunk and Primary Branches secondary branches / tertiary branches	3	
Branches in proportion to style	2	
Sub Total	15	

D1 Alternative. Clinging to Rock

Root over rock can be judged under D branches

Unity between Tree (s) and Rock	5	
Natural appearance of Tree (s) on Rock	5	
Proportion between Tree (s) and Rock	3	
Use of suitable plant material	2	
Sub Total	15	

E. Foliage (10)

Leaf reduction

Natural appearance	5	
leaf mass compared to style	2	
Sub Total	3	
	10	

F Landscaping (5)

Is landscaping aesthetically done?

Horizon Line	3	
Sub Total	2	
	5	

C. Container (5)

Position of Tree (s) in Pot

Does Tree and Bonsai Pot compliment one another	1	
Suitability of Pot colour	1	
Suitability of the Pot for the style	1	
Size of Pot in comparison to the tree	1	
Sub Total	5	

Total Points

100	
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Date of judging: _____

Signed on behalf of the judging panel by: _____