

THE RUDI ADAM FLOATING TROPHY FOR THE NEW TALENT OF THE YEAR

Competition Guidelines:

The first stage of this competition will be carried out at club level. The first place winner will go through to a Regional semi final stage and lastly, the finalists of this regional competition (i.e. 5) will go forward to the national finals at an annual convention or a pre arranged venue. Here they will compete for the Rudi Adams Trophy. Should any of the winners withdraw from the various competition stages their place will be taken by the runners up.

The first two stages of the competition are entirely up to the clubs and Regional clubs as to how and when they hold their competitions. The final stage however, will be controlled by S.A.B.A (South African Bonsai Association) who will lay down the criteria to be used.

As this competition is geared to encouraging New Talent, it will be limited to Club Members who have less than 10 years Bonsai Experience.

Entrants to the competition must be paid up members of their clubs. Their club in turn must be affiliated to S.A.B.A. and affiliation levies are upto date.

Winners of the regional finals must be prepared to attend the convention or pre arranged venue. S.A.B.A will pay for the entry fee for the event.

Financial support from the clubs can be given to the regional winner to defray expenses.

Criteria for the finals:

1. All entries must have less than 10 years Bonsai experience. **Previous winners of the Finals are not eligible to enter.** This is to be certified by the Regional Clubs Executives.
2. All entrants must be members of clubs who are paid up affiliates of S.A.B.A
3. The Club hosting the regional must submit entries on the form provided.
4. Only the winner of the regional competition will be eligible for the National Finals. In the event of the winner not being able to attend due to factors beyond their control the Runners Up will take his/her place.
5. All entries are to reach the S.A.B.A Secretary at least 3 months prior to the finals.
6. Entrants must supply their own tools, wire, raffia, turntables etc.
7. Stock to be worked on will be supplied by SABA in conjunction with the Convention or Event organizers.
8. Numbers drawn will allocate trees to entrants.
9. Judging will be absolutely impartial and the decision will be final
10. No fee will be charged for entrants to the competition.
11. All trees, except the winners, will be sold to the entrant or raffled or auctioned off to recoup expenses
12. Time allocated to complete this competition is four (4) hours.

Judging:

1. Judges will be appointed by S.A.B.A and will not be less than three (3) or more than Five (5)
2. Consideration will be given to techniques used and design appropriate to stock supplied.
3. Judges will see the raw stock and then only the final design.
4. Judges will not know who has worked on what.

Should queries arise or additional information required please contact S.A.B.A EXCO.

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