

Judging Floral Form

Student #3

Flower form is an important part of judging. Using the handbook what are the criteria for form in the following genera/alliances: Cattleya, Dendrobium, Phalaenopsis, and Paphiopedilum.

- 1) Using the score sheet, form is generally 30 points but can be 35 or 40. What deviations from the stated criteria would cause you to take off 5 points from a Cattleya flower? 10 points?
- 2) Knowing the background species involved in a Cattleya type hybrid will affect how many points I give it for form. Explain.
- 3) The Dendrobium Alliance is a big and diverse group of plants. Explain how you would approach point scoring for form for the following species: Den. canaliculatum, Den. nobile, Den. kingianum, Den. densiflorum and Den. tetragonum.
- 4) Discuss your approach for point scoring form on a hybrid of Phal. mannii and Phal. Fuller's Sunset.
- 5) Form is a significant issue when judging 'bulldog' Paphs. Cupped dorsal, heavy midlines on the dorsal, and unflat petals are all form problems that you will see. How would you approach deducting points for these less than desirable traits?
- 6) For each of the four genera listed at the top, explain the circumstances under which you would use the General Scale for scoring.