

BOYS AND GIRLS AGRICULTURAL CLUB GARDEN COMPETITION RULES

FLOWER GARDENS

Age Groups

Junior Year 1, 2, 3, 4

Senior Year 5, 6, 7, 8

Awards

Awards are issued as follows:

1st, 2nd and 3rd in the junior flower garden

1st, 2nd and 3rd in the senior flower garden

Best overall, junior

Best overall, senior

Merit Awards

Judges are able to, at their discretion, acknowledge gardens that have not been ranked yet are worthy of recognition by the issuing of **Merit Awards For Garden Achievement**.

Please Note:

To ensure consistency of judging and fairness to participants, judges must follow the criteria as set down in this document and use the judging sheet provided.

Flower Garden Competition Rules

Junior

Minimum Size (e.g. 1 metre x 1 metre minimum size)	1 square metre
Minimum no. of flower varieties grown	3

Senior

Minimum size (e.g. 1 metre x 2 metres minimum size)	2 square metres
Minimum no. of flower varieties grown	5

Additional Information

- There is no requirement for the gardens to be square or rectangular in shape; irregular shapes are acceptable as long as they meet the size requirements.
- The rules allow for a 10% size tolerance.
- Each competitor must complete and have ready for the judge a written project. This can be in the booklet provided by the school or can be of the participants own design.
- All work in the garden must be the unaided work of the participant with the exception of the initial heavy digging or any subsequent spraying. Parents may help with advice and instruction without helping actively; the garden must be a true reflection of the endeavours of the participants.
- Allowances will be made for any damage as a result of extraordinary circumstances such as storm damage, stock damage or other similar problems.

Guidelines for Merit Awards

- Where the participant is a year 1 or year 2 pupil.
- Where other extraordinary circumstances make it difficult to follow the above guidelines e.g. limited space available, difficult soil types, other difficulties as identified by the judge.
- Where innovative design and/or gardening techniques have been used.