

Quick Reference Guide: Filling Out the [Show] Plant Registration Form (version: 06-06-22)

This quick reference guide is intended to help you fill out the Plant Registration Form so that you can bring in your orchids for judging at a home or away show. While it makes every attempt to be complete, you may still find yourself with questions. Contact the Home Show Chair or Away Show Chair and they will be able to help you be successful.

The Plant Registration Form

Exhibit	Exhibitor	Entry Name	Parent One	Parent Two	Class	Class 2	Tag	AOS

Exhibit

Before you can register your plants, you must register your [show] exhibit/table. Notify the Home Show Chair that you want to have an exhibit/table at the show and you will be assigned an Exhibit #. This is the number that you will use in your Plant Registration Form. If you are joining together with other members to create an exhibit/table, this only needs to be done by one of you.

This column should be left blank when participating in an Away Show (the Away Show Chair will fill in this column for you).

Exhibitor

If you are joining together with other members to create an exhibit/table, the member who registered your exhibit/table will need to assign (and register) each individual member a unique Exhibitor number. This is the number that you will use in your Plant Registration Form.

This column should be left blank if you are sponsoring an exhibit/table by yourself or when participating in an Away Show (the Away Show Chair will fill in this column for you).

Entry Name

This is the name of your plant (usually taken from the plant tag that was supplied with your plant when you purchased it. Make sure that you use proper capitalization – the Genus is always capitalized, species names are all lower-case, hybrid names are always capitalized. If you are unsure of the species/hybrid name, you may use NOID (no identification)

Examples:

- Maxillaria tenuifolia
- Banfieldara Gilded Tower 'Yellow Star'
- Phalaenopsis NOID

Parent One & Parent Two

Every plant has two parents. If you know the names of the parent plants, you would name them here. If you don't know the parent names, leave these two columns blank.

Class & Class 2

Classes are used by the Show Judges to ensure that only like orchids are compared to each other when evaluating the merits of each orchid (it wouldn't make sense to compare a huge Cattleya flower to a tiny Lepanthes flower). For each class of orchids present at the show, Show Judges may award 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and Best in Class ribbons.

There are several reference documents created by the Mid-America Orchid Congress that can help you determine the class for your orchid. The most up-to-date versions can be obtained from the Home or Away Show Chair or on the MAOC website (<https://midamericanorchids.org/education/>).

The three applicable reference documents are:

- July 2020 show schedule (Microsoft Word Document)
- MAOC Classification-July2020-Update (Microsoft Excel Spreadsheet)
- MAOC 2021 Dendrobium cheat sheet (Microsoft Word Document)

While the three documents can be used in a variety of ways to research/determine the class of your orchids, one approach is to use them as follows:

- If your orchid is a Dendrobium species, first use the MAOC 2021 Dendrobium cheat sheet. Search for the species name. The class number is the number at the top of the applicable column.
- Search for the genus name in the MAOC Classification-July2020-Update. The class is often provided directly (note the separate column for species vs. hybrid). You may, at times, need to search for related genus if the entry specifies "see xxxx".
- If the class provided in the MAOC Classification-July2020-Update is a range of numbers, find that range in the July 2020 show schedule and choose the specific class number that best fits your particular orchid (often based on flower size and or color/pattern).
- If you're really not sure, ask the Home or Away Show Chair for assistance... they are there to help.

In two cases, an orchid may be entered in a second class in addition to its primary class. This is reserved for seedlings flowering for the first time (class 112) or specimen-sized plants (class 113)

Tag

If you are entering two or more of the exact same plants for judging, you need to assign each plant its own unique Tag number (1, 2, etc.) so that each plant can be distinguished from the others. Otherwise, this column should be left blank.

AOS

If you want your plant judged not only within the context of the show, but also for [potential] American Orchid Society (AOS) awarding, you would put YES in this column.

If you do not want your plant considered for an AOS award or if the current flower/inflorescence has already been judged for an AOS award and did not qualify for one, you would put NO in this column.

!!! Helpful Hint !!!

Keep a copy of your Plant Registration Forms over the years. Once you've typed out the plant name and parents, and researched/determined the class for a particular orchid, there is no reason to do it ever again (unless the classes have been changed/updated). Just copy/paste the information from your old Plant Registration Form into your new form and you're good to go.

Example Plant Registration Form Entries

Exhibit	Exhibitor	Entry Name	Parent One	Parent Two	Class	Class 2	Tag	AOS
3	3B	Brassolaeliocattleya Brad Carter 'Bri-Lea'	Lisa Irene	Mem. Roselyn Reisman	20	113		YES
3	3B	Bulbophyllum sanguineopunctatum			108			YES
3	3B	Dendrobium bracteosum x tanii			95			YES
3	3B	Phalaenopsis MS Freckle Girl			51			YES
3	3B	Phalaenopsis NOID #1			53			YES
3	3B	Phalaenopsis NOID #10			51			YES
3	3B	Renanthera bella x Renanthera John Losgar			76	112		YES
3	3B	Maxillaria tenuifolia			105			YES
3	3B	Cattleya Horace 'Maxima'			20		1	YES
3	3B	Cattleya Horace 'Maxima'			20		2	YES



This member is participating in a group exhibit/table. All members of the group would use Exhibit 3, but other members of the group would use a different Exhibitor # (3A, 3C, etc.) when filling out their own Plant Registration Forms.