

ARC TRIAL GROUNDS REGULATIONS

1. Any individual may enter roses for testing. (Miniature and miniflora roses are allowed for testing in the ARC Trials). It is requested that that ARC Staff-Registrar be advised in **November** of the preceding year as to the number of entries that will be sent the following February so that sufficient space is reserved.
2. The individual entering the test rose must certify that the variety is his legal property. He/she is requested to identify each entry as to type (Hybrid Tea, Climber, Floribunda, Shrub, etc.) and color. Especially if more than one rose is to be entered in any one year, the varieties should be clearly marked with an individual identification code so they will not be mixed up in the planting process. It is also requested that the entries be identified as being on their own roots or budded, indicating the type of understock used. The date of budding or rooting should be given.
3. Two bushes per variety of climbers and large shrubs and four bushes per variety of other types will be submitted for testing.
4. Bush roses will be under test for two years and recurring shrubs/climbers for three years.
5. A fee of \$25.00 USD per entry is charged. Payment should be included when plants are shipped.
6. The test roses will be judged at least twice per year at peak blooming periods (Spring: April and Fall: September or October).
7. The judges will use the ARC-TG test score (evaluation) sheets.
8. The Trial Ground roses will be given the same basic care as the other roses at the American Rose Center.
9. The hybridizer or his agent will deliver test varieties to the American Rose Center between January 15th and March 1st for planting and test. The hybridizer should bear in mind, however, that the best time to plant roses in Shreveport is during February and be guided accordingly. Those shipping via UPS should use our street address of 8877 Jefferson Paige Road, Shreveport, LA 71119-8817 instead of the P.O. Box number. The bushes should be established plants, either on their own roots, or budded onto any understock, as the hybridizer desires. The plants will be delivered prepaid, with the specified fee payable to the American Rose Society, and with a signed statement that the test rose varieties are his legal property and have not been introduced into commerce.
10. The ARC Staff-Registrar will prepare and sign a "License Agreement", describing the roses received, and return two copies to the hybridizer. The hybridizer will retain one copy for his records, and sign and return the second copy to ARS. (The varieties will be assigned a confidential test number by the ARC Staff-Registrar, and will be identified in the garden only by that number). After planting, the roses will be evaluated by the Trial Grounds evaluators as prescribed above.
11. After testing, the bushes will be destroyed.

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