

Awards and Honors exam Name: _____
(Awards and Ballots) 2 Hours JT credit

Date: _____ Location: _____ Region: _____ Instructor: _____

Check one:

Student_____, Apprentice Judge_____, G/E Judge_____, Master Judge_____, Emeritus Judge_____

True or False ?

1) _____ Two hours of Awards and Ballots judges training are required of Apprentice Judges prior to appointment as an AIS Garden/Exhibition Judge.

2) _____ The High Commendation (HC) award indicates that an iris is worthy of introduction, and an HC is also a requirement for an iris to “move up” in the awards chain.

3) _____ All irises competing for the HM award are on the AIS Ballot the second year after introduction.

4) _____ Eligibility for the AM begins the third year after an iris has received the HM award.

5) _____ The Special Medal is given to only 1 iris in every class except for ties, where those tied irises are all awarded medals.

6) _____ Since there are 13 Sections and Cooperating Societies in AIS, there are also 13 Special Medals, one representing each of the 13 Sections and Cooperating Societies.

7) _____ If an iris performs well at your local show, that performance is excellent criteria in voting for that iris in the official AIS Ballot.

8) _____ Garden judging and voting the Official Ballot are the most important responsibilities of an AIS judge.

9) _____ The newest AIS Convention Award, and the only convention award given to a garden, not an iris, is the Gerald Richardson Award.

10) _____ The Gold Medal is the highest honor bestowed on a member by the American Iris Society.

Match the award with the iris Class

	Award	Your Answer	Class
11.	Payne Medal		a. Intermediate Bearded
12.	Knowlton Medal		b. Spuria
13.	Cook-Douglas Medal		c. Japanese
14.	Sydney B. Mitchell Medal		d. Standard Dwarf Bearded
15.	Eric Nies Medal		e. Border Bearded
16.	Hans & Jacob Sass Medal		f. Pacific Coast

Choose the best answer below:

17) _____ An AIS G/E or Master Judge may be automatically disqualified for:

- a) Failing to vote for the Dykes Medal in a timely manner for 2 consecutive years.
- b) Failing to submit a timely Activity Report for 2 consecutive years.
- c) Failing to vote the Official Ballot in a timely manner for 2 consecutive years.
- d) Failing to vote the Iris Popularity Poll in a timely manner for 2 consecutive years.
- e) Either b or c above will result in automatic disqualification as a judge.

18) _____ In voting the ballot, and before voting for a particular iris, a judge should:

- a) Have reviewed at least 2 catalogs with photos of that iris
- b) Have seen the real iris in its first-year bloom only
- c) Have seen the iris growing and blooming in a garden over a two-year period
- d) Have repeatedly visited online photos of the iris over the past two years

19) _____ In the case of a tie for the Dykes Medal,

- a) The irises in the tie receive duplicate Dykes Medals
- b) No Dykes Medal is given since the judges couldn't make a clear decision.
- c) The First Vice President casts the deciding vote in the case of a tie.
- d) A special run-off election is held for those varieties tied to choose the Dykes

20) _____ When voting the Official Ballot, the competent and conscientious judge will:

- a) Vote for the maximum irises allowed for the HM in at least 4 classes. After all, how difficult can it be to know only 10% of the TB cultivars eligible on the ballot?
- b) Have evaluated the entire iris clump, including the flower, stalks, foliage, and increases, not just based on the flower alone.
- c) Pay particular attention to Hybridizer friends and vote for his or her irises, even if they have not observed them growing in the garden, since all of that hybridizer's irises are top-notch and deserve awards.
- d) Vote in every category on the Ballot, even if it means hours of work poring over catalogs and googling Hybridizer websites to learn about all of those irises in groups that you have not observed growing and blooming.

Bonus Question, just because:

21) _____ The Ben R. Hager Cup

- a) Is Restricted to introduced Median Irises seen growing and in bloom in the national convention official tour gardens.
- b) Is Restricted to irises originating in California (where Ben Hager lived and gardened) and seen growing and in bloom in the national convention official tour gardens.
- c) Is Awarded to four irises annually as seen at the national convention, one each for the best SDB, IB, BB, and MTB.
- d) Has been given only rarely since its inception.
- e) Is Restricted to the best Ben Hager hybridized iris seen at each iris show in a given year.