

Ethics

Student #8

Student, probationary & certified judges are representatives of the American Orchid Society within all of our judging activities in our home center, at away judging, and in our participation in orchid societies. Judges' conduct should at all times maintain and support the integrity of the judging program and of the AOS.

Which of the following activities could be considered unethical and why/how?

- A) During a judging event you realize that an exhibitor's plant would fit nicely into your breeding program. You take out a toothpick and remove the pollen from the flower in hopes of using it for future breeding in your own hybridizing program. Explain two separate scenarios: This orchid received no AOS award. This orchid received an AOS award.
- B) You purchase an orchid at Favorite Orchids. The tag is labeled Phal. Boogie Woogie 'Blues'. Once you get the orchid home and you look it over closely, it reminds you of your Aunt Linda's lovely dancing blue eyes and decide that the orchid should be named Phal Boogie Woogie 'Linda Dances'. This orchid is not awarded. Is there any case that this change of clonal name would be allowed?
- C) You bring in a personal plant for judging. You participate in the discussion and scoring of the plant.
- D) An exhibitor offers you money if their orchid is awarded. You need the money... and proceed to extol the positive attributes of the flower to the judging team.
- E) One of the exhibitors has a reputation for saying bad things about the judges in your judging center and disputes their knowledge often. Even though you dread this person bringing more plants into the judging center, you judge his plants fairly and without prejudice.
- F) You hear one of your mentors speaking unfavorably about the judging knowledge of another judge.
- G) You purchase a plant at your local orchid grower business. It has proper name designation and a clonal name attached. Two days later, you bring it into judging where it receives a flower quality award and leave the clonal name as it stands.
- H) You purchase a nice, clean specimen plant and you bring it to the judging center for consideration for an award. Different time frames (1 week after purchase), (6 months after purchase) and (1 year after purchase). Under each timeframe, who is the recipient of any cultural award granted?
- I) List any behavior that you may feel is unethical and be prepared to discuss this assignment at our next scheduled monthly judging.