

Standard Dwarf Bearded (SDB) In Garden Evaluation (Chapter 11)

Garden Judging of Introduced and Seedling SDB Iris

1. Proportion			20
2. Flower			40
	a. Color & Finish	15	
	b. Form	15	
	c. Substance & Durability	10	
3. Floriferousness			15
4. Foliage & Plant			10
5. Distinctiveness			15
TOTAL			100

SDB Section Award – Cook-Douglas Medal

An Iris Must Always Be Judged on its Total Garden Qualities!

Awards must always be based on the total iris: plant, stalk, and Flower

General

Height 8” to 16”; can increase in height during bloom season; 2 or more terminal buds; branched or unbranched. Leaves no higher than stalk. Numerous stalks per clump expected. Flowers under 4” wide.

Proportion -- 20 points

Evaluate flower, stalk, foliage, and clump together. Lowest flower no lower than tips of foliage. Larger the plant, more flowers above foliage. Foliage width should be consistent with height. Thick stalks not appropriate. Flower width and height of stalk, no matter the form, should be balanced (i.e. stalk height is 3.75 to 4 X width of flower). Absence of good overall proportion should be severely penalized.

Flowers -- 40 points

Color (15 points)

Color and pattern are major component of total impact of SDBs. Judge at a distance for garden effect; close up for color clarity, pattern, saturation. Patterns should be distinctive and contrasts well defined. Coarse markings or unpleasant color detract from effect. Extraordinary beard color can add substantially to distinctiveness. Smooth, silky, velvet, waxy texture contribute:

Form (15 points)

Various forms are acceptable. Flower up to 3.9” wide; Min HxW = 3.4”; Max HxW = 6.8”. Open, arched, domed standards acceptable if neat and precise. Midribs strong enough to keep standards in position. Horizontal or flaring falls display color and pattern best. Falls wide but variations acceptable. Narrow, pinched or tucked falls not acceptable. Ruffled or tailored forms equally acceptable.

Substance and Durability (10 points)

Substance enough to provide crispness, stiffness and toughness to endure inclement weather from bud to completion. Thin, transparent, watery appearance not acceptable.

Floriferousness -- 15 points

Only 3 buds per stalk need several stalks per clump; i.e. less buds need more stalks. Penalize stalks with one or two blooms that finish quickly. Reward double socketed terminal and spur IF do not crowd blooms. Bloom should last 10-15 days in normal size 2-3 year clump.

Plant and Foliage -- 10 points

Foliage dense and in proportion to stems and flowers. UNACCEPTABLE: coarse, overwide, untidy growth. Stalks on 1/3 to 2/3 fans. Bloom out a serious fault

Distinctiveness -- 15 points

SDB MUST be judged on own distinctive characteristics. Color breaks, exotic patterns and new forms are desirable but NEVER rewarded at the expense of quality. Distinctiveness must not over ride basic requirements of class.

Judging Seedlings

In judging seedling classes, A new cultivar which not only conforms to the guidelines for the class, but exhibits desirable qualities comprising improvement and/or innovation.