

# *THE BRITISH GLADIOLUS SOCIETY CENTENARY NATIONAL EXHIBITION 2026*

*As Guests of The Poynton Agricultural and Horticultural  
Society*



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<b>Staging</b>	<b>Friday August 28th-18:00 through to Saturday August 29th - 08:00</b>	
<b>Judging</b>	<b>Saturday August 29th</b>	<b>08:30</b>
<b>Gates Open</b>	<b>Saturday August 29th</b>	<b>08:00-16:00</b> <b>*Horticultural Marquee Open Approx 10:30</b>
<b>Prize Giving</b>	<b>Saturday August 29th</b>	<b>16:00</b>

## **Venue**

*Poynton Show Ground,  
South Park Drive,  
Poynton, Stockport,  
Cheshire, SK12 1BS*

## Show Regulations

1. There will be no pre-entry to The British Gladiolus Society Classes. To prevent any last minute rush it is requested that all entries be made on the Society's official entry form, which can be collected during staging and should be handed to the Hon. Show Secretary or his deputy at least an hour before staging finishes.
2. The Council of the British Gladiolus Society reserves the right to refuse any entry.
3. Exhibits must have been grown by the entrant and must be shown without supports or pins or being stuck by artificial means. Any supportive material shown above the level of the vase will result in disqualification.
4. No flowers should be placed on to the show bench until they are ready to be judged.
5. All cultivars should be named, seedlings should be numbered and classified. Failure to do either will not disqualify but may lead to loss of points in close competition. Cards for this purpose will be provided by the Society.
6. All vases and floret boxes will be supplied by The Society, baskets must be supplied by the exhibitor themselves. All spikes should be staged ONE SPIKE TO A VASE unless otherwise stated.
7. A greater or lesser number of spikes than is called for in the schedule will disqualify the exhibit.
8. Exhibitors may enter more than one exhibit per class apart from Class 1 which counts towards the BGS National Championship – therefore only one entry per exhibitor is allowed. An Exhibitor may win more than one prize, but for points calculation only the highest placing obtained in each class to count.
9. All classes are open to all, with the exception of Novice Classes, for which any person not having won three or more first prizes at any B.G.S event is eligible.
10. All classes will be judged in accordance with British Gladiolus Society Rules.
11. Any objections must be made in writing and handed to the Hon Show Secretary (or in his absence a steward) by 3.00pm on Saturday, accompanied by a £5 deposit which will be returned if, after consideration, the objection is found to be bona fide.
12. All exhibits, personal property, etc will be left at the owner's risk and the BGS will not be liable for any compensation for loss or damage or liable for any compensation for loss or damage suffered during erection or dismantling of the Show itself.
13. No exhibit or prize card may be removed before the official close of the show which is at 4.00 pm on Saturday 29th August 2026. All prize cards will be forwarded to winners unable to collect them by the Hon Show Secretary
14. Prizes monies will be forwarded in the weeks after the show.
15. The Council of the BGS reserves the right to decide all points not necessarily provided for in these Show Regulations and the Hon Show Secretary has the authority to act on its behalf in matters of urgency
16. Insurance of trophies will be undertaken by the British Gladiolus Society and all trophies must be signed for before being removed.
17. All trophies awarded must be signed for and a contact telephone number left and must be returned by 30 June next year to the person named as Hon Show Secretary unless otherwise agreed with the Hon Show Secretary
18. Engraving of trophies is at the discretion of winners at their own expense

# Schedule Of Classes

- CLASS 1. THE BLAKE CHALLENGE TROPHY.**  
Three spikes - any size(s), three distinct cultivars.
- CLASS 2.** Four spikes - 400 and/ or 500 size, any cultivar(s)
- CLASS 3.** One spike, any cultivar, Primulinus or non Primulinus.
- CLASS 4.** Six spikes any size(s), any cultivar(s), Primulinus and/or non Primulinus  
To be staged two spikes per vase.
- CLASS 5.** Six spikes - two or more cultivars - Primulinus.  
To be staged three spikes to a vase.
- CLASS 6. THE THREE SPIKE CHALLENGE.**  
Three spikes - One spike 500 or 400 size, One spike 300 or 200 or 100 size, and One spike Primulinus.

## Non - Primulinus Miniature (100 size) & Small (200 size)

- CLASS 7.** Three spikes - any cultivar(s). To be staged in one vase.
- CLASS 8.** One spike - class sub divided into colour classifications.
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| 8a - one spike 00 – 01.  | 8b - one spike 02 - 19. |
| 8c - one spike 20 – 39 . | 8d - one spike 40 - 59. |
| 8e - one spike 60 – 79.  | 8f - one spike 80 - 99  |

## Non - Primulinus Medium (300 size).

- CLASS 9.** Three spikes - any cultivar(s). To be staged in one vase.
- CLASS 10.** One spike - class sub divided into colour classification.
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| 10a - one spike 300 - 301. | 10b - one spike 302 - 319. |
| 10c - one spike 320 - 339. | 10d - one spike 340 - 359. |
| 10e - one spike 360 - 379. | 10f - one spike 380 - 399. |

## Non - Primulinus Large (400 size).

- CLASS 11.** Three spikes - any cultivar(s),
- CLASS 12.** One spike - class sub divided into colour classification.
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| 12a - one spike 400 - 401. | 12b - one spike 402 - 419. |
| 12c - one spike 420 - 439. | 12d - one spike 440 - 459. |
| 12e - one spike 460 - 479. | 12f - one spike 480 - 499. |

**Non - Primulinus Giant (500 size).**

**CLASS 13. Three spikes - any cultivar(s).**

**CLASS 14. One spike - class sub divided into colour classification.**

**14a - one spike 500 - 501.**

**14b - one spike 502 - 519.**

**14c - one spike 520 - 539.**

**14d - one spike 540 - 559.**

**14e - one spike 560 - 579.**

**14f - one spike 580 - 599.**

**Primulinus.**

**CLASS 15. Three spikes - any cultivar(s). To be staged three spikes to a vase.**

**CLASS 16. One spike - class sub divided into colour classification.**

**16a - one spike 00 - 01.**

**16b - one spike 02 - 19.**

**16c - one spike 20 - 39.**

**16d - one spike 40 - 59.**

**16e - one spike 60 - 79.**

**16f - one spike 80 - 99.**

**Florets.**

**Note : All boxes will be provided**

**CLASS 17. Non-Primulinus. Box of six florets - miniature, small or medium (100, 200 or 300 size.)**

**CLASS 18. Non-Primulinus. Box of six florets - Large or giant (400 or 500 size).**

**CLASS 19. Primulinus. Box of six florets - any cultivar(s).**

**Novice Classes.**

**Open to those members who have not won more than THREE first prizes at previous National, Southern, Midland or Northern Shows.**

**CLASS 20. Three spikes - Non-Primulinus, 400/500/300 sizes, any cultivar(s). 400 or 500 to be staged one spike to a vase, 300 sizes, three spikes to one vase.**

**CLASS 21. Three spikes - Primulinus, 100/200 sizes, any cultivar(s). To be staged in one vase.**

**CLASS 22. One spike - any cultivar(s).**

**Seedlings.**

**Exhibits MUST have been grown from seed by the exhibitor.**

**CLASS 23. THE DAILY MAIL GOLD CHALLENGE VASE may be awarded to the THREE SPIKES of ONE cultivar raised within the British Isles considered by the judges to be the best novelty, not in commerce, exhibited. Developments or improvements in colour and/or form will be of greater consideration than conformity with accepted standards of form or type.**

Awards of merit and certificates will be awarded in classes 24 to 26 at the judge's discretion. In classes 25a and 25b exhibitors should state how they consider the spikes to be of novelty value i.e. colour, form of floret, fragrance etc. Medium, Small, Miniature and Primulinus Cultivars to be staged three spikes per vase. Large and Giant to be staged one spike per vase.

**CLASS 24. One spike PRIMULINUS Seedling.  
THE T J CHILDS CHALLENGE CUP.  
may be awarded for the most meritorious exhibit in this class.**

**CLASS 25. One spike NON-PRIMULINUS Seedling.  
Miniature, small or medium (100, 200 or 300 size)  
THE PILBEAM CHALLENGE TROPHY.  
may be awarded for the most meritorious exhibit in this class.**

**25a To be judged as an EXHIBITION standard type.  
25b To be judged as OTHER THAN exhibition type.**

**CLASS 26. One spike NON-PRIMULINUS Seedling.  
Large or Giant (400 or 500 size)  
THE HENDLEY CHALLENGE TROPHY  
may be awarded for the most meritorious exhibit in this class.**

**26a To be judged as an EXHIBITION standard type.  
26b To be judged as OTHER THAN exhibition type.**

### Baskets.

**THE DAVID HILLS MEMORIAL TROPHY  
Presented by Mrs. Brenda Hills. will be awarded to the best basket in  
classes 27 and 28. \*\*\*\* Please note that all baskets must be provided by the exhibitor  
themselves.**

**CLASS 27. Up to NINE spikes - any cultivar(s). 300, 400 or 500 size. To be staged in  
one basket.**

**CLASS 28. Up to FIFTEEN spikes - any cultivar(s).100, 200 or primulinus. To be  
staged in one basket.**

**CLASS 29. The Pilbeam Legacy- One Spike Hybridised by John Pilbeam**

**CLASS 30. One Spike Decorative.**

**CLASS 31. Three Spikes Decorative.**

**CLASS 32. One Spike, Limited To Growers Of Less Than 300 Plants**

**CLASS 33. Three Spikes, Limited To Growers Of Less Than 300 Plants**

The British Gladiolus Society Silver Medal will be awarded to the Grand Champion Spike in the whole show.

**The Bikini Award** presented by C.Sales & Son will be awarded to the best exhibit in the show.

**The British Trophy** presented by E.WAnderton Esq and J.R.Evans Esq will be awarded to the best spike of British origin in the show.

**The Home and Gardens Silver Challenge Bowl** will be awarded to the best exhibit in the Novice classes.

**The William IV Challenge Dish** will be awarded to the exhibitor who gains most points in the show.

Prize monies will be allocated on a £1 per point basis, points system as follows:-

	1st	2nd	3rd
6 & 4 spike classes	6	5	4
4 spike classes	6	5	4
3 spike classes	5	4	3
1 spike classes	3	2	1
Floret Box	3	2	1
Baskets	5	3	1

Note- In the sub-divided classes 8,10,12,14 & 16 Overall 1st, 2nd & 3rd will determine points for the class.

***The British Gladiolus Society  
Would Like To Thank the Poynton Show  
For Allowing Us to Join Them As Guests With Our National Exhibition  
And For Their Continued Support And Assistance***

***In Anticipation We Would Also Like To Thank  
All Of those Who In Any Way Contribute To The Success Of The Event in  
what is the centenary year of The British Gladiolus Society.***