

ALL AMERICA SELECT TRIAL ENTRY RULES NAGC WILL MANAGE THE TRIALS AND THE GARDENS (updated 2024)

1. The hybridizer will send 75 corms of each seedling for trial. A few extra may be sent in case there are any damaged or diseased corms, which need to be discarded. Each seedling sent to the trials must be sent clearly identified with seedling number. Five corms will be sent to each of the 15 gardens. No more than three entries are permitted per hybridizer. 2. The completed and signed Standard Hybridizers Agreement and Entry Form should accompany each entry of glads being sent in for the trials. This form is available on the Glad

World website. A picture included would be helpful, but not necessary.

3. Stock of the seedling must be in full control of the hybridizer or the person or company who is propagating it for them.
4. Shipment of the corms should be made in mid-March, after danger of freezing has passed or packed in such a way that they will not freeze in shipping.
5. Deadline for receipt of the stock for distribution is April 1. Any deviation from this, the hybridizer must contact the distributor.
6. Large and miniature glads will be accepted for the trials.
7. NAGC and the distributor of the glads to the trial gardens will not be responsible for lost shipments or condition of corms received or sent, which may be damaged or frozen.
8. Entry must be an undisseminated seedling of North American origin. Trial judges will grow and rate each seedling under a coded "letter" or "number". All trial gardeners must destroy all stock at the end of the growing season.
9. All entrants must have control of the stock until the trials are completed and winner/winners selected. As soon as the winners are selected, those that were not selected will be notified as soon as possible and released so the hybridizer may do as he/she wishes. If an entry is not selected the hybridizer may reenter the cultivar the following year.
10. Reports will be tabulated as soon as the tabulator receives the final report from the gardeners. If a gardener cannot be reached or the tabulation is not in by November 15, it will be excluded.
11. The AAS Committee, appointed by the NAGC President, will view the tabulation report and select the winner/winners. The AAS Committee will select distributors, tabulators and gardeners and can make changes any time during the year, as necessary.
12. Winning seedlings of the trials will retain the All-America Select title indefinitely.
13. NAGC or All America Select or their agents, are not responsible for any rules not followed. This is an honor system and NAGC takes no responsibility for policing these policies.

JOB OF DISTRIBUTOR: Receives the corms from the hybridizer. Assign each glad a "{code" which can be a number or a letter. Keeps a record of the seedling number, hybridizer and code assigned to glad and

sends a copy to the tabulator. If there are extra corms sent, the distributor may use the best received and destroy the rest. If there are different size corms, the distributor should try to place some of each size in each gardener's bag. The distributor will have a sufficient number of Judge's Score Sheets made up and one for each entry included in box with corms. The distributor bags 5 corms per bag, with the appropriate code written on the bags and boxes the entries to send to each gardener. Each gardener's box should contain a bag from each hybridizer. If there were 10 hybridizers entering, the gardener's box should contain 10 bags. The distributor will keep in secret the code and the name of the hybridizer. At this point the only knowledge of the codes and hybridizers name would be the distributor and the tabulator. These are usually packed in a USPS one price box, which are complimentary from the post office. The distributor will pay for the shipping, retain receipt with the shipping information and forward the receipt to the NAGC Treasurer for reimbursement.

JOB OF TRIAL GARDENER: The gardener will receive the corms, which will be mailed after April 1, or when weather permits. The gardener will plant the corms in a manner that they would plant any other glads under their care. The gardener will keep track of each cultivar separately and score it on the provided score sheet. He/she will judge them against other glads in their care and against each other. Any glad that the gardener does not see bloom because of weather, animals or any other reason, shall not receive any score or be tabulated. If the glad grows poorly, it would receive a very low score. If it was flooded out or damaged, it should be noted and not scored. This score sheet would receive all 0's on the tabulation and not be included in the tabulation. All America Select is looking for the best glad/glads for the prestigious award of AAS. All score sheets are to be returned to the tabulator by October 31. The gardener should make and keep a copy of each score sheet in the event the original gets lost or destroyed in shipping.

JOB OF TABULATOR: The tabulator will receive the coded sheet from the distributor. The tabulator will receive the score sheets from the trial gardeners, prior to October 31 and tabulate the sheets as soon as possible. Tabulation will consist of dropping the high score and low score of each entry and total the remaining scores, which will be divided by the number of gardeners that scored it. This number will be used in ranking the entries. Any score from a trial garden that scores it less than 60 will be scored 60 and considered a crop failure. Any glad that receives a "O" will not be tabulated, but will be shown on the tabulation sheet, to indicate it was included.

AAS COMMITTEE: The committee will be an odd number and selected by NAGC President. As soon as the committee receives the tabulated sheets they have ten days to determine the glad/glads to be designated as an All-America Select. At this point, all entries will be notified of the committee's decision, including those selected and not selected. The committee will meet at the convention and review the rules and answer any questions on the trials. Any changes to the rules will be made at the convention with a majority vote. The Gardener Score Sheets will be at the convention meeting for anyone to review. The committee should determine the winners by the score that it attained and the number of gardeners that indicated "yes" or "no" to the question of whether the glad was worthy of introduction. In the past, if the top two or three scores were very close, all three were selected. If only the top score was high and there were no other scores close, one was selected. If the second two scores were close and had more "yes" votes than "no" votes, they were selected. Any entry below the top scorer that had more "no" than "yes" votes, it was not selected. To select any more than three, they would all have to be very high scores and more than half "yes" votes.