

**AMERICAN DAHLIA SOCIETY
SEEDLING EVALUATION SCORECARD**

Single/Mignon Single/Collarette/Orchid/Anemone/Peony/Novelty Open **ONLY**

Date _____ Place _____ Number of Plants _____ Cultivar name/number _____

Size Class _____ Type _____ Color Description _____ ADS Color Chip(s) _____

EVALUATION CHARACTERISTICS

- CHECK APPROPRIATE BOXES. For faults: more than one box may be checked.
- CIRCLE ALL FAULTS. For more than -5 points, enter number in the empty box provided ().
- Negative numbers in parentheses **ARE SUGGESTIONS ONLY**.

SCORE

COLOR 22 points — no faults detected
 Serious faults: dull, blotchy, streaked, faded, burns, bleeds (-3 to -10)
 Minor faults: gray, fungus on bloom (-1 to -3) -1 -2 -3 -4 -5

FORM 28 points — no faults detected
 Serious faults all types: Non-uniform ray florets, non-uniform spacing
 Serious faults Single & Mignon Single: more than one row of ray florets; not in flat plane (-3 to -10)
 Serious faults Collarette: petaloids not flat; petaloids too long (-3 to -10)
 Serious faults Orchid: 2 or more rows ray florets; ray florets not involute (-3 to -10)
 Serious faults Anemone: dome not developed, not pincushioned, not tubular; ray florets not in flat plane (-3 to -10)
 Serious Faults Peony: more than 5 rows ray florets, ray florets recurve to stem (-3 to -10)
 Diameter _____ inches -1 -2 -3 -4 -5

SUBSTANCE 15 points — no faults detected
 Serious faults: ray flowers soft, lack springiness, droopy, failing, falling, missing, shriveled, thin, browned, dirty, misshapen (-3 to -8)
 Minor faults: minor spots, over mature (-1 to -3) -1 -2 -3 -4 -5

STEM 10 points — no faults detected
 Serious faults: crooked, too short, too long, too thick, willowy, weak, wiry (-3 to -6)
 Length _____ Minor faults: slight crook, faulty disbudding, not in center of bloom (-1 to -3) -1 -2 -3 -4 -5

FOLIAGE 10 points — no faults detected
 Serious faults: bloom & foliage out of proportion, too small, too large, folded, crinkled, spray deposits, coarse, unappealing appearance, tri-leaf (-3 to -6)
 Minor faults: not opposite leaves, mildew, heavy insect damage (-1 to -3) -1 -2 -3 -4 -5

BLOOM POSITION 5 points — no faults detected
 Serious faults: down facing, side facing, top facing on some forms (-2 to -4)
 Minor faults: top facing, not quite 45° (-1 to -2) -1 -2 -3 -4 -5

UNIFORMITY 5 points — no faults detected
 (Bench) Serious faults: not uniform color, form different from bloom to bloom, large variance in size, bloom positions different, overall effect not uniform (-2 to -4)
 Minor faults: small variance in size, poor staging (-1 to -3) -1 -2 -3 -4 -5

Bench

FLORIFEROUSNESS 5 points — no faults detected
 (Trial Garden) Serious faults: late blooming, not many blooms, poor grower (-2 to -4)
 Minor faults: mid-season blooming, moderate number of blooms (-1 to -3) -1 -2 -3 -4 -5

Trial Garden

DISTINCTION 5 points
 -5 points: unlikely to win -4 points: occasional winner in class
 -3 points: frequent winner in its class -2 points: potential section winner
 -1 point: section winner, may win higher -0 points: potential for higher awards

Judge's Printed Name _____ Judge's Signature _____

Note: Only one judge per scorecard. Each judge must use a separate scorecard.

COMMENT:

**TOTAL
SCORE**