**INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE TREE ENTRY FORM**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Registration/judging forms** | One form per tree. Complete the ENTIRE form. If unsure about something ask.WHITE – Deciduous ClassYELLOW – Coniferous ClassPINK – Novice ClassBLUE – exhibitor is under 20 years of age (NEW CLASS!)GREEN – Exhibit Only |
| **Exhibitor Number:** | Use your MBS member number. If not a member, you will be assigned a number at registration |
| **Entry Number:** | Use consecutive numbers starting with “1” to identify your entry(ies) |
| **Class:** | Deciduous Class: (white form) – for deciduous tree species that have been maintained by the exhibitor for a minimum of one yearConiferious Class: (yellow form) – for coniferous species that have been maintained by the exhibitor for a minimum of one yearNovice Class: (pink form) – Entrants having 3 or less years growing bonsai. Judging rules are less strict in this class than in the open classes and the class has its own set of awardsExhibit Only Class: (green form) – not to be judged for awards but can receive a critique if the owner wishes it. Circle Critique on the form.Youth Class (blue form) – Entrants must be 20 years or younger to enter this class. This is a separate class eligible for the “Best of Show” for the under 20 category.Display – No special entry. The judge will identify what he/she views as the best overall display which will include a main tree but could include a secondary tree, shoji screen, scroll, accent, etc. Eligible for the Display plaque. |
| **Division:** | Shohin (small) – 8 inches or under in height from top of the soil.Kifu Sho (medium) – size is under 16 inches in heightChu (medium large) – up to 24 inches in heightDai (large) – up to 40 inches in height |
| **Accessories:** | Identify your accessories on this sheet and also by placing your full legible name under the accessory so that it can be identified during tear down when things get chaotic. |
| **Previous Awards:** | Identify previous awards the tree may have received. |
| **Style:** | Identify the style of the tree. |
| **Name on Display:** | If you wish to have your name displayed with the tree, circle yes. Otherwise it will only appear with member and entry number. |
| **Common Name:** | Identify the common name of the tree |
| **Botanical Name:** | Identify the botanical name. Maybe you cannot do it to species but do the best you can. |
| **Estimated Age:** | Estimate the age of the tree the best you can. |
| **Years in Training:** | How many years has this tree been in bonsai training.  |
| DIRECTIONS FOR ENTERING TREES1. Get the appropriate forms and have them completed prior to set up on Thursday night. If you do not remember your member number, that can be provided during the entry process. Identify your front with a toothpick or golf tee or other such method.
2. Plan to arrive at the fairgrounds **Thursday night after 10pm to bring in your entries. Do not come earlier as they won’t let you in until 10pm.** You can park at the door of the green room (will be open) and bring your trees in and set them on the tables with all your items/information. Parking can be difficult, if you have a wagon, park on the street and bring your stuff up via wagon or borrow someone’s wagon that is there.
3. Please stay until your entries are logged into the system and the labels are printed in case there are questions. Place labels into the plastic holder.
4. If you want to setup your own tree display, stay and help with setup. Makes it go faster.
5. Stones are welcome. No judging of stones but the two smaller shoji screens work well for a stone display.
6. Your trees, etc. need to be picked up on **Saturday evening at 9pm. Fair closes at 9pm and you can get into the gate** **for pickup at 9pm but not before**. If you are at the fair, easier to pick up tree. Have a contingency plan for tree pick up if you have problems.
 |