Virtual Judging Exercise (VJE) is an educational exercise and is not considered AOS official judging, but it is a great way to participate and experience what the judging process is all about. Judging plants, the judges do not normally see and get an inside look into how the judges evaluate the plants that are brought before them. A great experience for all judges and for people thinking of entering the judging program.

There are two VJEs in which a person can participate. They are the following;

1. Plants are submitted once a month, all the judging information can be viewed at [virtualorchids.org/](https://www.virtualorchids.org/) where all interested judges participate in giving their assessment, in writing, and whether or not they think the plant is awardable.
2. Every three months a zoom meeting is held where 3-4 plants are evaluated in real-time. All AOS judges and potential AOS judges are welcome to attend and share their assessments on the plants presented. If interested, please click on this email link, [virtualorchidsinfo@gmail.com](mailto:virtualorchidsinfo@gmail.com).

Again, these virtual judging exercises are in no way official, but provide wonderful insight into how judges evaluate Orchids for awarding.

With the live virtual judging exercise, a judge scoring and **making comments** can receive up to two training hours per year. See the Judging Handbook section 4.6.(7)(2).