Core Competencies for Student and Associate Judges

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Functional Competencies	6mos	1Yr	2Yr	3Yr //	4Yr	5Yr	6Yr
Basic Operations							
Integrity & Ethics		X					
Registration of plants		X					
Understanding of Other Awards.			X				
Resources & Research (OP, RHS, WCSP)			Proficient				
Presenting a plant to a team			X				
Representing team in award discussion			X				
Ability to state and support opinion				X			
Nomination procedure				X			
What makes a good flower; wow factor.				X			
Nomenclature.				X			
Knowledge of Genera							
Recognition of major alliances (catt, cym, paph/phrag, Catasetinae, onc, Den, milt, phal, vandas, pleurothallids, Bulbophyllum)*					X		
Recognition of minor but common genera.							Ongoing
Organized hybridization/breeding lines					X		
Understanding of plant genetics (ploidy, albinism, mutation, clade).					X		
Description Writing							
Proper measuring techniques				X			
Terminology (flower parts, color, substance/texture).				X			Proficient
Description format/sequence				X			
SITF form					X		
Writing Description							Proficient
Handbook on Judging							
Basic (attendance, voting, teams)					X		
The Scorecard and Scales				X			
Quality Awards				X			
Horticultural Awards				X			
Educational Presentations/Homework							
Basic presentation/homework/shorter papers							Ongoing
Advanced presentation						X	
Papers							
Associate Project—advanced paper (publishable format)							X
Show Operations							
Exhibit, AOS vs ribbon judging				X			
Lead ribbon team (including clerk management)					X		Proficient
Co-Chair of show judging							Co-chair
Out-of-region judging/show.							Ongoing