

Community Garden Edibles Competition 2022

Rules and Regulations

Competition Categories

There are 10 categories – nine ‘Best Edibles’ categories and an Open Category. Participants may:

- Compete in one or more categories, up to one entry per category (except Open category)
- Submit entries as an individual or together as a group, but not in both capacities

Nine ‘Best Edibles’ Categories

The nine ‘Best Edibles’ categories and examples of submissions for each species are as listed below. Please note that the list of examples is not exhaustive. Participants may:

- Submit any cultivars/ varieties of edibles, up to one entry per category; and
- Each entry should contain two sets of the same edible.

| ‘Best Edibles’ Categories | Tomato | Cucumber | Pumpkin | Melon | Gourds | Beans | Lady’s Finger | Brinjal | Root Vegetable |
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| Examples of Submission | Roma Tomato | Armenian Cucumber | Butternut Squash | Winter Melon | Bottle Gourd | Long Bean | Spined Lady’s Finger | American Eggplant | Radish |
| | Beef Steak Tomato | Lemon Cucumber | Japanese Pumpkin | Watermelon | Ridge Gourd | French Bean | Spineless Lady’s Finger | Japanese Eggplant | Turnip |
| | Heirloom Tomato | Kirby Cucumber | White Pumpkin | Honeydew | Bitter Gourd | Black Bean | Red Okra | Indian Eggplant | Sweet Potato |
| | | Japanese Cucumber | Miniature Pumpkin | Cantaloupe | Sponge Gourd | Kidney Bean | | Thai Eggplant | Cassava |

Open Category

The Open Category is for participants to submit any other classes of edibles that are not listed in the nine ‘Best Edibles’ categories. Participants may:

- Compete in this category, with or without competing in the ‘Best Edibles’ category; and
- Submit more than one entry.

Submission Criteria

1. Participants are to submit their entries in person **on 27 July 2022 (Wednesday), between 9 am to 7 pm at HortPark, 33 Hyderabad Road, off Alexandra Road, S119578**. Late entries will not be accepted.
2. For all entries under the ‘Best Edibles’ categories, participants should submit **two (2) sets** of edibles of the same type (e.g. two Watermelons, two trusses of Cherry Tomato) for judging:
 - One for display and exhibition; and
 - One for handling at judge’s discretion

‘Best Edibles’ entries with only one set of edibles will not be accepted.
3. Submission of edibles is to be skilfully packed to ensure its freshness and quality for judging. For example, submission of root vegetables is required to be washed, cleaned and free of soil. Rotting edibles will not be accepted during submission.
4. Participants must take a **video clip or photographs of themselves** (saved in their phones or printed out) **posing with their mature edibles still attached to the parent plant** while harvesting the edibles as evidence on submission day.

Judging Criteria and Panel

Entries for the 'Best Edibles' category shall be judged based on the following:

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| Cultivar / Variety | 30% | Difficulty in growing the edible and rarity of variety/ cultivar |
| Size | 30% | Relative to variety or cultivar |
| Quality | 30% | Quality of harvest at time of judging based on its condition, freshness, colour & presentation standard |
| Knowledge | 10% | Label the species and variety/cultivar of the edibles |

Entries for the **Open Category** shall be judged based on the following:

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| Condition | 40% | Cleanliness, freshness, tenderness and presence/absence of coarseness and blemishes |
| Uniqueness | 60% | Unusual characteristic, form, colour, texture and uncommon cultivar or species |

The judging panel will consist of representatives from the National Parks Board (NParks) and its supporting partners for this Competition.

Competition Schedule

| Programme | Date | Time | Venue |
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| Registration Start Date | 19 Feb 2022 | 9 am | Online form available at go.gov.sg/cgec2022 |
| Registration End Date | 21 March 2022 | 5 pm | |
| Submission Day | 27 July 2022 | 9 am – 7 pm | HortPark Multi-purpose Hall |
| Judging Day | 28 July 2022 | - | - |
| Email notification to winners | 28 July 2022 | - | - |

Participant(s) with the winning entries will be notified by email. As the decision of the judging panel shall be final, no correspondence regarding the judges' decision will be entertained. Participants are not required to attend on the judging day. It will be a closed-door session.

Awards and Prizes

1. The following prizes will be awarded for each of the respective categories:

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| 'Best Edibles' categories | Champion | S\$400 worth of gardening gift vouchers and trophy |
| | First runner-up | S\$300 worth of gardening gift vouchers |
| | Second runner-up | S\$200 worth of gardening gift vouchers |
| | Consolation 4 th to 10 th | S\$100 worth of gardening gift vouchers |
| Open Category | Three prizes | S\$100 worth of gardening gift vouchers |

2. All prizes are to be collected at the HortPark Visitor Services Centre or otherwise indicated in the notification email.
3. Participants are required to declare on the registration form whether the entry is submitted in his/her own personal capacity or as part of a collective submission by a group. If the winning entry is submitted by an individual in his/her own capacity, the prize will be awarded to the individual participant. If the winning entry is submitted by an individual as part of a collective submission by a group, the prize will be awarded in the name of the group representative.
4. NParks reserves the right to re-classify a submission if so required.
5. Prizes are non-transferable, non-refundable, and non-exchangeable, and may be subject to other terms and conditions as may be imposed by NParks.
6. No prize will be awarded if entries are not considered up to standard regardless of the number of entries in the category, subject to NParks' and the judging panel's discretion. The collective decision of NParks and the judging panel will be final, and no appeals or disputes will be entertained.
7. Gardening gift vouchers will have a 12-month validity period. NParks shall not be held liable for any expired, unredeemed, defaced, lost or stolen gift vouchers caused by any reason whatsoever.

Registration and Eligibility

1. This Competition is open to all persons residing in Singapore during the competition period (from 19 February 2022 to 27 July 2022). Staff of NParks are not eligible to participate.
2. All entries must be grown and cared for by the Participant in the Republic of Singapore. NParks reserves the right to inspect the premises on which the edibles have been grown, and if so required, to disqualify any entry that does not meet the stated requirements.
3. Participants are strongly encouraged to register online. By registering, you are providing NParks with useful data to plan and organise future competitions. The closing date for registration is 21 March 2022.
4. Participants may submit edibles from existing plants growing in their own garden or grown from seeds obtained from any source.
5. Participants may submit entries to multiple categories, but only **one (1)** entry may be submitted for each “Best Edibles” category. Participants should submit two (2) sets of edibles per one entry. Participants will be disqualified if more than one entry for each “Best Edibles” category is submitted in the competition. This is not applicable to the Open Category.
6. Participants may sign up as **either an individual or as part of a group** (e.g. representing their company, organisation, school, grassroots organisation), **but not both**.
7. Participants must **produce photographs of themselves** (saved in their phones or printed out) **posing with their mature edibles still attached to the parent plant** before they harvest it for submission. Photos should be provided upon submission of entry. Lack of photo documentation of the fruit or vegetable growing in the garden may result in disqualification.

Other Terms and Conditions

The Community Garden Edibles Competition 2022 (“the Competition”) is organised by the National Parks Board (“NParks”). By participating in the Competition, the participant (“the Participant”) agrees to unconditional acceptance of the following terms and conditions. The singular term “Participant” shall also import the plural and vice versa.

1. NParks reserve the right of refusal of acceptance of entries with discretion (e.g. ‘Best Edibles’ entries with only one set of edibles and rotting entries will not be accepted).
2. NParks reserves the right to disqualify and withhold prizes from any Participant violating any of these terms and conditions, without notice or without first informing the Participant and without being liable in any way whatsoever for any loss, expense, costs, damages or otherwise suffered or incurred by the Participant from such disqualification or withholding of prizes.
3. NParks will exercise care in handling the entries but will not be liable for any loss or damage of the entries howsoever caused.
4. The Participant shall assume and accept all risks of injury or property damage of any nature whatsoever that may arise from his/her making or creation of the submission, entry or participation in this Competition and will not in any way hold NParks responsible for any liability, loss, damage, expense and cost which he/she may sustain or incur as a result of his/her participation, except for liability which cannot be excluded by law.
5. The Participant (including his or her heirs, parents, legal guardians, executor and/or administrators) shall:
 - a. defend and be solely liable for, fully indemnify and hold NParks (including its officers, employees and agents) to the maximum extent permitted by the law, harmless from and against all liabilities, damages, losses, costs (including legal costs on a full indemnity basis and/or reasonable solicitor’s fees) and expenses of any nature arising from any claims, demands, actions, proceedings, recoveries, judgment or execution which NParks (including its officers, employees or agents) may suffer or incur by, from or in connection with the Participant’s participation in the Competition;
 - b. be fully liable to NParks (including its officers, employees and agents) for any violation of confidentiality, patent, copyright or any other intellectual property rights in the photograph and materials submitted; and
 - c. shall defend, indemnify and hold NParks (including its officers, employees and agents thereof) harmless from and against any actions, claims, loss or damages for infringement or alleged infringement of such confidentiality, patent, copyright or any other intellectual property rights.
6. All entries submitted shall become the property of NParks. NParks reserves the right to decide on the subsequent handling of the fruit and vegetables during and after the Competition.
7. NParks may exercise its sole discretion to use the winners’ names, identification, images, and comments relating to the contests experience and prize for the purpose of announcing the winner, or for promotional, marketing and publicity purposes in any media without any fee being paid.
8. The Participant shall be bound by NParks’ privacy statement which may be found at www.nparks.gov.sg/privacy-statement.
9. The Participant agrees that NParks may collect, use, disclose and share photographs or audio-video or other recordings of the Participant, taken in the course of the competition for publicity and/or use in the NParks’ website, social media, publications, presentations and promotional materials, in original or edited format, without any further notification, remuneration or compensation to the Participant.
10. NParks reserves the right to make any changes to the terms and conditions of this Competition, its prizes and any other arrangements relating to the Competition without prior notice. NParks does not make any representations or accept any responsibility as to the accuracy of the information relating to the Competition found on any source whatsoever that is outside NParks’ corporate website.
11. In the event of any disputes or differences between NParks and the Participant over the interpretation of the rules and regulations, NParks’ interpretation shall prevail.

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