**1-8 Judging Teams**

**Resources:**

* Judging Handbook (hint: use Find under Edit or your browser to look for references to ‘team’ in the Handbook)
* Your Mentor or Center Chair

**Research Questions:**

* Teams: what is a legal team and whose score counts. What is the minimum ratio of associate judges to accredited/senior/emeritus judges: 1:1 or 1:2?
* What happens when a team does not score a plant within six points?
* For one reason or another, only three certified judges (an associate, an accredited, and an emeritus) show up at judging. Is this still a legal team?
* In the previous case, one judge has to recuse themself because the plant on the table is owned by their spouse/partner. What happens then—you have one accredited judge, one associate judge and one student?
* What is the difference between judging as a whole or with multiple teams?
* What is a reserve team and when is it needed?
* Who on the team can nominate, evaluate &/or comment on an orchid?
* Who is responsible for making the final decision on what judging scale will be used if judging a Quality Award: the team captain or anyone? Explain.
* Can a visitor join in on the team’s discussion while judging is going on? Explain. Does it make a difference if they are an official observer (listed on the sign-in sheet) because they are interested in joining judging? What if an observer owns the plant being discussed?
* Who are the three people who are responsible for the accuracy of a description in addition to when it is read to the entire team? Hint: two are most likely on the team.
* Scenario: Judge A is an expert on the *Phrag. caudatum* complex and is a member Team 1, which has four Certified judges and at least two Accredited judges other than Judge A, who is not team leader. Team 2 is judging a *Phragmipedium* in the *caudatum* complex, and they are confused as to what species they are actually looking at. The Team 2 leader asks Judge A to come to their table and suggest what the correct species for the plant is. Is it OK for Judge A to do this? Does the team leader of Team 1 give permission or can Judge A just get up and go on their own volition? Discuss.