**1-6-2 The Scorecard, Scales, When to Use the General Scale, and Award Forms**

**RESOURCES:**

* Handbook on Judging
* AOS Judging Forms <https://www.aos.org/orchid-awards-judging.aspx>

**RESEARCH QUESTIONS:**

* At the judging table, who on a team has the final decision for what scale to use for Quality?
* The Quality Score Card has a number of scales that can be used as per the instructions under 7.1 for various genera and alliances. When and for what should the General scale be used?
* The Cattleya scale is used for what group of cattleyas? Should you use it for bifoliates? If not, why? For mini-catts? If not, why?
* *Dendrobium* is a large and diverse group with numerous Sections. Creating a single scale for dendrobiums would be very difficult; as a result, there are four scales that may be used according to the Handbook. What are they and describe when they should be used?
* What type of paphiopedilums should be judged using the Paphiopedilum Scale? *Paphiopedilum armeniacum* does not fit the standard for the Paphiopedilum Scale in which the sepals receive double the points for either the petals or the pouch, so what scale would you use to judge it given it typically has a single flower? Why can’t you use this scale for multiflorals?
* There is no scale specifically for Oncidiums, yet there is an Odontoglossum Scale (no longer a genus!) and a Miltonia Scale. What flower forms could be judged using these scales?
* The Pleurothallid Scale has no points for the lip and an asterisk beside the points for the Sepals and Petals. Why? What is the dominant feature of most pleurothallids?
* When you are scoring a plant for Quality in particular, sometimes it is too large a range to use full points, for example, when a segment has a maximum of 4 points and taking one point off of 4, it is automatically in the low HCC range—and what do you do with adding all the decimals. Discuss what options you have and why it is important? Hint: you can use a digital form on your computer, and it will automatically sum the total points for you. Then transfer them to the printed version, which is needed by the chair for the record.