

TEXAS STATE FLORISTS' ASSOCIATION
TEXAS CUP COMPETITION
Trending Styles

2016 Competition Rules

The 2016 Texas Cup Competition will be held Saturday, June 25, 2016 in Dallas, Texas in conjunction with the Dallas Market at the International Trade Plaza.

The Texas Cup Competition is open to Texas State Florists' Association members.

The following rules will apply during the 2016 Texas Cup Competition:

A competitor must be at least 18 years of age.

A competitor must pay the entrance fee of \$125.00.
The entrance fee will include a ticket to the Stars of Texas Event.

Each competitor should complete the entry form at their earliest convenience in that TSFA will accept a maximum of twenty competitor entries.
Entries will be accepted on a first received basis.

Upon notification that the entry requirements are complete, the competitor must send to the TSFA office a current black and white photograph and Bio. The photograph and bio may be mailed or emailed. The photograph should be high resolution jpg if emailed. These may be printed and used in the competition displays.

The competitor's activities will constitute a sole effort with no assistance from anyone in any manner. No talking will be allowed during the specified design times.

A Mandatory Meeting of all competitors, monitors and tally committee will be held prior the Texas Cup Competition under the direction of the Texas Cup Chair. Each competitor must report at the designated time. During the mandatory meeting the rules will be read and each competitor and each monitor will sign an agreement to abide by the rules of the competition. The designer's prop for the Interpretative Design will be reviewed and approved or disqualified at this time. In the event that a competitor is unable to attend, he | she will be disqualified from the Texas Cup Competition. It is a Mandatory Meeting.

Once you register and prior to the Competition you will receive complete instructions.

Each competitor will be furnished identical boxes of materials to include everything required for the *Trending Style* in Home Decor Design and the Surprise Situation to include the fresh flowers, foliages, containers, props, and supplies. Flowers and foliages only, will be provided for the Interpretative Design as the competitor is required to bring their own container or prop for the Interpretative Design Category.

Each competitor should bring their own tools to include knife, scissors, wire cutters, pick machine, needle nose pliers, picks, glue pan and | or glue gun, extensions cord, assorted glue, standard wire in various sizes, and assorted tapes. No paints, ribbons, decorative wire or accessories of any kind may be supplied by the competitor. You may only use the materials supplied by TSFA.

No advance design work may be done to the Interpretative Design except to assemble the container or the prop. The competitor may not use moss, dried, accessories or botanical products in advance. No basing, wiring, taping or gluing of floral product or foam will be allowed until time is called to begin the Interpretative Design category of the Texas Cup Competition. All flower placements must be done within the 45 minute time limit. The prop will be subject to pre-approval at the Mandatory Meeting held prior to the competition.

One TSFA appointed monitor for every five designers will be present to enforce these stated rules. If rules are not adhered to for each segment, the design will be disqualified. The Texas Cup Chair determines disqualification.

Judging will be based on the following ten line scoring system

Category Interpretation
Creativity
Scale and Proportion
Unity, Harmony & Texture
Physical & Visual Balance
Focal Emphasis
Line, Movement, & Rhythm
Depth
Color Balance, Harmony & Rhythm
Professional Application regarding the mechanics related to each design

A total score for each category will be added and then a combined score will be divided by the ten categories.

The judge's scale of points is based on a one to five scale with one point as poor to five points as excellent. In the event of a tie, the judges will re-evaluate the Interpretative Design of the tied competitors for the consideration of artistic execution. Score sheets will be mailed to each competitor following the competition with the judge's comments and critique.

The prop for the competition will have a limit of \$100.00 wholesale cost for all materials used to construct the prop. Items found or otherwise procured should be given a fair market value.

Complete invoices of materials subject to the above cost limit must be presented to the Texas Cup Chair at the Mandatory Meeting prior to the Texas Cup Competition at the time during the meeting that the props are reviewed.

The size restriction of the base is 30" x 30". The height of the overall design is unlimited. The arrangement must also be able to be carried by the designer without assistance. These size restrictions and ability to carry will be strictly enforced.

The Texas Cup Competition presents the following Awards:

First Place
The Texas Cup Trophy
First Place Ribbon
\$500 Cash Prize

The Texas Floral Endowment Scholarship in the amount of \$600 toward travel expenses to the National Alliance of Floral Association Designer of the Year Competitor to represent TSFA

Second Place
Second Place Ribbon
\$300 Cash Prize

Third Place
Third Place Ribbon
\$200 Cash Prize

2016 Texas Cup Competition Design Categories

Interpretative Design

The Interpretative Design Category in the 2016 Competition will reflect *Trending Styles*. The competitor will design a container or prop to reflect this theme and set the base of the design according to the rules of the competition. The flowers and supplies as well as other creative elements will be provided by Texas State Florists' Association to complete the design for this category.

Design to reflect *Trending Styles* in Home Decor

Today's consumer is bringing florals and plants into the home not only for entertaining but also for personal enjoyment and to accent the home as an interior accessory. In a container provided by Texas State Florists' Association the competitor will have the opportunity to combine the florals and other creative accents in a design that will adorn gracious living at its best.

Surprise Situation

Each competitor will be given an envelope and one hour to respond to the outlined situation in flowers. The situation will keep with the theme of the overall competition. The flowers and supplies as well as other creative elements will be provided by Texas State Florists' Association to complete this category.