

HORTICULTURE RULES FOR ISA SHOW OF 2025

Instead of random letters, we will try using abbreviations that are meaningful as our Section Codes...

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| TB | Other Tall Bearded (<i>not Historic, SA, or Novelty</i>) | SPU | Spuria Iris |
| SATB | Space Age TB (<i>not Historic</i>) | LA | Louisiana Iris |
| ONTB | Other Novelty TB (<i>not SA & not Historic</i>) | SP | Species & Species Crosses |
| HIST | Historic TB (<i>introduced before 1996</i>) | Jl | Japanese Iris |
| BB | Border Bearded | BULB | Bulbous Iris |
| IB | Intermediate Bearded | OTH | Other Iris |
| MTB | Miniature Tall Bearded | SNGL | Single Blossom |
| SDB | Standard Dwarf Bearded | COLL | Collection (<i>3 stalks, same variety</i>) |
| MDB | Miniature Dwarf Bearded | EB3 | English Box 3 Blooms |
| AR | Aril Iris | EB6 | English Box 6 Blooms |
| AB | Arilbred Iris | PI | Potted Iris |

And this year we will go back to not offering a choice of Section. Each stalk fits in one and only one Section.

NOT TALL BEARDED

If your iris is anything other than a Tall Bearded, you must enter it in its general classification

TALL BEARDED

If your iris is Tall Bearded, then there are 4 possible Sections, and the following rules will tell you which is the one and only section you may enter it in

- 1 – Was it introduced before 1996?
 - 1A – If yes, then your only option is Historic TB – Section **HIST**
 - 1B – If no, continue to step 2
- 2 – Does your non-historic iris have the horns, spoons or flounces of a Space Age Iris?
 - 2A – If yes then your only option is Space Age TB – Section **SATB**
 - 2B – If no, continue to step 3
- 3 – Does your non-historic, non-space age iris have other novelty characteristics, like broken color or a flat form?
 - 3A – If yes then your only option is Other Novelty TB – Section **ONTB**
 - 3B – If no, continue to step 4
- 4 – If you get to this step then your iris must be introduced 1996 or later, is not a space age iris, and does not have any other novelty characteristics. Correct?
 - 4A – If correct then your only option is Other TB – Section **TB**
 - 4B – If no, you messed up somewhere, start again!

Historic?

Check and note the year of Introduction to Commerce, not the year of Registration, to determine if your Variety is Historic. In the example on the right, it is the year highlighted yellow next to the garden that first sold the Variety, NOT the date next to the “R” just after the Name and Hybridizer...

■(TB) 'Fragrant Lilac'

1986, Hager

'Fragrant Lilac' (Ben Hager, R. 1984). Seedling# T3325WLv. TB, 40" (102 cm). Midseason to late bloom. Standards lilac lavender; falls same, paling to white around white beard; ruffled; pronounced sweet fragrance. Seedling# T2794P1Oc: ('Waltzing' x 'Warm Laughter') X 'Igloo'. **Melrose Gardens 1986.** 2nd Runner-up to the 1986 President's Cup; Favorite Guest Iris 1986; Honorable Mention 1988.