



## 2023 New Waterlily Competition - Rules of Entry

*For the 2023 competition we have opted for 2 host sites in order to provide optimal growing conditions for both temperate and tropical varieties. The hardy and hardy ISG waterlilies will be grown at Denver Botanic Gardens and the tropical and tropical ISG waterlilies will be grown at Naples Botanic Garden.*

*After your entry has been approved you will receive an email with shipping and labelling instructions. Please follow these instructions carefully. The Import information for the two sites will be different.*

To be eligible, an entry must not be commercially available for more than one year prior to entering the competition. Participation in other non-IWGS competitions does not affect eligibility provided that the name of the cultivar and the hybridizer name is not identifiable prior to the completion of the IWGS New Waterlily Competition.

Hybrids must be entered by the hybridizer or with the evidence of the hybridizer's written permission, which must be submitted along with the entry form.

THERE IS A MAXIMUM LIMIT of **ONE CULTIVAR/HYBRID ENTRY** per HYBRIDIZER. Multiple entries from the same hybridizer will NOT be accepted, even if it is submitted by a different person (i.e., regardless of who submitted the entry). The total number of entries allowed in the contest is **30**. Priority will be given to the first entry forms submitted provided plants arrive at the grow out site in the specified window. (**April 1 – April 30, 2023**)

Entry forms must be submitted by **March 31th, 2023 (or as soon as all spots have been allocated)**. **PLEASE NOTE: A confirmation email with mailing instructions will be sent to the participant once an entry has been accepted into the competition.**

Entries may be submitted for a second year if the entry is not named the overall winner during the first year and the hybrid has not been commercially available for more than a year. Entries may only be submitted twice.

Clear (high resolution) photographs of each entry, including flowers and foliage, should be included with the entry form to ensure proper identification in the contest. Please submit at least 3 photos of the flowers from different angles and at least 1 photo of the entire plant.

All waterlily entries should arrive between **April 1 and April 30, 2023**.

[Shipping instructions are outlined in this video.](#)

All waterlilies must be entered in ONE of the following categories:

- Hardy (subgenus *Nymphaea* & *N. Mexicana* hybrids)
- Hardy ISG (Intersubgeneric Cross of *Nymphaea* and *Brachyceras*)
- Tropical Day Bloomers

- Tropical ISG (Intersubgeneric Cross of Anecphya and Brachyceras)

- Tropical Night Bloomer

All plants will be grown in consistent sized containers and depth at the grow site.

To encourage even participation among all categories, each category will be limited to 6 entries.

Entries are accepted 1st come 1st serve. If we receive more than 6 entries in a category, those that are 7th in line and beyond will be given the option to submit a waterlily in a different category and will keep their overall spot in line as long as they resubmit by the deadline. We will announce on the website which categories have closed. If we receive less than 30 entries overall we can still opt to accept entries that missed their categories lock out, if that hybridizer hadn't submitted anything for a different category.

Hybridizers/participants **MUST** provide/send a minimum of **two** specimens of their entry to alleviate any possible problems encountered during transit/shipping or the grow-out process. This holds true even if this hybrid has been entered into the competition to previous year.

Entries should be shipped using the fastest mode of transit available and the specimens should be of **a mature size**. Pre-treatment of international entries with an appropriate fungicide is recommended.

Hybridizers/participants will be responsible for ALL shipping fees and phytosanitary certificates to the grow-out site.

Hybridizers/participants **MUST** provide details to indicate how their entries should be handled following the competition according to the competition application, shipping fees must be paid up front. Refer to entry form for options and fees.

Entry forms and any questions concerning the competition can be directed to Suzanne Boom email: [nwc@iwgs.org](mailto:nwc@iwgs.org)