

Community In Bloom Awards 2018 Rules & Regulations

The Community In Bloom (CIB) Awards 2018 ("the Awards") is organised by the National Parks Board ("NParks"). By participating in the Awards, the participant ("the Participant") agrees to unconditional acceptance of the following terms and conditions. The singular term "Participant" shall also import the plural and vice versa.

Award Categories

Outdoor community gardens* in:

- Public Housing Estates
- Private Housing Estates
- Educational Institutions
- Organisations

*Participating community gardens must be registered under the CIB Programme and from a Resident Committee/Neighbourhood Committee/Resident Association /School/Organisation.

Judging Criteria

All participants will be assessed according to the following criteria for Excellence Awards and Achievement Bands ^ :

a) Garden Quality

- Garden Presentation – General appearance (aesthetics), landscaping creativity/originality and practical use of garden layout
- Plants and Hard Landscape Elements – Use of plants, suitable plant selection, health of plants, state of soil and use of suitable hard landscape elements (paving, trellises, sculptures, pots etc.)
- Maintenance – Quality of up-keep and environmental safety

b) Level of Community Involvement & Inclusiveness

- Garden volunteer involvement in maintaining and managing the Community Garden
- Activities and events (gatherings, celebrations, talks, training, learning, outings, etc.) organised that are related to the gardening programme for Community Gardeners and for larger community and nearby residents
- Partnerships with other communities, sharing of resources and strategies to foster community bonding and promote a love for gardening

c) Biodiversity & Environmental Friendliness Quality

- Plant Variety – The number of different plants that increase biodiversity
- Environmentally-friendly practices where possible to minimise the impact on the environment
- Habitat Creation – Creating a suitable environment to attract local fauna

^ For full judging criteria, please visit www.nparks.gov.sg/cib_awards

Judging Schedule

First round of judging (for Achievement Banding)

It will take place between late Feb and Apr 2018. NParks will inform participants of the exact date of visit in due course. Each participating garden group will be allocated **10 minutes** to introduce their garden to the judges. Participants are encouraged to use this time to highlight three to four unique aspects of their community garden to the judges.

Final round of judging (for Excellence Awards)

Only shortlisted participants will be informed of the final judging. This will tentatively take place in early May 2018 (confirmed date to be announced later).

Public voting (for People's Choice Award)

Selected recipients of the Excellence Awards will be nominated for the People's Choice Award. One winner will be chosen by the public based on online voting in June/July 2018.

Judging Panel

1. The Judging Panel will consist of representatives from NParks and its supporting industry associations or partners for the Awards, with the exception of the People's Choice Award.
2. The Judging Panel may exercise sole discretion to confer or withhold an award. The decision of the Panel shall be final, and no correspondence will be entertained.

Excellence & People's Choice Awards & Prizes

The Award Ceremony will take place during the Singapore Garden Festival 2018.

Shortlisted participants in each category are eligible for the following CIB Awards and prizes:

Excellence Awards * ^	Prize
Diamond Award** Applicable to community gardens which have achieved three Platinum Achievement Bands from CIB Awards 2010–2018.	\$1,000 cash + \$1,000 worth of gardening gift pack
Best Community Garden Award Applicable to all participating gardens.	\$500 cash + \$500 worth of gardening gift pack
Best New Community Garden Award Applicable to community gardens which were set up between Jan 2016 – Dec 2017.	\$500 cash + \$500 worth of gardening gift pack
Special Mention Awards (New) For Edible Gardens, Community Outreach, and Biodiversity & Environmental Friendliness Applicable to all participating gardens.	Gardening products [#]

**Note: In the event of Winners receiving more than one prize from either the Excellence Awards or Achievement Bands, they will retain only the prize of higher value.*

***Note: Previous Diamond Award winners have to achieve another three Platinum Achievement Bands to be eligible for this Award again.*

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One winner will be chosen via online voting by the public for:

People's Choice Award (New)	Prize
Applicable to selected community gardens which are recipients of the CIB Excellence Awards	Gardening products [#]

[#]Product prizes by Biomax Green Pte Ltd.



Achievement Bands & Incentives

All participating Community Gardens will receive a Certificate of Participation indicating their Achievement Band.

CIB Achievement Bands	Incentives
Platinum	\$800 worth of gardening gift pack
Gold	\$500 worth of gardening gift pack
Silver	\$200 worth of gardening gift pack
Bronze	\$100 worth of gardening gift pack
Certificate of Participation	Nil

Publicity, exhibition and showcasing of entries submitted

All entry submissions will be the property of NParks and will not be returned to participants. NParks shall retain all copyrights, design rights and all other intellectual property rights in respect to all entry submissions including photographs received etc. The Board also retains all rights to reproduce all materials related to the community gardens without the need for written approval. The winning gardens may also be used for publicity by NParks, where appropriate.

Duties and obligation of entrants

Participation in the Awards implies the unconditional acceptance of the contents of the competition rules.

All participants are not permitted to publish nor have their submissions published prior to the notification of the jury's final decision.

Submission of entries

a) Online registration (recommended):

- Participants are to complete and submit entries online at www.nparks.gov.sg/cib_awards
- Points may be deducted due to incomplete entries
- Submit the list of volunteer details (Annex A) to communityinbloom@nparks.gov.sg for bonus points. Annex A can be downloaded from www.nparks.gov.sg/cib_awards

b) Submission by Post:

- Registration forms can be downloaded at www.nparks.gov.sg/cib_awards
- Send completed registration forms to the following address:

Community in Bloom Awards 2018
National Parks Board
Headquarters (Raffles Building)
Singapore Botanic Gardens
1 Cluny Road
Singapore 259569

- Please inform your CIB manager once your form has been posted out

Closing Date: 21st February 2018

For more information, visit our website:
www.nparks.gov.sg/cib_awards
Alternatively, call or email us to find out more.
Telephone: 1800 471 7300
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