

Community In Bloom Awards 2020 (Housing Estates) Rules & Regulations

The Community In Bloom (CIB) Awards 2020 ("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.

Participating Categories

The CIB Awards 2020 (Housing Estates) is open to outdoor community gardens in Public Housing Estates and Private Housing Estates.

Participating community gardens must be registered under the CIB Programme and supported by their respective Residents' Committee (RC), Neighbourhood Committee (NC) or Residents' Network (RN).

Judging Criteria

All Participants will be assessed based on the following:

- i. Registration form submission
- ii. Visual assessment of the community garden
- iii. Supporting documentation such as list of gardening and community events held in the community gardens, testimonials, photographs, press clippings, newsletters and/or videos presented during site assessment

Assessment period:

Submission of entries must be based on the past two years (Jan 2018 – Dec 2019). Community gardens that are less than two years old will be assessed based on the initiatives and activities conducted from their opening until Dec 2019.

The judging criteria for the CIB Awards 2020 (Housing Estates) comprise the following:

a) Garden Quality (40%)

The quality of the garden has a direct impact on how well it co-exists with its surroundings. A garden's quality is measured by its aesthetics, housekeeping and standard of horticultural maintenance.

Criteria	Description
1	<p>Impact of garden</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation of forms and colours – the garden is well-planned, which adds value to the community and enhances the character of its surroundings. Good planning is needed to ensure that aesthetic elements such as forms and colours are presented in a coherent way, complementing their surroundings Focal point(s) and balance – well-placed focal points exist to draw visitors' attention to features within the garden. The focal points should be placed in consideration of the spatial

		scale of the garden and must be balanced so that the viewers are neither bored nor distracted
2	Biodiversity & environmental friendliness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Innovative and eco-friendly elements – creative application of new ideas and materials, such as upcycled items, in designs, garden techniques and other innovations tailored to the context of the garden • Biodiversity-enhancing elements – the garden is planted to support local biodiversity, with habitat enhancement initiatives to encourage native flora and fauna
3	Good horticulture practices & plant health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good horticultural practices contribute to the overall health and quality of a garden • Plants should be of a natural healthy colour without obvious signs of pest infestation, diseases and nutrient deficiencies such as yellowing, curling and/or wilting leaves, stunted and/or deformed plant growth, etc.
4	Presence & upkeep of gardening amenities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presence of essential garden amenities – Areas within the garden have proper edging, items such as pavers are neatly placed, and essential garden tools are well-kept in a garden shed or other amenity. This helps to enhance the garden's aesthetics and increase the overall level of enjoyment among participants • Maintenance of physical structures – paths, sculptures, trellises, etc., are well-maintained to minimise potential danger to garden users • Hygiene, cleanliness and safety – the garden should be checked regularly to prevent accumulation of stagnant water, dead or diseased plant materials and rubbish, and for weed control. All sharp or dangerous tools and chemicals should be kept in a secure location and not be littered around the garden

b) Level of Community Involvement & Inclusiveness (40%)

The consistent involvement of participants is the foundation of a sustainable community garden. Building links and networks with the larger community encourages the sharing of resources and strategies to foster community bonding and promote a love for gardening.

	Criteria	Description
1	Number of garden volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indication of the level of interest of the community in gardening
2	Types & frequency of gardening-related activities organised & participated in	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities organised/conducted by the gardening group – evidence of the group organising gardening/plant-related activities that engage the community throughout the year (e.g. gatherings, garden parties, plant exchanges, visits) • Activities the group participated in – evidence of the group participating in external gardening/plant-related activities
3	Types & frequency of participation in NParks events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indication of the level of support for NParks activities

c) Educational & Outreach Quality (20%)

Community gardens serve as engaging educational spaces with opportunities for a wide variety of audiences to learn about horticulture, sustainability, biodiversity and much more.

Criteria		Description
1	Educational elements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities catered to sharing gardening/plant-related knowledge with children, school students or residents to promote learning about horticulture. The community may consciously incorporate educational materials into the garden for pre-schoolers or older children to facilitate their learning outside the classroom • Educational materials – plant labels, brochures and posters are all excellent ways of teaching people about gardening. Making your own educational materials also customises the information to suit your garden, and makes it more memorable for visitors
2	Outreach quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accuracy of information displayed and presented is important in ensuring correct information is passed on • Presentation skills are important in engagement, especially for community building. Put your best speaker forward and wow us with your best gardening stories!

Judging Schedule

Timeline	Schedule	Description
Until 19 Jan 2020	Registration	Refer to 'Submission of Entries' section below for more details
Feb – Apr 2020	First round of judging for Achievement Bands	Each Participant will be informed by NParks of the exact date and time slot of visit for the site assessment in due course. Each participating garden group will be allocated <u>15 minutes</u> to introduce their garden to the assessors. Participants are encouraged to use this time to highlight three unique aspects of their community garden.
May 2020	Final round of judging for 'CIB Garden of the Year Awards' nominees	Shortlisted Participants will be informed of the date and time slot of visit for the final judging in due course.
Jun 2020	Result release	The results will be announced via NParks' website and by post to the Participants' mailing address tentatively in Jun 2020. Participants will also receive an invitation to RSVP for the Awards Ceremony.
End Jul 2020	Awards Ceremony	The Awards Ceremony will tentatively take place in end Jul 2020.

Judging Panel

The Judging Panel will consist of representatives from NParks and supporting industry associations or partners for the Awards.

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.

Award Categories & Prize Composition

All participating community gardens will receive a Certificate of Achievement indicating their Achievement Band.

The incentives for each type of Achievement Band are as follows:

CIB Awards Achievement Bands [^]	Incentives
Platinum	\$300 gardening gift pack
Gold	\$200 gardening gift pack
Silver	\$100 gardening gift pack
Bronze	\$50 gardening gift pack

Participating community gardens achieving their third 'Platinum' band will be eligible to receive a Diamond Award* as follows:

Type of Award [^]	Prize Composition
Diamond Award	\$1000 cash + \$1000 gardening gift pack

*Note: The Diamond Award will be subject to revision from 2022 onwards.

Shortlisted participants are eligible for the following additional CIB Awards:

- CIB Garden of the Year Awards**
 This award is open to participating community gardens that have not received the Diamond Award before. The CIB Garden of the Year Award will be awarded to promising community gardens that are up-and-coming in their horticulture standards and community engagement. Community gardens accorded the 'CIB Garden of the Year' title will not be eligible to receive the same title again in the next two cycles of the CIB Awards.
- Special Achievement Ribbons**
 These ribbons will be given out to participating community gardens that have accomplished commendable efforts in the various aspects of community gardening. Participating community gardens may be awarded each type of ribbon only once.

Type of Awards [^]	Prize Composition
CIB Garden of the Year Awards	\$500 gardening gift pack
Special Achievement Ribbons: Educational Community Garden Environmentally Friendly Community Garden Outstanding Edibles-Growing Community Garden Outstanding Community Engagement	Ribbons

[^]Note: In the event of Winners receiving more than one prize of monetary value from either the Achievement Bands, Diamond Award or CIB Garden of the Year Awards, they will only retain the prize which has the highest value.

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 with 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 CIB Awards implies the unconditional acceptance of the rules and regulations for the competition. 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

Registration for the CIB Awards 2020 (Housing Estates) is open from now until 19 January 2020. Registration forms may be submitted via:

- a) Online registration (recommended):
 - Complete and submit entries online at www.nparks.gov.sg/cib_awards
 - Attach the list of volunteer details in the online submission
 - Points may be deducted for incomplete entries

- b) Submission by Post:
 - Download registration form at www.nparks.gov.sg/cib_awards
 - Attach the list of volunteer details in the submission
 - Send competed registration forms to the following address:

Community in Bloom Awards 2020 (Housing Estates)
National Parks Board
Headquarters (Raffles Building)
Singapore Botanic Gardens
1 Cluny Road
Singapore 259569

- Please inform your CIB District Manager once the form has been posted out
- Points may be deducted for incomplete entries

For more information, visit our website:

www.nparks.gov.sg/cib_awards

Alternatively, contact your CIB District Manager to find out more or email us at communityinbloom@nparks.gov.sg