Community Garden Edibles Competition 2021 Rules and Regulations

Competition Categories

There are three categories – the Longest, Heaviest and Open categories. Participants may:

- Compete in one or multiple categories;
- Submit one or multiple types of fruit/vegetable, but only one entry per each fruit/vegetable type; and
- Submit entries as an individual or together as a group, but not in both capacities.

Longest and Heaviest Categories

Each category consists of five fruit/vegetable types as stated below:

		Longest		Heaviest
	1.	Cucumber	1.	Cauliflower
Type of Fruit	2.	Lady's Finger	2.	Cherry Tomato
or	3.	Luffa	3.	Pumpkin
Vegetable	4.	Snake Gourd	4.	Radish
	5.	Sword Bean	5.	Winter Melon

Open category

In this edition, we have a new **Open Category** for participants to submit any other type of edible crop that is not listed in the Longest or Heaviest categories. Participants may:

- Compete in this category, with or without competing in the Longest or Heaviest categories; and
- Submit only one entry under this category.

Submission Criteria

- Participants should submit their entries for shortlisting on 11 Mar 2021 (Thursday), from 9 am to 7 pm at HortPark.
 Late entries will not be accepted.
- Participants should **submit entries with the stalk or vine still attached.** Fruit wax, polish or other related enhancement products are not permitted to be used for this competition.
- Participants must produce photographs of themselves (saved in their phones or printed out) posing with their mature fruit/vegetable still attached to the parent plant before they harvest it for submission.

Judging Criteria

Entries for the Longest and Heaviest categories shall be judged based on the following:

• Length or weight (40%): Measurement of the fruit/vegetable with vine or stalk attached

	Length Measurement		Weight Measurement
1.	Cucumber	1.	Cauliflower
2.	Lady's Finger	2.	Cherry Tomato
3.	Luffa	3.	Pumpkin
4.	Snake Gourd	4.	Radish
5.	Sword Bean	5.	Winter Melon

• Condition (40%): Cleanliness, freshness, tenderness and presence/absence of coarseness and blemishes

• Colour (20%): Natural colour and attractiveness, reflecting freshness and maturity

Entries for the Open category will be judged based on the following:

- Condition (40%): Cleanliness, freshness, tenderness and presence/absence of coarseness and blemishes
- "Uniqueness" (60%): Unusual characteristics, form, colour, texture and uncommon cultivar or species

The judging panel will consist of representatives from the National Parks Board (NParks) and its supporting partners for this Competition.

Competition Schedule

Programme	Date	Time	Venue
Registration Start Date	24 Jul 2020	12.01 am	Online form available at nparks.gov.sg/edibles
Registration End Date	24 Aug 2020	11.59 pm	-
Submission Day	11 Mar 2021	9 am – 7 pm	HortPark
Judging Day	12 Mar 2021	-	-
Email Notification to Winners	12 Mar 2021	-	-

<u>The participant(s)</u> with the winning entries will be notified by email. As the decision of the judging panel shall be final, no correspondence regarding the judges' decision will be entertained.

Awards and Prizes

1. The following prizes will be awarded for the respective categories:

Longest and Heaviest categories

• Champion : \$\$400 worth of gardening gift vouchers and trophy

(1 prize for each of the 10 fruit/vegetable types)

• First runner-up : \$\$300 worth of gardening gift vouchers

(1 prize for each of the 10 fruit/vegetable types)

Second runner-up : \$\$200 worth of gardening gift vouchers

(1 prize for each of the 10 fruit/vegetable types)

• Consolation (4th to 10th) : \$\$100 worth of gardening gift vouchers

(7 prizes for each of the 10 fruit/vegetable types)

Open category

3 prizes : \$\$100 worth of gardening gift vouchers (3 prizes)

2. All prizes are to be collected at the HortPark Visitor Services Centre.

3. Participants are required to declare on the registration form whether the entry is submitted in his/her own personal capacity or as part of a collective submission by a group. If the winning entry is submitted by an individual in his/her own capacity, the prize will be awarded to the individual participant. If the winning entry is submitted by an individual as part of a collective submission by a group, the prize will be awarded in the name of the group representative.

4. NParks reserves the right to re-classify a submission if so required.

5. Prizes are non-transferable, non-refundable, and non-exchangeable, and may be subject to other terms and conditions as may be imposed by NParks.

6. No prize will be awarded if entries are not considered up to standard regardless of the number of entries in the category, subject to NParks' and the judging panel's discretion. The collective decision of NParks and the judging panel will be final, and no appeals or disputes will be entertained.

7. Gardening gift vouchers will have a 12-month validity period. NParks shall not be held liable for any expired, unredeemed, defaced, lost or stolen gift vouchers caused by any reason whatsoever.

Registration and Eligibility

- 1. This Competition is open to all persons residing in Singapore during the competition period (from 24 July 2020 to 11 March 2021). Staff of NParks are not eligible to participate.
- 2. All entries must be grown and cared for by the Participant in the Republic of Singapore. NParks reserves the right to inspect the premises on which the fruits and vegetables have been grown, and if so required, to disqualify any entry that does not meet the stated requirements.
- 3. Participants may register online here. The closing date for registration is 24 August 2020.
- 4. Participants may submit fruits/vegetables from existing plants growing in their own garden or grown from seeds obtained from any source.
- 5. Participants may submit entries to multiple categories, but only **one (1)** entry may be submitted for each fruit/vegetable type. Participants will be disqualified if more than one entry for the fruit or vegetable type is submitted in the competition. This is also applicable to the open category.
- 6. Participants may sign up as **either an individual or as part of a group** (e.g. representing their company, organisation, school, grassroots organisation), **but not both.**
- 7. Participants must produce photographs of themselves (saved in their phones or printed out) posing with their mature fruit/vegetable still attached to the parent plant before they harvest it for submission. Photos should be provided upon submission of entry. Lack of photo documentation of the fruit or vegetable growing in the garden may result in disqualification.

Other Terms and Conditions

The Community Garden Edibles Competition 2021 ("the Competition") is organised by the National Parks Board ("NParks"). By participating in the Competition, 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.

- NParks reserves the right to disqualify and withhold prizes from any Participant violating any of these terms and conditions, without notice or without first informing the Participant and without being liable in any way whatsoever for any loss, expense, costs, damages or otherwise suffered or incurred by the Participant from such disqualification or withholding of prizes.
- 2. NParks will exercise care in handling the entries but will not be liable for any loss or damage of the entries howsoever caused.
- The Participant shall assume and accept all risks of injury or property damage of any nature whatsoever that may arise from his/her making or creation of the submission, entry or participation in this Competition and will not in any way hold NParks responsible for any liability, loss, damage, expense and cost which he/she may sustain or incur as a result of his/her participation, except for liability which cannot be excluded by law.
- The Participant (including his or her heirs, parents, legal guardians, executor and/or administrators) shall:
 - defend and be solely liable for, fully indemnify and hold NParks (including its officers, employees and agents) to the maximum extent permitted by the law, harmless from and against all liabilities, damages, losses, costs (including legal costs on a full indemnity basis and/or reasonable solicitor's fees) and expenses of any nature arising from any claims, demands, actions, proceedings, recoveries, judgment or execution which NParks (including its officers, employees or agents) may suffer or incur by, from or in connection with the Participant's participation in the Competition;
 - be fully liable to NParks (including its officers, employees and agents) for any violation of confidentiality, patent, copyright or any other intellectual property rights in the photograph and materials submitted; and
 - shall defend, indemnify and hold NParks (including its officers, employees and agents thereof) harmless from and against any actions, claims, loss or damages for infringement or alleged infringement of such confidentiality, patent, copyright or any other intellectual property rights.
- All entries submitted shall become the property of NParks. NParks reserves the right to decide on the subsequent handling of the fruit and vegetables before, during and after the Competition.
- NParks may exercise its sole discretion to use the winners' names, identification, images, and comments relating to the contests experience and prize for the purpose of announcing the winner, or for promotional, marketing and publicity purposes in any media without any fee being paid.
- 7. The Participant shall be bound by NParks' privacy statement which may be found at www.nparks.gov.sg/privacy-statement.
- The Participant agrees that NParks may collect, use, disclose and share photographs or audio-video or other recordings of the Participant, taken in the course of the competition for publicity and/or use in the NParks' website, social media, publications, presentations and promotional materials, in original or edited format, without any further notification, remuneration or compensation to the Participant.
- 9. NParks reserves the right to make any changes to the terms and conditions of this Competition, its prizes and any other arrangements relating to the Competition without prior notice. NParks does not make any representations or accept any responsibility as to the accuracy of the information relating to the Competition found on any source whatsoever that is outside NParks' corporate website.
- 10. In the event of any disputes or differences between NParks and the Participant over the interpretation of the rules and regulations, NParks' interpretation shall prevail.

For more information, visit our website: www.nparks.gov.sg/edibles

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