



COMPETITION REGULATIONS

FOR THE

Cupa Romaniei de Arta Florala 2019

**NATIONAL COMPETITION
FOR PROFESSIONAL FLORISTS**
Cluj-Napoca, ROMANIA

GENERAL INFORMATION

THE COMPETITION WILL TAKE PLACE ON:

12TH -13TH OF NOVEMBER 2019.

THE COMPETITION WILL TAKE PLACE AT:

**WONDERLAND CLUJ RESORT
CLUJ-NAPOCA, ROMANIA**

THE ORGANIZATION IS IN HANDS OF:

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Objectives of “Cupa Romaniei de Arta Florala 2019” competition

The contest serves as a comparison in skills, craftsmanship and creativity between professional florists. It also enables the professionals to get to know various trends in floristry and moreover, it is an important source of innovation in floral design. The contest further aims at increasing the florist’s image and promoting flower consumption and flower gifts.

SPECIFIC REGULATIONS

A. Participants

A.1. Admission

Professional florists are allowed to take part in the contest.
Competitors pay an entrance fee to AADF.

This entrance fee is: 1280 lei – AADF members

2100 lei – non-members of AADF

All enrolment fees will be billed by **AADF**.

A.2. Enrolment

At least 1 month before the competition, competitors can register. This is done by e-mail to the following address: office@aadf.ro . Only applicants who have been registered can be sure of finally being accepted as competitor. If participants withdraw from taking part in the competition they will get a refund of 50% of the enrolment fee, if the withdrawal is duly communicated to the organisers 2 months before the competition at the latest. In the case of withdrawal later than 2 month before the competition no refund is given.

Late entries will only be accepted at the discretion of AADF, under the advice of the Technical Committee.

For sake of publicity all competitors are requested to enclose or send separately, but no later than 10 **OCTOBER 2019** a curriculum vitae, a short biography and a pass photo (colour picture 300dpi, preferably in digital JPG or TIFF format, 9 x 13cm for printing purpose) to the following email address: office@aadf.ro.

For sake of speedy communication competitors are requested to supply a regularly used e-mail address for themselves or someone else capable of passing on all information at all times.

Upon the enrolment of the participant, the participant fully agrees to these regulations.

A.3. Helpers / Assistants

The participants are allowed to bring one assistant to help them during the time available for preparatory work. In the event of emergency or injury, assistants can be changed only once during the competition. Assistants must be able to speak and understand basic English.

Assistants are only allowed to do preparatory work related to the competition, during those periods meant for preparations as indicated in the timetable. At least 5 minutes before the start of any part of the actual competition - the completion of a task by the participant - the assistants must have left the working area/stage. Assistants are not allowed near the competition area during the actual competition periods.

The assistants are neither allowed to assist in any form during the actual competition periods, nor may they give instructions or comments from the audience. During the actual competition periods (making of the tasks), any contact between the competitor and the assistant is strictly forbidden. Additionally, the use of mobile phones or any other means of communication is strictly forbidden as of 5 minutes before the start of a task until the end of that task.

If these regulations are disregarded, penalty points can be given for the task involved. Alternatively, the assistant can be expelled for the whole time the competition takes place. Competitors can be disqualified in case of gross offence. In all cases, the Technical Committee will decide.

A.4. Communication language

The official language for all communications and the regulations is English.

AADF does not take any responsibility or liability for translation mistakes or misinterpretations made by competitors, assistants, hosts and translators. Participants cannot lodge an appeal with reference to a translation of the regulations or other written information.

No formal translators will be on site during the event. The Surprise Item instructions will be presented in pictures as well as /or a short text in English. Both competitors and assistants are reminded that they should be able to speak basic English, and be able to translate where possible. The members of the Technical Committee can assist with communication problems, where possible.

A.5. Accommodation

Accommodation for competitors and assistants is not included in entrance fee.

Travelling expenses must be paid by the participants. Meal arrangements will be made and paid for by the organizer as follows: lunch and dinner during 11-12-13.11.2019, including gala dinner. No further expenses will be paid by the organizer.

Each competitor is responsible for informing the Organizing Committee about the arrival.

A.6. Entrance tickets

Entrance tickets for the competitor and his/her assistant (one each) will be supplied by the organisation. Extra tickets for family or friends of the competitors need to be arranged either by the competitor directly or through their sponsoring association. This can be done by email at the following email address: office@aadf.ro.

Alternatively, they can order these entrance tickets online, at the following link: <http://bit.ly/30A2f00>.

A.7. Publicity

It is understood that by entering the competition, competitors agree to their work being reported in pictures, audio or / and printed mediums and that all rights will remain with the organizer. Publicity by the competitors, either for their own firm or for industrial products, flowers or plants that are being used is not allowed during the competition.

B. Competition

B.1. Venue of the competition

The competition takes place at:

– WONDERLAND CLUJ RESORT, Feleacu 407270

Links: <https://www.wonderlandcluj.ro/rad/>

It is the responsibility of the competitors and their assistants to make their own way to the competition facility from the competitor's hotel and to meet the competition's timetable.

More details about competition places / facilities (including contact information, the layout of the various competition / exhibition areas, map with route description, etc.) will be given to every competitor upon arrival timely.

No pets are allowed in the competition, preparation area or in the hotel.

B.2. Timetable

The competition program will be laid down in a detailed timetable which will be sent out to every competitor to the e-mail provided in the registration form. The timetable gives the exact preparation times as well as competition times. The start and end of the competition period for each task will be clearly announced by the competition organiser by a start/stop gong . The competitor shall only start to work on the task after this announcement.

After the announcement of the end of the competition period, the competitor must stop his/her work immediately. Competitors should adhere to the timetable exactly. Competitors will be penalised for not adhering to the schedule and timetable.

B.3. Delivery of materials

The delivery of the materials of the competitors to the competition site must take place on 11th of November 2019, according to the schedule communicated by the organizer. For those competitors wishing to arrive earlier than 11th of November 2019 there is no access to the competition area.

Vehicles will have a designated parking area for unloading and all materials must be transported from this place into the Venue to the storage area. It is not allowed to bring any material during the event into the contest area; offence will result in penalty points for the competitor concerned.

Cooled storage is not available in the competition area.

Materials will be supplied by the organizers for surprise task No 4. Everything will be delivered directly to the actual place of the 4th task. For detailed information see chapter C. Task Descriptions.

All materials should remain in the designated place for storage. It is strictly forbidden to take any materials (of your own or given by the organisers) to the hotel room. The TC is allowed to check bags, cases, trunks etc. of competitors and assistants upon their arrival to the venue, or at any time during the event.

B.4. Preparations

Please be aware that each task's description shows the stages of preparations (**PRST**) that are allowed. Times for preparatory work are indicated in the timetable.

Preparation Stages (PRST) are shown in details in the [Annex-1](#).

Technical Committee will check and record all competition pieces at the end of their preparation times, in order to be able to judge both 1/3rd- 2/3rd rules.

1/3rd – 2/3rd rule-1:

The final piece must not be more than 1/3rd pre-constructed! At least 2/3rd of the competition piece must be added during the competition time. It is up to the competitors' decision whether this means additional branches, twigs etc. or plant/flower materials.

1/3rd – 2/3rd rule-2:

Non alive parts of the works (like supports, bases, constructions) prepared by the competitor before the contest may never visually dominate in the final version of the competition pieces. In all competition works the alive plant/flower material shall in the end visually dominate the final result. It means more than 2/3rd of the work piece must be made of alive materials.

In case of doubt the Technical Committee should be consulted.

B.5. Working place / facilities

Each competition area is 3m x 3m and is 3 m high. No sidewalls!!! Each area is very spacious. Same size areas will be assigned to each competitor.

Electric energy outlet of 220 V and a table will be provided for all competitors in venue. Power supply will be available at the venue (the energy is 220 volts – 16 Amp). The competitors should bring their own extension leads.

B.6. Pieces of work /tasks

These specific regulations contain a separate Annex 2 which describes the pieces of work which the competitor will have to make. Unless explicitly indicated otherwise, competitors must provide all their own materials (flowers, plants, accessories, containers etc.) as well as their own tools.

Artificial flowers, silk flowers and comparable products may not be used. It is also not allowed to use alive or preserved animals (of whatever kind) or parts of them like fur, bones etc.

It is not allowed in any way to use electricity in the floral arrangements, except when made use of regular (alkaline and such) batteries.

It is not allowed to use any aerosol products in competition venue!!!

Important point of attention is the water supply: with respect to the exhibition the following 2 days the water supply has to be maximally ensured!!!

B.7. Insurance

The insurance of the competitors' materials or tools is the responsibility of each competitor. The organizer will not be liable for any loss or damage to such materials.

B.8. Dress

Competitors are requested to dress according to the actual situation they are working in, like audience being present or not. They dress according to the venue / audience or in accordance with the specific instructions whilst they are working on stage (if applicable). It's not allowed to have any publicity on the dress.

B.9. Display of the work

The competition will feature a number of different tasks with their own themes. The competitor's finished work will be displayed in the allocated space within the display area reserved for that task.

Competitors are responsible for cleaning their own area after the competition.

Sponsor's information is allowed to be presented after the competition. They are not allowed to be larger than **A4** size.

B.10. End and breaking down of the displayed work

Due to the fact that the exhibition will last until the 13th Nov 2019, competitors are not allowed to retain their own work or pieces of their work or supports until the 14th of November. Removal of materials is strictly forbidden!

The breakdown process starts on 14th November, 09.00 am. Competitors should dismantle all their own pieces of work and supports for tasks 1, 2 3. Material the competitor wishes to retain has to be removed from the exhibition hall (for instance placed in his own vehicle) and all the waste will be taken by the competitor to the designated area. All materials have to be removed before 11.00 am of the same day!!!

C. Task descriptions

This chapter describes the specific regulations regarding the competition tasks. Please the attached Annex 2.

D. Judgement and Jury

D.1. Regulations of the jury

This competition is ruled by the International jury-regulations by Florint.

D.2. Composition of the Jury

The Jury will be composed of members from the following countries: Belgium – Annemie Duchateau (President), Slovenia – Simon Ogrizek, Hungary – Ferenc Kruszlicz.

The Members of the Jury all are professional florists of outstanding level having the attitudes, competences and experience for judging on the international level. They have trained in the use of the European judging system by doing the European Judges Certification course.

They are able to take into consideration the different cultural backgrounds and working styles.

D.3. President of the Jury

The president of the jury is Annemie Duchateau (BE). The president of the jury will give instructions to the Jury before the beginning of the judgement and, if necessary, arrange a trial judgement. The president is in charge of the judgement work and is responsible for a correct course. The president of the jury is responsible for the counting and totalling of the numbers, puts the results on a list and signs this list with respect to the announcement of the results. The president will take part in the actual judging.

D.4. Judging-system

The Jury assesses according the international 100-Points-System, established by FLORINT. Every member of the jury can give a maximum of 100 points. With 3 jury members involved, the highest possible score that can be achieved per piece of work is 300 Points (100 %). These “weighting factors” described below will be decided by the jury timely, well before the competition and made known to the competitors.

Example of the distribution of points:

IDEA 20*

- originality, uniqueness / creativity
- interpretation of the given subject / task / theme
- the choice of material / design with chosen materials
- corresponding with the available time / finishing

COLOURS 20*

- proportion / dominance of used colours
- expression of idea in colours
- Colour-composition (contrasts, harmony, value of colours, etc.)
- placement of colours

COMPOSITION 30*

- General impression (shape, form, proportions, visual balance)
- Style
- Choice, dominance and use of materials
(form, texture, structure, contrasts, rhythm, movement, volume, lines, directions)
- Material respect

TECHNIQUE 30*

- Cleanness
- Suitability of technique used
- Stability of the work
- Physical balance
- Possibility to have water (if applicable)
- Technical difficulty / level

D.5. Procedure of the judging

There will be **blind/closed judging** at the competition.

Judging will take place:

- in the Wonderland Cluj Resort 12th - 13th of Nov 2019.

The pieces of work will be judged independently and autonomously by the judges (conversation between the judges afterwards is allowed, alterations never forced, the aim is justification).

The aspect of technique will be judged by all judges together. The judgment will be put on a list with the numbers of the candidates; for every piece of work a separate list. These lists will be made available by the organization. As soon as a judge has finished his judging, he will count the numbers, sign the list and hand it to the president.

D.6. Offense of the regulations

In their judgment the judges will not take into account whether the regulations as to size etc. have been obeyed. Whether a piece of work does answer to these regulations or not will be established and noted by the Technical Committee. The Technical Committee decides whether this leads to deduction of points or even disqualification. That means that the TC establishes to what extent the offence has influenced the final result. This factor is expressed as a percentage. This percentage will be deducted from the score given by the judges. The president of the Technical Committee will report about the findings and conclusions of the TC to the president of the Jury after the judgment has been finished.

The Technical Committee decides in case of violation or offence of the regulations. The Technical Committee can penalise individual works that do not answer to sizes, methods or other prescriptions laid down in these regulations, as well as if candidates do not conform to permissible time limitations set out in the regulations.

The Technical Committee will ensure that the technical regulations of the competition, the utilisation of the workplace and the competitor's exhibition space are observed. In case of a gross offence of the regulations, competitors can be disqualified and excluded from the contest.

D.7. Role of the Technical Committee

- Draft and agree on the rules and regulations of the competition
- Are the contact point for the competitors during the competition time
- Are the contact between the competitor and the jury
- Are the contact between the competitor and the organisation
- Interprets the regulations during and before the competition
- The Technical Committee can take any measures necessary to ensure that these regulations are observed
- Advises organisers on the rules and regulations outside of the competition timetable

D.8. Penalty points

For some offences fixed penalties are set:

Participant do not answer to permissible time:	5%
If participant keeps working after TC warning:	20%
Extra assistant apart from 1 official assistant:	10%
If extra assistant keeps working after TC warning:	20%
Communication between participant and any other person during competition time (except TC and supervisors):	5%
If participant keeps communicating after TC warning:	20%
Work does not answer to size limitation:	A X 50 / B = penalty %

A: Oversize in cm, B: Size limit in cm

TC measures and counts all 3 dimensions separately and sums up the penalty %.

Example:

(B) size limit:	150 cm X 150 cm x 300 cm (height),
Actual measures:	155 cm X 150 cm x 345 cm (height),
(A) oversize – 5 cm:	5 X 50 / 150 = 1,7 % penalty
(A) oversize – 45 cm:	45 X 50 / 300 = 7,5 % penalty

Total penalty: 1,7 % + 7,5 % = 9,2 %

Participant uses non permissible materials, tools:	between: 2.5 - 10 %
Participant uses non permissible methods:	between: 2.5 - 10 %
Participant uses electrical item(s) in finished work:	10%
Delivery of materials before indicated time:	5%

If the piece doesn't refer to the **1/3rd – 2/3rd rule-1:**
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between: **2.5 - 10 %**

If the piece doesn't refer to the **1/3rd – 2/3rd rule-2:**

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pieces. In all competition works the alive plant/flower material shall in the end visually dominate the final result. It means more than 2/3rd of the work piece must be made of alive materials.

between: **2.5 - 10 %**

D.9. Questions

In case that the competitors have any questions with the regulations above, there will be 2 questions rounds.

QUESTIONS ROUND No1:

Competitors can send maximum 2 questions related with the regulations/tasks to the following email address office@aadf.ro the latest until **14th of October 2019** .

The answers will be sent in common to all competitors emails by the **21st of October 2019** by the Event Coordinator.

QUESTIONS ROUND No2:

In case the first questions round will not cover all unclear issues, the competitors will have the opportunity to send maximum two more questions to the following email address: office@aadf.ro the latest until the **24th October 2019**.

The answers will be sent in common to all competitors emails by the **31st of October 2019** by the Event Coordinator.

After the second questions round no further questions will be answered.

However there will be one more chance at the **Competitors-Committees meeting**, which will take place in the competition venue on the **11th November 2019**.

Representatives from the TC and Jury will be available for feedback during the times indicated on the timetable. It is the responsibility of the competitor to arrive, on time, for feedback.

No other correspondence will be entered after the competition period.

D.8. Dispute about the decisions

During the time of the competition, the decisions of the Technical Committee and Jury are final and binding. Complaints or protests can not be filed.

Attachments:

- annex-1 – Preparation stages
- annex-2 – Task descriptions