

Daffodil Classification System

Competitors should note that the following system of classification is used in this Schedule.

1. The Classification of a daffodil shall be that which was submitted by the person registering it, or shall be based on the description and measurements submitted by such person.

2. The Classification shall consist of a division number and a colour code (e.g. 1 Y-Y, 2YYW-Y, 3 W-WWR, 11b W-W/OY).

3. The numbered divisions in which a daffodil cultivar may be placed are defined and illustrated on pages 8-11 of this Schedule

4. Measurements taken in determining between Divisions 1, 2, and 3 will be those of the flower at maturity. The length of the perianth segments is the measurement from the tip of one segment when flattened out to the base of the corona. The length of the corona is the measurement from the base of the perianth segments to the furthest margin of the corona.

5. a) The colours and equivalent code letters that may be used to describe a daffodil cultivar will be those of the flower at maturity. They are as follows:

White or whitish	W
Pink	P
Green	G
Orange	O
Yellow	Y
Red	R

In distinguishing Yellow from Orange in daffodil classification, borderline colours including and on the green side of RHS Yellow-Orange Group 15 are said to be Yellow; those including and on the red side of Yellow-Orange Group 16 are Orange. In distinguishing Orange from Red in daffodil classification, borderline colours including and on the yellow side of RHS Orange Group 29 are said to be Orange, those including and on the purple side of Orange-Red Group 30 are Red.

b) The colour code shall consist of two letters, or two groups of letters, separated by a hyphen: the letter(s) before the hyphen shall describe the perianth segments (the 'petals'); the letter(s) following the hyphen shall describe the inside of the corona (the 'trumpet' or 'cup').

c) For purposes of description, the perianth segments shall be divided into three zones – outer zone, mid-zone and base; and the corona into three zones – base, mid-zone and rim; unless the colours are non-concentric.

d) If the perianth segments are substantially of a single colour, a single code letter shall describe them; if they are of more than one colour, three code letters shall be used, describing the outer zone before the mid-zone and base; or if the colours are non-concentric, describing the predominant colour first, followed by an oblique line, then the non-predominant colour(s) in any order.

Note: If a cultivar is registered with more than one colour in the perianth segments, the major area of colour shall determine the class in which it may be shown. For example, although they have white perianths, cultivars registered 2YYW-W may be shown in a class requiring those which are 2 Y-W.

e) If the corona is substantially of a single colour, a single code letter shall describe it; if it is of more than one colour, three code letters shall be used, describing the base before the mid-zone and rim; or, if the colours are non-concentric, either two or three code letters shall be used, describing the predominant colour first, followed by an oblique line, then the non predominant colour(s) in any order.

f) In double daffodils the code letter(s) before the hyphen shall describe not only the perianth segments but also any extra petaloid segments of the same colour, even if they are interspersed with the corona at the centre of the flower, the code letter(s) following the hyphen shall describe the corona or segments of the corona. Multiple letters before or after the hyphen shall in doubles as in all other daffodils indicate that there is more than one concentric or non-concentric colour in the perianth and petaloid segments or in the corona or segments of the corona.

Note: If a double daffodil is registered with more than one colour in the segments of the corona, the major area of colour shall determine the class in which it may be shown. For example, although they have yellow in the corona segments, cultivars registered 4 Y-YOR may be shown in a class requiring 4 Y-O or 4 Y-R