

Building a Score Card

Though highly flexible, the genera-specific sections of the AOS score sheet were developed around concepts of perfection for a moderately limited range of breeding within the genera.

For example, with the exception of *Masdevallias*, most pleurothallids lack caudae. Either you automatically forgo 3 points on the 'Pleurothallid Scale' or (preferably) use the General Scale for these plants.

Within the paphiopedilums, the judging criteria specifically limit use of the Paphiopedilum Scale to species and hybrids having a single flower on an upright stem (handbook 7.1.7). This scale strongly favors form score, with points particularly focused on dorsal sepal. When assessing a multifloral paphiopedilum species or hybrid, the handbook directs us to use the General Scale.

- A) Using the individual characteristics available on the judging score sheet, create a table and build your own score sheet for Multifloral Paphiopedilums.
- B) Explain your reasoning for inclusion of each characteristic you select & possible points you assign to that characteristic.
- C) Name three or more genera or sections within genera which could benefit from a specific scoring distribution. Explain how the genera or subsection differs from the available scale.
- D) Select one of the genera or subsection from C). Develop a score sheet, providing explanation of characteristics included & points assigned.