

# NZCDG Inc. COMPETITION SECTIONS & CLASSES – What do they mean?

We are often asked what is the difference between the Novice and Open Classes in our competition.

Our competition is divided into **sections**:

*A Section means a particular entry type within the competition, e.g. celebration cake, floral arrangement.*

*Within each Section there may be different classes that a competitor may enter.*



The two **classes** that our competition utilises currently is Novice & Open in the Sugar Paste & Cold Porcelain Flower section.

## **Novice Class:**

This is for any Competitor who is a first-time entrant or those who have never won 3 gold awards in any specific section.

## **Open Class:**

This class is open to all competitors BUT once you have achieved 3 golds you **must** move from Novice to Open.

If you feel your work is of a very high standard you may choose to enter the Open class (even if you haven't won 3 golds). You may also be invited to move up a class by a Judge or Steward if they feel you are ready.

If you do enter the Open class, you may not return to Novice in the same section in any NZCDG Inc. subsequent competition.

Currently the Open class is only relevant to our 'flower' section.

## **Master Class:**

Currently the NZCDG Inc. have not utilised this class but are currently working towards including it. Competitors may be invited by the organising committee or Judges to enter this class.

## **Examples:**

- *A competitor who enters the Open class in one section may still enter the Novice class in a different section (i.e. if you enter the*

*Open class of the Sugar Paste flower section, you cannot return to the Novice section but you may also enter the Novice class of the Cold Porcelain section until you either receive 3 golds or opt to move to the Open class).*

- *On gaining a gold award in the Novice class you would be expected to enter the Open class in that section in the next competition.*

***An example why it is suggested that 3 golds be achieved before moving on (in the flower section):***

*Perhaps you might be really good at making a gerbera but not so good at making an orchid so therefore it would be unfair to force movement to the Open class. Once you have won 3 golds, it is quite clear that you are REALLY good at making flowers so it would then be time for you to move on to the next class.*

***One entry per section per person***

*The aim of entering is to improve your skills.*