

Community Garden Edibles Competition 2026 Frequently Asked Questions

General

Q1.What is the objective of the Community Garden Edibles Competition (CGEC)?

The CGEC provides a platform for gardeners to showcase their gardening talents and to recognise them for their skills in growing edibles fruits and vegetables.

Q2.Who can take part in this competition? Is it open to all members of the public?

The Community Garden Edibles Competition is open to everyone residing in Singapore, except staff of the National Parks Board (NParks).

Q3.How were the ten 'Best Edibles' categories of fruits and vegetables selected?

The selection was based on plants that are commonly grown by gardeners in Singapore and the increase in horticultural skill and knowledge observed in community gardeners

Q4.What is considered a 'unique edible' under the Open Category?

For CGEC 2026, an edible with an unusual characteristic (e.g. form, colour, texture) and/or of uncommon cultivar or species is considered a 'unique edible'.

Registration

Q5.Can each participant take part in more than one category? How many entries can each participant submit?

Participants can take part in multiple 'Best Edibles' categories. However, each participant can only submit one entry for each 'Best Edibles' category and should consider the perishability and lifespan of their entry.

If participants submit more than one entry for the same 'Best Edibles' category, only the first entry received will be considered for judging. This restriction does not apply to the Open Category, for which participants may submit more than one entry.

Q6.What is the closing date for registration and deadline for submission of edibles?

The closing date for registration is 13 May 2026.

Participants will be required to submit their edibles for shortlisting on 29 June 2026. For shortlisted entries, participants are not required to be present for the final judging on 30 June 2026.

Q7. Will complimentary seeds be given out? Can participants use their own seeds?

Participants are required to source for their own seeds.

Submission

Q8. What do participants need to bring on submission day?

Participants will be required to bring their edibles for submission either in person or by proxy. The proxy will need to provide the participant's full name, phone number and email address used during registration for verification.

In addition, participants must take a video clip or photographs of themselves (saved in their phones or printed out posing with their mature edibles still attached to the parent plant while harvesting the edibles as evidence on the submission day.

Q9. Do participants need to be present during submission? Will transport to/from the submission venue be provided?

Participants are required to submit their entries either in person or by proxy at Multi-purpose Hall in HortPark. For participating groups, one member can represent the group to submit the entries in person. No transport services will be provided, and participants are required to arrange for their own transportation.

Q10. Can participants submit entries if they did not register for the competition beforehand, or for the categories they did not earlier register for?

Interested participants who did not register for the competition from 12 Jan to 13 May 2026 can update their details on the spot during submission day. Those who wish to submit edibles for additional categories can inform staff at the registration booth.

Q11. What happens to entries registered for/submitted in the wrong category?

NParks will re-classify submissions if requires and reserved the right to do so.

Q12. What happens if participants are unable to submit their entries due to unforeseen circumstances?

We understand that gardening can be unpredictable at times and there will be no penalty for non-submission. Participants who have registered but are unable to submit their entries do not have to contact HortPark to withdraw from the competition.

Q13. Can participants bring back their fruits and vegetables after submission?

All entries submitted shall become the property of NParks. NParks reserves the right to decide on the handling of the fruits and vegetables during and after the competition. Selected entries may be put up for display temporarily.

Judging and Award

Q14. What are the judging criteria for both categories?

The judging process evaluates participants' overall gardening skills and the uniqueness of their edibles based on four key criteria: Quality and Appearance (condition, freshness, colour, and presentation standards), Size (relative to the species or variety), Novelty/Competency (ability to successfully grow rare species or cultivars in suitable conditions), and Uniqueness (unusual characteristics, forms, textures, or uncommon cultivars and species).

Q15. Who is on the judging panel?

The judging panel consists of representatives from NParks and its supporting partners.

Q16. When will the judging take place? Is it open to the public?

The judging will take place on 30 June 2026. It is a closed-door session and is not open to the public.

Q17. How will winners be notified? Where will the prize collection be?

Winners will be notified via email from 1 July 2026 onwards. Details on prize collection will be indicated in the notification email or shared at a later date. All prizes are non-exchangeable.