

Judging Process

- Judges do NOT know the names of entrants, nor does the SWPSS Board. All entries are identified by number only.
- Judges focus on the aesthetic features of the installation, including landscaping and/or other amenities that enhance the harmony created. Photographically observable factors such as workmanship, soundness of design, and safety measures required by existing standards, are also considered. Any entry which does not include the entrant's affirmation of conformance with applicable ANSI Standards or any applicable mandatory design code of a government having jurisdiction over the installation site cannot be considered in the judging.
- The **SWPSS Award of Excellence** Competition is essentially an aesthetic and technical competition and agree that the judges will make NO assertions or indications that design soundness or safety considerations in the Competition are evaluated in any manner. We provide the following to the judges: When judging, please do not judge the design soundness or safety of any entries. Do not take into consideration if an entry installation conforms in any respect with any PHTA standard or any other applicable government code or regulation.
- Judges will only consider the items in the photos that they are to judge, based on the category and not the extra surroundings except for under integration. Example: If they are judging a spa, they won't consider the other items except for how they integrated it into the space. However, as human nature does, judges could subconsciously take in an un-staged submission as less than those that are staged or look "ready".
- The judging panel may combine or eliminate categories at their discretion if insufficient entries are received, and only if the entries can be reassigned to another category. Industry judges will not be allowed to judge if they have submitted entries. Decisions of the Southwest Pool & Spa Show judges as to eligibility will be final. The Southwest Pool & Spa Show board does not have access to the Judges information, nor the judging system. The Southwest Pool & Spa Show reserves the right to waive requirements in extenuating circumstances, without giving rise to any right of any party to seek similar waiver in any circumstances.
- At the judges' discretion, any number of medal awards (i.e., Gold, Silver, Bronze), and/or any number of Awards of Merit may be presented in each category of entry. However, judges do NOT have to recognize any entries in a category if they deem that no entries merit an award.