

Allotment Competition Criteria

Criteria for a top scoring plot / site.

Tidiness

- No weeds on any part of plot
- No debris on surface of plot
- Crops harvested where appropriate
- Edges trimmed and any paths cut / mown
- Any structure in good state of repair (including compost heaps)

For Tunis Cup it is expected that tidiness across the site will be based on an overall impression of the above plus:

- Access roads within site well maintained
- Communal paths cut / maintained
- Sheds and other structures in reasonable order (if applicable)

Quality

- Crops healthy and vigorous in appearance
- Crops free of obvious disease
- Crops free of obvious damage from pests or other factors
- Good crop size / yield and state of development for time of year

For Tunis Cup it is important that the assessment of the quality is based on an overall impression of the quality of crops across the site. Other site factors such as quality of roads, paths, infrastructure etc is not relevant.

Variety

- Variety of types of crops – ie presence of a range of different:
 - Vegetables
 - Soft fruit
 - Herbs
 - Flowers
- Good use of plot demonstrated by maximising variety of crops produced taking into account size of plot

For Tunis Cup score must be based on an assessment of variety across the site, taking into account any local restricting factors which might impact on ability to grow certain crops.

Exclusions

Presence or absence of the following should not influence scoring:

- Fruit trees
- Livestock
- Communal garden areas
- Garden ornaments
- Sheds
- Greenhouses / cold frames

- Green gardening initiatives including use of recycled materials (eg carpet mulches)
- Demographic of the site
- Geography of the site or other factors out of the control of the allotment society or plot holders - such as boundary fences not managed by the society/plot holder.