CATA Curricular Code Change Proposal

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Contest:	Citrus
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Issue: (Describe the reason/rationale for the proposed change.)
Update the nursery tree scorecard, as the industry has changed.

Please answer yes or no to ALL the questions below.

This proposal will require a contest to open out of rotation	Yes
The change will affect General Rules	No
The change will affect the awards needed.	No
Which JudgingCard scorecard will be used for tabulations.	705 G
The proposed change will affect contest forms.	No
The proposed change will affect contest hosting site. (e.g. additional facilities, new sections, additional scoring, etc.)	No

If you answered yes to any of the above questions, you need to include the following signatures: Click here for link to CDE Contest Advisor and Coordinator list.

CATA Approved Contest Advisor's Signature	Steve Rocca
CDE Host Site Contest Coordinator's Signature agreeing that changes are able to be accommodated by the host site.	*Gurleet Brar*

If you answered yes to any of the above questions, please explain.

It is highly recommended that you, or a representative, attend the pre-conference governing board meeting to answer any questions regarding proposed curricular code changes to contests that are requested to be opened out of rotation.

Citrus was up for review last year, another advisor talked about changing it but it did not happen. I want to update the nursery scorecard to reflect the changes in our industry.

Description: (Describe what is changing.)

Scorecard for nursery trees

Proposed CATA Code Change: (Only include the section that the proposed change pertains to – do not include the entire contest. Reference numbered section. If editing text, show new text with old text in parenthesis. For large changes, set track changes in the Word document and attach the file, with edits, to this document when submitting.)

(Old) Citrus Nursery Tree Score Card

1. **Bud Union and Trunk - 30%**

   1. The bud union should be well healed with the bud showing a uniform healing around the stock.

   2. There should be freedom from evidence of poor stubbing of root stock and budding should be evident.

   3. The bud union should be free from evidence of sunburn.

   4. The bud union should be 6" above the ball and no more than 12".

   5. The trunk should be straight, showing uninterrupted growth, as evidenced by the growing nodes on the trunk.

   6. The trunk should be free of mechanical injury, sunburn disease, insect pests and any scars.

   7. The size of the trunk should be 5/8" to 3/4" in diameter, one inch above the bud union.

2. Container - 20%
   The container should be free from cracks or rips and protruding roots. The soil should be moist and pliable. Distance from the top of the container to the top of the soil is also of importance for uniform water penetration into the root ball. There should be no exposed roots or visible weeds in the container.

3. Foliage - 20%

    1. The foliage should be large, have a uniform healthy color, free from evidence of pest damage and deficiencies.

    2. A one-year seedling should have foliage the full length of the trunk.

4. Root System - 30%

    1. Each tree should have a single, well developed, straight tap root.

    2. Branch and fibrous roots should be numerous, well spaced and well developed.

    3. The root system should be free from evidence of disease, insect and rodent damage, mechanical injury, and should be of healthy, straw-yellow color.

(New) Citrus Nursery Tree Score Card

A. Bud Union and Trunk - 30%

    1. The bud union should be well healed with the bud showing a uniform healing around the rootstock.

    2. The bud union should show either no scar from the cutting of the rootstock or a clean cut. No stub should be seen.

    3. The bud union should be free from evidence of sunburn.

    4. The bud union should be no less than 6" above the soil or root ball and no more than 12".

    5. The trunk should be straight, showing uninterrupted growth, as evidenced by the growth nodes on the trunk. If growth nodes exist, there should be no more than 2.

    6. The trunk should be free of mechanical injury, sunburn, disease, insect pests and any scars.

    7. The size of the trunk should be 7mm to 10 mm in diameter, one inch above the bud union.

    8. The tree ties should have staples (if present) against the stake, not the trunk. The

ties should be snug, but not girdling the tree.

9. There should be no evidence of die-back.

10. The trunk should be lignified no less than ¾ of the length of the trunk above the bud union.

B. Root System - 30%

1. Each tree should have a well-developed, straight root system.

2. Branch and fibrous roots should be numerous, and throughout the entire root ball, so thick it would be difficult to see the tap roots.

3. The root system should be free from evidence of disease, insect and rodent damage, mechanical injury, and should be of healthy, straw-yellow or white color.

4. The bottom of the root ball should have no benched or circling roots.

C. Foliage - 20%

1. The foliage should be large, have a uniform healthy dark green color, free from evidence of pest damage and any nutrient deficiencies.

2. A "ready" tree should have foliage the full length of the trunk. From the bud union to the tree's top.

3. Evidence of new growth in the top 4-6" is best in class.

D. Container - 20%

1. The container should be free from cracks or rips and protruding roots.

2. The soil should be moist.

3. Distance from the top of the container to the top of the soil should be 1" for uniform water penetration into the root ball. Greater than 1" is not acceptable.

4. There should be no exposed roots on the soil surface or protruding from the bottom of the container.

5.   There should be no visible weeds in the container.

Instructions for Submitting Curricular Code Change

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- Download and Submit this document as a PDF
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- If your proposal requires signatures make sure to contact the contest advisor and contest host. **Tip:** Docusign, Doc Hub are great sources for digital signature requests.
  - [Click Here](#) for contest Host and Advisor List
- Email completed Curricular Change Proposal **PDF** to cata@calagteachers.org by June 1st.

Warning: Make sure you add all the topics or concerns you would like to discuss at the Curricular Code CDE meeting. If it's not posted on the CATA Curricular Code Changes website by June 1st, it **cannot** be discussed.