

## **RULES & REGULATIONS: 14<sup>th</sup> July 2020 (updated 28th Sept 2020)**

### General Rules – Applies to ALL categories

**When you have made your payment, email [debbic@ichf.co.uk](mailto:debbic@ichf.co.uk) by Wednesday 4th November at 16.00 UK time with your order reference number, name, country, category and up to 5 good quality clear images (front, sides, back) OR a 30 second video.**

Your entry must not have been shown on any social media previously or during the competition otherwise you will be disqualified.

You must not have entered your cake into any previous/simultaneous or future competition otherwise you will be disqualified.

Entries must be the genuine, unaided work of the *individual* who has entered (unless entering a category that specifies otherwise). If it is proven the individual did not complete the entry unaided, they will be disqualified.

- Entries into incorrect classes and therefore Not To Schedule will be disqualified.
- A maximum of 5 good quality clear images (front, sides, back) are required per entry OR a 30 second video including close-ups of your entry
- **Poor quality images or video of your entry will lose considerable marks.**
- Entries must not be entered into any other awarded competition worldwide at shows or online (including Cake International) If proven, the entry will be disqualified. This applies to previous competitions, simultaneous competitions or future competitions.
- Entries cannot be shown on any social media sites until judging has completely closed, otherwise your exhibit will be disqualified.
- Entries that do not comply with the schedule, will be marked as Not To Schedule (NTS/ disqualified).
- Safety Seal, Cold Porcelain and Artista Soft are **not** permitted in any class.
- Only mediums/materials that are specified in each class are permitted.
- Boards must be covered in an edible medium and edged with ribbon.
- Ribbon is **not** permitted on the exhibit/entry itself unless specified in the category.
- Corn silk, noodles and pasta is not permitted on the exhibit/entry itself unless specified in the category.
- Floral entries may be presented differently, as stated in the schedule.
- Unless otherwise stated, ALL dummies/cakes/exhibits must be on a cake board or drum minimum 0.5" (12.5mm) thick and maximum 1.5" (3.81cm) thick. If the boards are more than 1.5" (3.81cm) thick, they will be deemed to be a cake dummy.
- If dummies are used, no part of the dummy must be exposed.
- Where dummies are allowed they must be treated as real cake, using food safe

products and posy picks, apart from the Decorative Exhibit, Head Judge's Wild Card categories as these categories are not intended for consumption but to display the skills and techniques using edible mediums.

- Artificial decoration: commercial cake toppers (e.g. Plastic/porcelain bride/groom, non-edible 'Happy Birthday' signs etc) are **not** permitted whatsoever. Lights are not permitted on the exhibit itself unless specified in the category.
- Posy picks/dowels etc. must be fully inserted into the cake or dummy, so that the top edge of the posy pick/dowel is level with the icing.
- If you are using a double board, you must cover both boards in an edible medium and edge with ribbon.
- All entries should be created in line with the competition schedule – the organiser reserves the right not to display any entries it deems inappropriate. All entries, regardless of their theme or content will still be judged and receive any relevant certificates.
- If your piece has writing or inscription in a language other than English then a full translation must be provided to the organisers noting the competition number it relates to. This must be emailed to ICHF when you email your entry images. The organiser reserves the right to remove any entries that contain inappropriate language or that will cause offense. Your entry will still be judged in line with the competition schedule but will not be displayed on our website or during our On Screen show.
- If an entry is removed from the competition for whatever reason the organisers/judges deem fit, this is not the same as being disqualified, you will only receive a Not To Schedule placing if you are disqualified. All entries will receive certificates and associated prizes if they are awarded by the judges.
- The organiser reserves the right to remove any competition entry if they receive complaints about its theme or design.
- Cake International is an inclusive environment and is a platform for cake artists to develop and hone their cake decorating skills.
- Queries must be submitted to [MelanieU@ichf.co.uk](mailto:MelanieU@ichf.co.uk) before 16<sup>th</sup> October 2020. No queries will be answered after this date. Queries should only relate to the rules and not individual designs. Advice will not be given on individual designs.

### **Helpful Points**

- Be careful of fingerprints, glue marks, nail marks, even covering, thickness of sugarpaste, pencil and tool marks.
- Make sure your work is clean.
- Non-edible decoration means any decoration made wholly or in part from any non-edible material.
- If a height restriction applies, include the board and measure from the table upwards.

- If using a vase in a floral class it is a good idea to place weight in the bottom of it (e.g. a stone or some damp sand in a bag) for stability.
- Remember – your images must be clear to enable the judges to see your piece.

### **Behaviour and conduct of competitors**

We expect everyone to act in a respectful manner before during and after the cake competition – the following is an example of behaviour that will not be tolerated and could result in the following action being taken:

- Removed from the competition with no refund
  - Banned from attending Cake International shows or entering the competition for a minimum of 2 years.
  - All threats towards any members of the Cake International team including the judges or other participants at the show will be referred to the police.
1. Any competitor who interferes or threatens to interfere with the operation of the judging process or the competition
  2. Aggressive behaviour, foul language or shouting will not be tolerated.
  3. All defamatory, offensive or derogatory comments, either verbal or written (including emails, text/voicemail/phone messages, social media or other written communication) to a member of the judging team or a member of ICHF Events.

### **Entry Process**

Complete a form for EACH ENTRY at [www.cakeinternational.co.uk](http://www.cakeinternational.co.uk)

Pay entry fee - £20 per entry

Deadline is Wednesday 4th November 2020, 16.00hrs UK time

Entry may close earlier than stated date due to limited places

There are no refunds, late entries or changes of categories. Entries can not be 'carried over'.

Late entries will not be accepted.

### **Copyright/design registration**

You may take *inspiration* from movies, books, fashion etc, but we do encourage you to use your own creativity

## **Photographs**

Photographs of competition pieces may be used online by ICHF Events or printed in future relevant publications as agreed with ICHF management team.

## **Results**

Results will be available from **1300hrs GMT on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November** at [www.cakeinternational.co.uk](http://www.cakeinternational.co.uk) with finalists announced on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 12:45pm GMT.

Best in Show Judges Vote and Best in Show Public Vote will be announced on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 13.00 GMT.

## **Score sheets / Feedback**

**Each competitor will receive a score sheet/feedback sheet.**

The judges' decision is final. No feedback can be given after the show.

## **Awards**

Highly Commended and Commended may be awarded. Each category may have 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> awarded. Where the highest award in a class is commended, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> place will not be awarded.

Not all entries are guaranteed an award and/or a certificate

**Finalists are announced at 12.45 on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

**VOTING BEGINS FOR PUBLIC VOTE BEST IN SHOW 13:00 GMT on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2020.**

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## **Complaints**

Complaints should be emailed to [melanieu@ichf.co.uk](mailto:melanieu@ichf.co.uk) by 20<sup>th</sup> November 2020. Judges decision is final and results will not be discussed after the show closes unless there is an error in calculation.

All complaints regarding competition entries should be made to Melanie Underwood outlining your reasons. Please note, ICHF Events has a zero tolerance for any threats made (please see Behaviour and conduct of competitors)

**By entering Cake International you agree to abide by the rules and regulations herein.**