

RULES & REGULATIONS: 3rd – 5th November 2023 NEC Show competition

General Rules – Applies to **ALL categories**

You are reminded that entries must not be shown on any social media sites until the results are announced on our website

Show opening times: Friday: 0930 – 1700 Saturday: 0930 – 1700 and Sunday: 0930 - 1630

- a) Your competition entry gives you free entry to the show for Friday, Saturday and Sunday. You will only receive free entry if you exhibit your competition piece at the show.
- b) Please be aware that these rules are subject to change after the schedule release, you are advised to refer to our website for up to date changes and subscribe to our newsletter
- c) Entry to the competition may close earlier than stated due to limited spaces at the show. Please remember to check the website frequently for updates.
- d) Queries/questions must be submitted to questions@ichf.co.uk before 18th September 2023. No queries will be answered after this date. Queries/questions should only relate to the rules and not individual designs. Advice will not be given on individual designs or on suitable categories.
- e) Cakes/entries/exhibits must not be entered into any other competition worldwide at shows or online prior to judging (including Cake International). If proven, the entry will be disqualified. This applies to previous competitions, simultaneous competitions or future competitions prior to judging.
- f) Entries that do not comply with the schedule will be marked as NTS/Not To Schedule/Disqualified
- g) The area allowed is for the entire exhibit. Everything in your display **must** fit within the allowed area including the board and any notes you are providing.
- h) No part of the display must overhang the allowed area. If your display is bigger than the allowed space it will be disqualified. It can be smaller.
- i) Only mediums/materials that are specified in each schedule are permitted.
- j) If an exhibit is removed from the competition display area for whatever reason the organisers/judges deem fit (including complaints or deemed offensive) , this is not the same as being disqualified, you will only receive a Not To Schedule card if you are disqualified. All entries will receive certificates and associated prize money if they are awarded by the judges.

Tips

- Recipes to be typed and placed in an envelope beside your exhibit
- Make sure your work is clean.
- If you have damaged your piece during transportation you may request a “Damaged in Transport” card from the registration desk. You may note the damage on the card if you wish.
- Remember your exhibit will be viewed from every angle.
- It is better to ask a question rather than risk NTS or disqualification.

Entry Process

Complete a form for EACH ENTRY at www.cakeinternational.co.uk

Early Entry £20 - **closes 1600hrs UK time 10th September 2023**

Late Entry £24 - **closes 1600hrs UK time 8th October 2023**

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

Should the unlikely happen and the show is cancelled, you will be given the option of transferring your competition entry to the next available show.

Delivery of Exhibits

Exhibits must be delivered to **Hall 17 door 17.4** from **0700 UK time until 0900am on Friday 3rd November 2023**

Late entries will not be accepted ***unless in exceptional circumstances.***

On arrival show your entry acknowledgment. You will be given a competitor badge and instructions on how to place your exhibit(s). Competitors only become eligible to receive their badges on delivery of their exhibit(s). ***Once you have placed your exhibit(s) on the competition table/s you must leave the hall and re-enter at show opening time through the public entrance.***

Badges must be worn at all times, including Prize Giving.

- U-16's are not permitted in the registration/set up area unless they are competitors.
- Competitors may have **one** helper in the set-up area.
- Once you have placed your exhibit(s) leave the hall until the show opens.
- Helpers will need to purchase a ticket to visit the show.
- A repair area will be available to mend damage incurred in transit.
- You must bring your own repair kit.
- Travelling boxes **must** be removed after delivery and brought back for collection.
- There are no storage facilities.

Exhibit labels

Two numbered labels will be issued per exhibit. Stick one to your exhibit so that it is visible to the judges and the other to the base for security purposes.

Displaying Exhibits

Place your exhibit where indicated by the class and exhibit number.

- Please do not place products of any type near your exhibit. They will be automatically disposed of.
- No business cards or names to be left next to your exhibit before judging.
- The organisers/judges reserve the right to move exhibits as necessary.

Security

Whilst reasonable care will be taken with the security of the exhibits, the organisers will not be responsible for any loss or damage to exhibits, equipment or personal effects. All entries are displayed in the competition area at the competitor's own risk.

Intellectual Property Rights

By entering Bake International **BE AWARE** that photographs or copies may be taken by any person or visitor and realise that your designs/work may be reproduced but you will not hold ICHF Events or its employees liable in any way should this happen.

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 show with no re-entry or refund.
 - Banned from attending Bake International or entering the competition for a minimum of 2 years.
 - All threats towards any members of the Bake 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.
 4. If you damage or interfere with another competition exhibit.

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

Judging takes place on Friday 3rd November 2023. Results will be available Saturday 4th November 2023 from 1400hrs UK time at www.cakeinternational.co.uk with placements announced at Prize Giving on Sunday 5th November 2023 publicised online from 1400hrs UK time.

Not To Schedule/Disqualified and No awards will not be shown on the results website.

Score sheets / Feedback

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

Removal of Exhibits

Exhibits can **only** be removed from 1630hrs UK time Sunday 5th November 2023. Please be aware of this when organising your travel plans and please do not request to remove your exhibit earlier than stated time. The organisers reserve the right to remove and destroy any exhibit not taken by 1700hrs UK time on Sunday 5th November 2023.

Awards

Gold, Silver, Bronze or Merit may be awarded. Each class may have 1st, 2nd, or 3rd awarded. Where the highest award in a class is bronze, no 1st, 2nd, or 3rd places will be awarded.

Not all entries are guaranteed an award.

Prize Giving 1300hrs UK time on Sunday 5th November in the Cake International Theatre.

Trophies and first, second and third prize only certificates will be presented. Cash prizes (if applicable) must be signed for and collected from the Competition Office.

Certificate collection

We will email your certificate to you. Please allow up to 28 days to receive these.

Complaints

All complaints must be emailed to melanieu@ichf.co.uk by 14th November 2023. Judges' decision is final and no judging results will be discussed after the show closes unless there is an error in calculation and/or error with the rules. Please allow a minimum of 28 days for complaints to be processed.

By entering Bake International you agree to abide by the rules and regulations herein