



## **RULES & REGULATIONS: 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> November 2021 NEC Show Junior 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 or your guardian free entry to the show for Friday, Saturday and Sunday
- b) Please be aware that these rules are subject to change, 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
- d) Queries/questions must be submitted to [questions@ichf.co.uk](mailto:questions@ichf.co.uk) before 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021. 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.
- e) Entries must not be entered into any other awarded 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 and height including the board or drum and the work itself.
- 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) Ribbon is not permitted on the exhibit itself unless specified in the category.
- j) Only mediums/materials that are specified in each schedule are permitted.
- k) Cold Porcelain and Artista Soft must not be used in the competition.
- l) Artificial Decoration: Commercial cake toppers e.g. Plastic/porcelain bride/groom, non-edible 'Happy Birthday' signs etc. are not permitted in the competition whatsoever, if you do use these your exhibit will not be marked and will be disqualified.
- m) Posy picks, straws, dowels etc. must be fully inserted into the cake or dummy, so that the top edge of the pick/straw/dowel is level with the icing
- n) Where dummies are allowed/permitted they must be treated as real cake, using food safe products and posy picks or a suitable food safe barrier. This is with the exception of Decorative Exhibit category, as this category is not intended for consumption but to display the skills and techniques using edible mediums.
- o) Entries into incorrect classes and therefore Not To Schedule will be disqualified and will not be moved into the correct category.
- p) 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 handed to a member of the ICHF team at cake check-in BEFORE your piece is placed in the competition area. 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 may not be displayed in the cake competition area
- q) If an exhibit is removed from the competition display area for whatever reason the organisers/judges deem fit, 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.

- r) The organiser reserves the right to remove any competition exhibit from the display area if they receive complaints about its theme or design or if they receive threats to damage the entry or disrupt the show.
- s) Cake International is an inclusive environment and is a platform for cake artists to develop and hone their cake decorating skills.

### Tips

- 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.
- Artificial decoration means lights, soundcards etc.,
- If a height restriction applies, include the board, measure from the table upwards.
- 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.
- If using a vase in the floral section it is a good idea to place weight in the bottom of it, e.g. a stone or some damp sand ( you can place this in a bag ) to ensure stability
- Remember your exhibit will be viewed from every angle.

### **Entry Process**

Please register on [www.cakeinternational.co.uk](http://www.cakeinternational.co.uk)  
Early Entry £20 - **closes 1600hrs Uk time 12<sup>th</sup> September 2021**  
Late Entry £24 - **closes 1600hrs Uk time 10<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

**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

### **Delivery of Exhibits**

Exhibits must be delivered **to Hall 17 door 17.4 from 0630 Uk time on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

Late entries will not be accepted.

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 normal 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.
- You can leave a brief note listing products used or details about your exhibit e.g. the concept or inspiration (one or two sentences only). The note should be no bigger than 6" x 4" – one side only and placed in front of your exhibit. Do NOT include your name or any reference to you, the competitor. (some categories must leave details, see your relevant category)
- 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 Cake 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 and helpers**

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 Cake International 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.
  4. If you damage or interfere with another cake competition exhibit.

### **Copyright**

You may take inspiration from movies, books, fashion etc, but we encourage you to use your own creativity, you will lose marks for lack of originality.

### **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 5th November 2021. Results will be available Saturday 6th November 2021 from 1400hrs UK time at [www.cakeinternational.co.uk](http://www.cakeinternational.co.uk) with placements announced at Prize Giving on Sunday 7th November 2021 publicised online from 1400hrs uk time.

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

### **Score sheets / Feedback**

Score sheets will be emailed to you, please allow up to 21 days to receive your feedback sheet. 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 7th November 2021. 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 1730hrs Uk time on Sunday 7th November 2021.

### **Awards**

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

Not all entries are guaranteed an award.

**Prize Giving** 1300hrs UK time on Sunday 7th November in the Cake International Theatre.

Trophies and first, second and third prize only certificates will be presented.



### **Certificate collection**

We will email your certificate to you along with your feedback sheet, please allow up to 21 days to receive these.

### **Complaints**

All complaints must be emailed to [melanieu@ichf.co.uk](mailto:melanieu@ichf.co.uk) by 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021. Judges decision is final and no judging results will be discussed after the show closes unless there is an error in calculation. Please allow 21 days for complaints to be processed.

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