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# RULES & REGULATIONS: Junior Virtual Competition

General Rules – Applies to ALL categories

**When you have made your payment please email** **cakecompentry@ichf.co.uk** **by Friday 14th May 2021 16.00hrs UK time with your order reference number, name, country, category and the number of images as written in your chosen category or categories in the competition schedule.**

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 or simultaneous competition otherwise you will be disqualified.

 Entries must be the 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.
* Please refer to the individual categories for the number of images required
* 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).
* Only mediums/materials that are specified in each class are permitted.
* Ribbon is **not** permitted on the exhibit/entry itself unless specified in the category.

Where dummies are allowed they must be treated as real edible cake, using food safe products and posy picks apart from the Decorative Exhibit category 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.

All entries should be created in line with the competition schedule and the organiser reserves the right not to accept any entries it deems inappropriate.

* 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 on social media
* 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/questions must be submitted to questions@ichf.co.uk before 14th May 2021 at 1500hrs uk time. 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 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. The vase does not have to be edible.

* Remember – your images must be clear to enable the judges to see your sugarcraft exhibit, you will lose marks for poor quality images.

**Behaviour and conduct of competitors**

We expect everyone to act in a respectful manner before, during and after the cake competition. We cannot accept any threatening or interference with the operation of the judging process or the competition. We ask for your respect towards our judges and to refrain from any offensive or derogatory comments on social media 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 - £5 per entry

Deadline is Friday 14th May 2021 1600hrs UK time

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. Marks **will** be deducted 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**

Results will be available from 30th May 2021 **11am UK time** at [www.cakeinternational.co.uk](http://www.cakeinternational.co.uk) with Best in Show winner and Kenwood Kids Club Future Star announced live on 30th May 2021 1600hrs UK time on Cake International Facebook page

**Score sheets / Feedback**

**Each competitor will receive a score sheet/feedback sheet including not to schedule, however no marks will be awarded. Please allow 14 days to receive your feedback and certificate sheets.**

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

**Awards**

Virtual Gold, Virtual Silver, Virtual Bronze and Virtual Merit. Each category *may* have 1st, 2nd, or 3rd awarded. Where the highest award in a class is Virtual Bronze, 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place will not be awarded.

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

**Results are announced on our website** [**www.cakeinternational.co.uk**](http://www.cakeinternational.co.uk) **on 30th May 2021 at 11am UK time**

**Cake International Best in Show and Kenwood Kids Club Future Star winning results are announced live on Cake International Facebook page (@thecakeshows) 1600hrs Uk time.**

**Complaints**

Complaints should be emailed to melanieu@ichf.co.uk by 7th June 2021.

 Judges’ decision is final and results will not be discussed after the competition 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.**