

North Texas Cake Show 2015 Bakery / Wedding Cake Competition

OFFICIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

Registration:

- The Bakery / Wedding Cake competition is open to store front bakeries in the Dallas / Fort Worth area. No home bakers will be allowed to enter this category.
- Due to contracts and expenses all entries must be pre-registered; we will *not* allow on-site registration.
- Early registration is \$25 for one category / \$40 for both categories if received by April 5, 2015.
- Entries received between April 6 – April 20 is \$30 for one category / \$50 for both categories.
- The registration deadline is April 20, 2015.
- We are unable to refund any entries fees due to committed expenses for the show.
- Registration fee includes admission for one person from the bakery to the cake show for the entire weekend.

Designing and creating your piece:

- Be original...we want to see your work, not a duplicate from a book or another competition. Use your skills and imagination when designing and creating your competition pieces.
 - There are many cake decorating books and magazines and of course the internet, as sources of inspiration for competitors. Learn and be inspired from others creations, but do not duplicate.
 - While we do not know all competition work from previous shows, we do encourage you to create something new for this show.
- **We do permit Styrofoam dummies in most of the categories; however please make certain that the design and construction of the piece are possible to recreate using edible mediums.**
- Entries can be the work of the entire bakery.
- Entries must fit in a space 24" by 24" or smaller. If your piece is larger please contact us prior to the show date.
- Electricity will not be available.
- Remember that although a cake show, all decorations on the cake should be edible. Styrofoam dummies are OKAY – but all decorations should be edible.

Before you drop off your creation:

- Each entry must have the bakery name on the bottom of the piece.
- Please do not mark your display with your business name, advertisements, or photos. We do not want to taint the judges.
- We will email you a Competition Entry Form....please have this filled out prior to arriving. Please be as detailed as possible when filling out the card.

When you drop off your creation:

- **Entries may be dropped off on:**
 - **Saturday April 25 from 2pm-6pm**
 - **Sunday April 26 from 7am-10am**
- Entries that arrive after 10am on Sunday, April 26, 2015 will not be allowed in the competition.
- Any entry deemed in poor taste by the judge coordinator will be disqualified and removed.

- Entries may be put under plexi-glass, but the judges must be able to view the entries without interference. The covering should have the ability to be easily removed or a lid raised.
- You may decorate the area around your cake to enhance the design, however decorations should not exceed 6" beyond the base of the entry.
- Once your cake is in place please leave the competition area so other competitors can place their pieces. The show opens at 10am.

During the show:

- Entries may be photographed and used by the show organizers and sponsors.
- Copyright designs cannot be used for promotion in the newsletter or any other publication.

Judging:

- The judge coordinator shall enforce policy and procedures. All questions from entrants and judges, as well as the placement and disqualification of entries, will be decided by the judge coordinator, whose decision will be final.
- In the Wedding Cake Decorating Competition each entry will be judged on appearance and not taste. The cake will be judged against a set of criteria that includes originality, creativity, overall appearance, coloring, design, the covering of the piece, display base, finish work, number of techniques and the degree of difficulty of those chosen, and the attention to detail.
- In the Wedding Cake Tasting Competition category the cake will be judged on taste (components, flavor blend, texture) and appearance (general platter presentation, shape, size). The cake will not be judged on decoration.
- Each entry will be judged on its own merits, not compared against other entries in the same category/division.
- Each entry will have a judges' score sheet, which will show how marks were awarded for each of the criteria. It will also include some comments intended to help improve your skills. This will be given out after the awards show.
- Marks will be totaled and ribbons will be awarded based on the number of marks that have been achieved.

Awards / Misc:

- On Sunday afternoon the registration cards will be turned over to display the bakery name.
- Ribbons will be placed beside entries that have placed.
- The judges' score sheets will be handed out after the awards show.
- The awards ceremony will take place in the afternoon of Sunday, April 26.
- If you won a ribbon it would be greatly appreciated if you could be available to come to the front of the room to collect it.
- 1st / 2nd / 3rd place entries will be recognized in all divisions during the awards ceremony.
- All entries must stay in place until 5pm Sunday, April 26 to allow everyone the opportunity to view them. All entries and awards must be removed by 7pm, Sunday, April 26. Any pieces left will be considered forfeited and will be discarded.
- Although precautions will be taken, the organizers and sponsors will not be responsible for any damage or theft to entries or personal property.
- All participants, demonstrators, judges, and vendors are giving their time and expertise; no payment is made for their services.
- Judges will be available to answer questions after the award ribbons have been placed.