

North Texas Cake Show 2015 – April 26, 2015

OFFICIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

Registration:

- The North Texas Cake Show is open to all cake decorators at all levels.
- Due to contracts and expenses all entries must be pre-registered; we will *not* allow on-site registration.
- Early registration is \$25 if received by/on April 5, 2015.
- Entries received between April 6 – April 20, 2015 is \$28.
- Registration fee for the Children and Junior divisions is \$10.
- *You pay one fee for one or multiple entries.*
- We are unable to refund any entries fees due to committed expenses for the show.
- Registration fee includes admission to the cake show.

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 must be solely the work of the entrant, with the exception of Children (see information in the divisions section).
- 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.
 - If using non-edible items, such as wires and toothpicks, please make certain they are not inserted directly into the cake. A food grade plastic pick or uncooked spaghetti will provide a hygienic alternative.
- Please use caution with copyrighted material, such as logos and characters. These are protected by their owners, and it may be necessary to gain their permission before use.

Before you drop off your creation:

- Each entry must have the cake decorators name, address, phone number, division, and category on the underside of the display board.
- Please do not mark your display with your business name, advertisements, or photos (with the exception of the three required for the sculpted cakes). 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.
- Each entry will be judged on appearance and not taste, except for the Baker's Bites category, and 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.
- 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 your 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.
- You must be present to accept your ribbon(s) or have someone collect it for you.
- All children, juniors and teens will be recognized for their participation.

- Each person entering will receive one entry for the Grand Prize drawing. The name will be drawn before the awards ceremony during the raffle drawing. You must be present to win or make arrangements to have someone pick it up for you.
- 1st / 2nd / 3rd place entries will be recognized in all divisions during the awards ceremony.
- One Best of Division entry will be selected from each division except for children and junior.
- One Best of Show Winner will be selected from the Best of Division winners.
- One People's Choice Winner will be voted on by public.
- One Decorator's Choice Winner will be voted on by fellow participating cake decorators.
- 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.