

Cookie Competition Rules & Regulations

Registration Deadline:	September 15, 2019
Entry fee:	\$40
Set up:	Friday, October 11, 2019, between 2:00-7:30pm NO entries will be accepted after 7:30pm
Judging:	Saturday, October 12, 2019 at 9:00am

Classifications

- Open to teens and adults, anyone 13 years of age or older
- No skills- or profession-based classifications at this time

Categories

- 2-D/Flat Cookies
- 3-D Cookies (defined as cookies that are constructed/engineered to create a freestanding, dimensional piece of cookie art)

Judging System

- Scored on a 70 point system for 2-D/Flat Cookies; 90 point system for 3-D Cookies
- 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners will be chosen in each category
- Each entry will receive a score card with judges' comments on October 13, 2019

Scoring for 2-D/Flat Cookies

(10 points awarded across each of 7 criteria for a total of 70 points)

1. Interpretation of theme
2. Number and difficulty of decorating techniques used (Decorating techniques include, but are not limited to, outlining/flooding, dipping, dimensional pressure piping, wet-on-wet/marbling, stenciling, airbrushing, painting, stamping, fondant work, edible paper work, isomalt, etc.)
3. Mastery of techniques used
4. Cleanliness of icing/covering *and* cookies
5. Originality of cookie designs (Copies of copyrighted materials are not permitted unless written permissions were obtained in advance and included with the entry form.)
6. Setup/display (Edible plates, platters, or other display pieces will be awarded more points.)
7. Overall appeal

Scoring for 3-D Cookies

(10 points awarded across each of 9 criteria for a total of 90 points)

1. Interpretation of theme
2. Number and difficulty of decorating techniques used (Decorating techniques include, but are not limited to, outlining/flooding, dipping, dimensional pressure piping, wet-on-wet/marbling, stenciling, airbrushing, painting, stamping, fondant work, edible paper work, isomalt, etc.)
3. Number and difficulty of construction techniques used (Construction techniques include, but are not limited to, contouring dough, embossing or molding dough, stacked or sandwiched 3-D constructions, 3-D mitered corner constructions, cookies on sticks, etc.)
4. Mastery of decorating *and* construction techniques used
5. Cleanliness of individual cookie elements and 3-D construction
6. Scale, balance, and viewability of 3-D construction (from all angles)
7. Originality of design (Copies of copyrighted materials are not permitted unless written permissions were obtained in advance and included with the entry form.)
8. Setup/display (Edible plates, platters, or other display pieces will be awarded more points.)
9. Overall appeal

General Rules for All Cookie Categories

- Registration must be completed and paid for by September 15, 2019; no entries will be accepted after that time.
- All entrants must check in at the registration desk before being escorted to the vendor hall.
- There is no limit on the number of entries per person.
- Upon arrival at the show, each entry will receive an identification number that will be attached to the cookie display base to assist in judging.
- Absolutely no other identifying markings should be on or near the entry. (i.e., no personal names of entrants, business names, logos, business cards, etc.). Likewise, the entrant must maintain the anonymity of his/her entry until judging is complete (i.e., entrant cannot display entry on social media or show entry to judges in advance).
- Entrants must submit a *complete* entry form that contains the entrant's identification number, category, theme interpretation, description of techniques used, a minimum of three work-in-process photos, and written permissions to use any copyrighted material, among other things. **(Download entry form here {LINK}.)**
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- Entry must be made, in its entirety, by the entrant. Faux or store-bought cookies or icing cannot be used. No one else can assist with the entry. No machined or laser-cut cookie parts are allowed.
- Entry cannot have been previously entered in another competition, show, or exhibition. The work must be fresh and tailored to this competition's theme.
- Entry cannot contain copies or close facsimiles of others' copyrighted designs, art, logos, or other material unless written permission was received from the copyright holder to copy/use said work in this competition AND that written permission is included with the entrant's entry form. Remember: Originality is rewarded in this competition!
- Entry cannot contain inedible materials, including those labeled "non-toxic" or "for display use only". Any items that could be construed by judges as inedible (including, but not limited to, luster dusts and glitters) should be clearly identified by brand name on the entrant's entry form. **Exception for 3-D Cookie Category:** Internal supports are discouraged, but allowed if they are clearly visible to judges (without looking at any work-in-process photos) and can easily be removed from the cookie(s) if they were to be eaten (i.e., such as cookie pops).
- Entry must contain a minimum of 12 clearly identified cookies. There is no maximum number of cookies or overall size requirement for the entry.
- Entrant must conduct her/himself in an ethical and professional manner. Good sportsmanship matters!
- Set up must be completed by 7:30 pm, October 11, 2019.
- Judging will begin promptly at 9 am, October 12, 2019.
- Winners will be announced 3 pm, October 13, 2019.
- Entries are not permitted to leave the vendor hall until 3 pm, October 13, 2019.
- Entries must be removed from the display area between 3 pm – 7 pm, October 13, 2019. Any items, cookies, displays, etc. remaining after 7 pm will be disposed of by staff.
- All entries will be photographed and shared on this website and social media. By entering the competition, you are giving us permission to share pictures.
- Judges reserve the right to deduct points or to remove or disqualify any entry they feel violates rules or doesn't meet requirements.
- Judges decisions are final.

2-D/Flat Cookies Requirements

Theme: Fall at the Shore

- All general rules for all cookie categories must be met. (See “General Rules” for cookies, here.)
- Again, a minimum of 12 individual cookies is required. These individual cookies must be flat, but they can be displayed in an upright position. The cookies can be touching, but they should not be overlapping. Judges should be able to clearly see all parts of each individual cookie without moving any of them.

3-D Cookies Requirements

Theme: Fall at the Shore

- All general rules for all cookie categories must be met. (See “General Rules” for cookies, here.)
- Again, a minimum of 12 individual cookies is required. These cookies must conform to the competition’s definition of 3-D, meaning all (12 or more) cookies in the entry must be constructed/engineered to create a freestanding, dimensional piece of cookie art. All cookies included in the construction must be clearly identified on the entrant’s entry form.
- Internal supports are discouraged, but allowed if they are clearly visible to judges (without looking at any work-in-process photos) and can easily be removed from the cookie(s) if they were to be eaten (i.e., such as cookie pops).
- Solitary flat cookies (i.e., laying down and not joined to any other cookie) can be included in the entry, but they will not count toward the minimum requirement of 12 cookies.

EXAMPLE 1: POT OF GOLD IN FOREGROUND - This would count as 6 cookies: 2 cookies for the pot; 1 cookie ring on top, 1 cookie message plaque, and 1 four-leaf clover cookie and 1 small black cookie for the base. Though the clover is laying down, it is attached to a larger 3-D structure, so it counts toward the minimum cookie requirement. Had it been on its own, it would not count toward that minimum

