



SOUTH TEXAS STATE FAIR BAKING CONTEST

RULES AND GUIDELINES

1. Contestants will be grouped into their respective Divisions in each Category.
Adult Division – Ages 18 and older / Youth Division – Under age 18
2. Entry fee **\$5.00** for each entry per category.
3. Contestants may enter only one (1) entry in each category.
4. Each entry should be marked with the name of your baked good.
5. Each entry will consist of the whole recipe.
6. All entries must be **homemade (made from scratch)** except cakes. Entries must be home cooked (not store bought).
7. Please do not submit anything that requires refrigeration.
8. Baked goods are to be prepared in a sanitary manner.
9. All baked products must be wrapped in transparent wrap and displayed on/in disposable containers with (1) copy of the recipe along with baker's name and address typed or neatly written on a 3 x 5 index card taped to entry.
10. Cash Prizes will be awarded in the following **three** Categories.
11. **CATEGORY I – Cookies** (Made from Scratch – 12 Items or 1 dozen make an entry). Entries in the Cookies division, shall consist of twelve (12) pieces or one dozen from the batch or recipe displayed on a disposable plate, unless otherwise specified. Prizes - **1st Place - \$150.00, 2nd Place - \$50.00, 3rd Place - \$25.00**
12. **CATEGORY II – Cakes** (Made from Scratch-preferred. Commercial mixes plus added ingredients allowed). Prizes - **1st Place - \$150.00, 2nd Place - \$50.00, 3rd Place - \$25.00**
13. **CATEGORY III – Pies** (Made from Scratch). Prizes- **1st Place - \$150.00, 2nd Place - \$50.00, 3rd Place - \$25.00**
14. **ALL Entry Forms and Fees** must be postmarked or received in the YMBL Offices no later than 5:00 p.m. **Monday, March 17, 2025**. Entries can either be delivered in person or mailed to:

YMBL - South Texas State Fair Baking Contest
7250 Wespark Circle
Beaumont, Texas 77705

DAYS OF CONTEST

Youth Division – Under age 18 – **Saturday, March 29, 2025**

Adult Division – Ages 18 and older – **Sunday, March 30, 2025**

Contestants are to arrive for check-in at the Ford Park Exhibit Hall between the hours of 12:00 Noon and 2:00 p.m.

Each entry must have an entry tag number which will be provided during registration/arrival time.

Judging will begin promptly **at 3:00 p.m.** with awards being presented at **4:30 p.m.**

Contestants will not be allowed in the judging area until the judging is completed.

The Scoring System: Entries will be judged on taste, texture, creativity, originality, and appearance. The Contest Committee will tally all of the ballots. The contestant with the highest score will be the winner. **CASH PRIZES WILL BE ANNOUNCED THE DAY OF THE CONTEST. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE PRESENT TO WIN.**

The YMBL will not be responsible for dishes and/or containers after presentation of awards.

Unsportsmanlike conduct, including, but not limited to inappropriate conversation or comments on any social network, of any contestants, parents and/or family members will not be tolerated. Any unsportsmanlike conduct may result in disqualification from competition and/or withdrawal of titles.

All Contestants are required to pick up their entries after judging and award presentation prior to Exhibit Hall closure on the day of the contest or all items will be discarded by the YMBL.