2026 Baking Contests Rules

Each year The Association of Connecticut Fairs sponsors baking contests open to the public at participating member fairs. There are separate contests for Junior and Adult divisions, each with a specific recipe. A Two-Crusted Apple Pie Baking contest is also held.

WHO MAY ENTER: The contests at each participating member fair are open to all men, women and juniors. Commercial, industrial or professional bakers are not eligible. Divisions: Juniors (ages 7 to 15 as of July 1st) and Adult.

HOW TO ENTER: All men, women or juniors entering a contest at any participating member fair is automatically entered and competing in the local contest. Contestants may enter the contest at as many fairs as they wish until they win first prize. They will then represent that fair at the state baking contest. Please submit entries to both the local and state contest on disposable plates. The Association of Connecticut Fairs and the member fairs are not responsible for the return of plates, trays or containers.

JUDGING: The judging will be based upon appearance, flavor and texture. The Association of Connecticut Fairs will furnish judges' score sheets to each fair and the contestant will receive these sheets at the end of the contest. Additions, deletions or substitutions in the recipe are not permitted and will result in disqualification. All decisions of the judges are final.

LOCAL CONTEST: The winner of the local contest will receive a blue ribbon from the Association of Connecticut Fairs and will then become eligible to submit their entry at the state contest. In the event that only one entry is received at the local contest and that entry is worthy of first prize, that entry must be awarded the first place ribbon.

STATE CONTEST: The state contest is held as part of the Fall Meeting and Convention of the Association of Connecticut Fairs. Entries for the state contests are accepted from **8:00am to 10:00am** on the day of the judging (contact your local fair or visit www.ctagfairs.org for the date and location). Contest winners are announced at the Fall Meeting. Each fair is responsible for contacting their contest winner and providing them with information. The Association of Connecticut Fairs does not contact individual fairs or contest winners in regards to the contest and banquet reservations nor does the Association of Connecticut Fairs cover the costs of attending the awards banquet. **NO BANQUET RESERVATIONS FOR CONTEST WINNERS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE DOOR.**

Note: Rules Update

1) **Bakers no longer have to be Connecticut residents to participate in the Baking Contests.**
2) **Two-Crusted Apple Pie – 3" x 5" index card no longer required for submitting the Apple Pie recipe. Recipe is still required with name and address. Recipe for judging only.**
3) **Photo provided with Adult and Junior Baking Contests required to be used.**