2024 Entry Timeline

Entry Deadline ....**Monday, July 1, by 6 p.m.**

Entry Delivery...**Monday, July 15, 7 - 9:30 a.m.**

Fair Dates..July 19 - Aug. 18 *(closed Mondays and Tuesdays)*

Quick Guide

BY ENTERING YOU ARE AGREEING TO THE TERMS AND RULES PRESENTED IN THIS GUIDEBOOK.

Entry Fees ....**$10 adult • $6 youth (9-17) • Free for Blue Ribbon Kids ages 5-8**

Entry Limit...**Adults: One (1) entry per Class • Youth: Two (2) entries per Class**

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RULES & GUIDELINES

1. **Local** and **State Rules** govern this competition.

2. Exhibitors are responsible for reading and abiding by the guidelines stated herein.

3. Exhibitors are responsible for entering items in the correct Class.

4. If assistance is needed to determine the Division and/or Class, please contact the Culinary Arts Department at (714) 708-1621 or email **culinary@ocfair.com**.

5. **Entry fees are non-refundable.**
   There will be no refunds for any reason. By entering the competition, the exhibitor is accepting the no-refund policy.

6. Food entries do not need to be baked from an original recipe. Food entries must be handmade by the exhibitor from scratch and not a prepared mix.

7. An ingredient list must accompany each entry on a 3-inch by 5-inch card. The exhibitor's name should not be on the card.

8. Entries cannot include fresh fruit garnishes.

9. Refrigeration and/or heating will not be available.

10. Final acceptance of the entry will be left to the discretion of the Program Coordinator. Judges and/or the Program Coordinator have the option of reassigning an entry to a more appropriate Division or Class.

11. Food items will be selected for display and discarded after each show or when they deteriorate.

12. **Hold Harmless**
    Although reasonable efforts will be undertaken to safeguard exhibitors' property against loss, damage or theft, neither the State of California nor OC Fair & Event Center will be responsible for any loss, damage or theft of exhibitors' property brought on the premises during the period of the OC Fair.

ELIGIBILITY

Adult Divisions:
Open to California residents ages 18 or older.

Youth Divisions:
Open to California youth ages 5-17 (by July 19, 2024).

ENTRY LIMIT

Adult Divisions...................................**One (1) entry per Class**

- Adult exhibitors may enter in several Divisions and Classes but may enter only one item in each Class.
- If two (2) or more entries are made in the same Class, only the first entry will be accepted.
- Other entries in the Class will be deleted by the entry office and refunds will not be issued.

Youth Divisions ....**Two (2) entries per Class**

ENTRY FEES

Adult Divisions...................................**$10 per entry**
Youth Divisions ....**$6 per entry**
Blue Ribbon Kids (ages 5-8) ....**FREE**

- Entry fees are payable online with a credit card (Visa, MasterCard or American Express).
- *No refunds will be issued.*

OC FAIR EXHIBITOR TICKET

Exhibitors will receive one (1) OC Fair admission ticket at the time of entry delivery.

- One (1) ticket per exhibitor, not per entry.
- Ticket is good any day during the OC Fair and does not require a reservation.
- Tickets are provided to participants to view the results of their efforts.
- Tickets must not be re-sold.

HOW TO ENTER

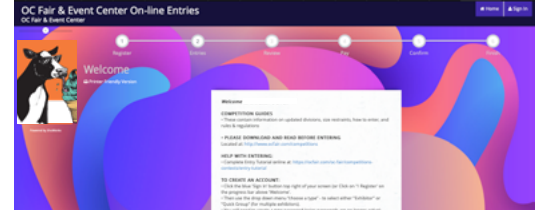### Online Entry Deadline: Monday, July 1, by 6 p.m.

Click on the link to go to the entry homepage ocfair.fairwire.com

The numbered steps along top of page are clickable and show the current section you are on

fairwire.com welcome page

Step 1. Register
- Last year's accounts are no longer valid. All exhibitors must create a new account.
- Entries must be made under the name of the individual whose exhibit it is.
- Do not use business or fictitious names.
- There are no team entries.
- Enter the information carefully and proofread the name to ensure accuracy on exhibit display labels.
- Email will be used to send important information. Check your spam folders and **whitelist** emails coming from @ocfair.com.

Step 2. Entries
- Input your entry(s) in the proper Department, Division and Class along with other required information.

Step 3. Cart Review
- Review your entries. You can add, edit, delete, or save your entries
- When satisfied, click the "CHECK OUT" button.

Step 4. Payment
- Enter your credit card information (Master Card, Visa, or American Express).
- An email notification and confirmation will be sent immediately after the online payment is received.
- Check your spam folder if the email confirmation does not arrive shortly after submitting payment.

Step 5. Confirmation
- Sign by typing "YES" in the "Agreement to Terms" box.
- DO NOT click the "SUBMIT" button multiple times as you will be charged.
- On the resulting confirmation page you can print a receipt.

You can log back into your account to see your entries and replace descriptions.
For any other changes, contact us; do not re-enter to make corrections as you will be charged.

HELP WITH ENTERING

For additional help, review these detailed step-by-step guides:
- Entry Tutorial

Phone: During office hours at (714) 708-1718   **Email:** culinary@ocfair.com

ENTRY DELIVERY

Delivery Date: Monday, July 15, 7 - 9:30 a.m.

- One (1) participation ribbon will be given to each exhibitor on Entry Delivery Day.
- Late deliveries will not be accepted.
- Entries may be delivered by someone other than the exhibitor.

Claim Checks

- Claim checks will be provided when entries are delivered.
- Claim checks or photo ID are required to pick up judging comment sheets and potential ribbons during the OC Fair.

Entry Delivery
Enter Gate 5 and follow the directional signs towards the east side of the OC Promenade (building 5 on the map).

JUDGING

Qualified judges are utilized to judge all culinary exhibits and special contests.

Adult Divisions
Entries are placed using the American Judging System, where exhibits are ranked one against another.
- First, Second, Third place and Honorable Mention(s) may be awarded in each Class if judges so determine.
- First place winners will compete for Division Winner.
- Those chosen for Division Winner will compete for Best of Show.

Youth Divisions
Entries are placed using the Danish Judging System, where each entry is judged on how well it meets a standard rather than how it compares to other entries.
- Entries are judged First, Second or Third place awards.
- There may be more than one First, Second or Third place award per Class.
- All First place awards will then compete, using the American Judging System, for Best of Class.
- Those chosen for Best of Class will compete for Division Winner.

Blue Ribbon Kids
- All Blue Ribbon Kids (ages 5-8) receive a special ribbon.
- The entries are not judged and are not eligible for cash awards.

Judging Criteria
Read the [Culinary Arts Judging Criteria](#) for each Division.

Comment Sheets
- Comment sheets for each entry will be made available at the Information Desk in Culinary Arts.
- Comment sheets are notes from the judges on the entry's performance in the competition.
- They are available for pick up, with claim check or photo ID, any day of the OC Fair.
  Final pickup day is Tuesday, Aug. 20, 9:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Disqualified Entries
- If an entry is disqualified after judging is complete, the judge will not change the status of awards given for other entries.
- Judges reserve the right to remove or disqualify any entry in violation of the rules, in poor taste, or not in accordance with the competition standards.

Reassignment of Entry Division or Class
Judges and/or the Program Coordinator have the option of reassigning an entry to a more appropriate Division or Class or combining Divisions or Classes to create an adequate judging pool. Nonetheless, it is the responsibility of exhibitors to enter work in the appropriate Class. Failure to enter the appropriate Class may result in disqualification.

AWARDS

Includes ribbons and/or prize money (premiums)

Adult Divisions		Youth Divisions	
Best of Show	$100	Division Winner	$50
Division Winner	$50	Best of Class	$25
First Place	$25	First, Second, Third	Ribbon
Second Place	$15		
Third Place	$10		

- Ribbons and comment sheets may be picked up any day of the OC Fair during open hours with a claim check or photo ID.
- Final pickup day is Tuesday, Aug. 20, 9:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- Award checks will be made payable to the exhibitor whose name is indicated on the entry form and mailed within thirty (30) business days after the close of the 2024 OC Fair.
- Total premiums of $600 or more to any individual will be paid only after a completed **Payee Data Record** form has been received.

Judging Results

- Entries will be selected for display in the OC Promenade with any awards received.
- Results will be posted online around the second week of the OC Fair at **ocfair.com/results**.
- *Please do not call or email for competition results.*

AWARDS CEREMONY

Sunday, Aug. 18, at noon

- Hosted on the OC Promenade Main Stage.
- Best of Show award recipients will be invited to attend and be recognized at the ceremony and will receive two (2) tickets to attend.
- Invitations will be sent to the email provided at entry registration.
- All exhibitors and the general public are welcome to attend the ceremony.
- Additional guests should purchase Fair admission tickets in advance.

Adult Divisions

Eligibility .... Open to Southern California residents ages 18 or older
Entry Limit .... One (1) entry per Class
Entry Fee .... $10 per entry

- Rules & Guidelines on page 1 apply.
- Submit six (6) cookies.
- Enter the Class that best represents the dough predominantly used.
- Use a disposable plate and cover with plastic wrap or slide into a resealable bag.
- Duplication of cookies in more than one Class is not allowed.
- Submit a list of ingredients on a 3-inch by 5-inch card.

DIVISION 1040
Chocolate Chip Cookies

Class 01: Chocolate Chip
Class 02: Chocolate Chip with Nuts
Class 03: Chocolate Chip with Additions
Entries in this class would have the classic base recipe for a traditional chocolate chip cookie, but with additions e.g., any other flavoring (other than vanilla), toffee bits, cinnamon, marshmallow, coconut, cereal, M&M's, etc.

DIVISION 1041
Classic Cookies

Class 01: Oatmeal, any
Class 02: Shortbread Cookies
Class 03: Peanut Butter
Class 04: Sugar, Snickerdoodle
Class 05: Wedding, Rohlicky (Vanilla Crescents)
Class 06: Ginger or Gingerbread

DIVISION 1042
All Other Cookies

Class 01: Macaron
Meringue based sandwich cookie
Class 02: Coconut Macaroon
Class 03: Biscotti
Class 04: Any Nut, Non-Traditional
e.g., peanut, walnut, almond, pinenut, pecan
Class 05: Filled Cookie
e.g., sandwich, thumbprint, linzer, rugelac
Class 06: Frosted
For decorated cookies see Sugar Arts competition guide
Class 07: S'mores
Class 08: Other Cookie, specify item
Class 09: Other Non-Traditional Chip
e.g., White chocolate, mint, butterscotch, etc.

DIVISION 1043
Special Diet

Class 01: Gluten Free
Class 02: Vegan
Class 03: Sugar Free or Low Sugar
Class 04: All Other not listed

Youth Divisions

Eligibility.................Open to Southern California residents ages 5-17 (by July 19, 2024)
Entry Limit..............Two (2) entries per Class
Entry Fee.................$6 per entry, Blue Ribbon Kids (ages 5-8) are free

- Rules & Guidelines on page 1 apply.
- Submit six (6) cookies.
- Entries must be made by the exhibitor with minimal or no adult assistance.
- Use a disposable plate and cover with plastic wrap or slide into a resealable bag.
- Submit a list of ingredients on a 3-inch by 5-inch card.

DIVISION 108
Youth Cookies
Blue Ribbon Kids, ages 5-8

Class 01: Any

DIVISION 340
Youth Cookies, ages 9-17

Class 01: Classic
Class 02: All other cookies