# STANDARDS FOR JUDGING FOODS 

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## Quantities for Exhibits:

The following are the MINIMUM amount judges will be prepared to judge. Judges appreciated the fact that directors wish to minimize waste, but portions should be large enough that the judges can make a fair assessment of the class and provide an attractive display.

| Product | Judged | Auctioned |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Jam or Jelly | (1) One $250 \mathrm{ml} / 8 \mathrm{oz} \mathrm{jar}$ | Not applicable |
| Pickles \& Preserves | (1) One $250 \mathrm{ml} / 8 \mathrm{oz}$ to $500 \mathrm{ml} / 16 \mathrm{oz} \mathrm{jar}$ | Not applicable |
| Bread | (1) One small loaf up to 1lb. | (1) One whole loaf |
| Buns, rolls, cupcakes, biscuits, cookies, tarts | (4) Four of each variety | (4-6) Four - Six of each variety |
| Fruitcake, Coffee cakes and Loaf cakes | (1) One whole small cake/loaf | (1) One Large cake/loaf |
| Squares | (4) Four 2" Squares | (4-6) Four - Six $2^{\prime \prime}$ Squares |
| Pies | (1) One whole small 5" pie | (1) One whole $8^{\prime \prime}$ regular pie |
| Apple Crisp | (1) One Small 4-6" foil pan | (1) One 8" pan |
| Nutritious Foods | (4) Four bars or balls $1.5^{\prime \prime}-2^{\prime \prime}$ diameter | (4-6) Four - Six bars or balls |
| Cake Decorated | (1) One Whole cake (Judged for decoration only) | (1) One whole cake (same as judged) |
| Cakes various types | (1) One whole small cake | (1) One whole Regular cake |
| Ginger Bread or Graham Cracker House | (1) One House that fits on a 5X5 base | (1) One House that fits on a 5X5 base (Same as Judged) |
| Crispy Creations | (1) One work of food art | (1) One work of food art (same as Judged) |

The Judge should put a note of explanation on any product that is disqualified.
*Judge Specials or Sponsored classes should be judged first or near the beginning because of prize money, GC's and Gift baskets involved.

## Preserved Products:

-Test the seal for canned Fruits and tomatoes by removing the screw top, but do not open the jars unless the judge needs to verify a concern. These products are not usually tasted for safety reasons.

- Tap the metal lids with a spoon. A Clear ring indicates a good seal. A hollow thud indicates no seal. The metal snap lids should curve slightly inward.
- Jams, Jellies, preserves and pickles should be opened, texture observed and tasted for flavour, however do not taste if there is any indication of spoilage.


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## Baking:

For 2022 Salmon Arm Fair the convenor may take a photo of the products prior to judging. These photos may be used in lieu of the product on display after judging is complete in order to reduce the contamination of product by rodents and the disliked look of partially eaten food. The photos will be on display with the ribbons and sponsored or special prizes.

The Judging will begin at 11am as a live event that spectators can view on Friday September 9th. There will be 2 judges assigned to complete a judgment of score. There will be 15 category/sections and 61 classes. Thus 4-6 judges may be needed.

Plastic forks and knives will be provided to taste and cut the products. A new fork must be used to taste each product. A paper bag will be provided to discard of distasteful products - be polite about it.

Water will be provided to cleans pallet in between each taste.
All Baking, etc should be cut and tasted for flavour except the Decorated Cake class.
Breads, buns, etc should be judged first due to their less intense flavour.
Cut a slice of bread from the center of the loaf in order to get a true sample. Fit the pieces together carefully to keep from drying out. Taste the loaf, rather than cut out slice. Display the piece which was removed on top of the loaf to show the quality.

Cut buns halfway and tear the rest.
In judging layer cakes, cut the wedge to the center of the cake. Taste the cake rather than the slice. Display the wedge on top of the cake.

Loaf and square cakes should be cut to the center to determine completeness of baking.
In judging fruitcakes, cut a slice to the center of the cake.
Cut a small wedge to the centre in pies. The wedge from the fruit pies may be placed upside down on top of the pie to indicate quality of the lower crust.

Break biscuits horizontally with fingers and peel off layers.
Snap rolled cookies between the thumb and first two fingers to evaluate crispness.
Drop cookies should be cut with a spoon to evaluate texture.
Cut or tear muffins in half vertically to check for tunnels.
Run finger around inside of angel food cake to check for undercooking or excess sugar.

## General Baking Score Cards:

| Score Card Baking <br> Category/Section: $\qquad$ | Class Number: ___ Entry ID_ |
| :---: | :---: |
|  |  |
|  | Worst Best |
| General Appearance |  |
| Internal Appearance |  |
| Flavour and Odour |  |
| Texture \& Moistness | - ${ }^{1}$ |
| Total Score | Judge's initials |

Total points determine score and prizes.
To Judge a class, it must have 2 or more entrants.
An Honorable mention Ribbon will be awarded to entrants that are in classes with less than 2 participants.

Highest score of each class will receive a $1^{\text {st }}$ in Class Ribbon.
$2^{\text {nd }}$ Highest score of each class will receive a $2^{\text {nd }}$ in Class Ribbon
$3^{\text {rd }}$ Highest score of each class will receive a $3^{\text {rd }}$ in Class Ribbon
Highest score of each Category/Section will receive a Rosette, \$ prize and or Sponsorship GC, or Special Gift.

There will be potentially _15 Rosettes
There will be potentially $\qquad$ $1^{\text {st }}$ in Class Ribbons

There will be potentially $\qquad$ $2^{\text {nd }}$ in Class Ribbons

There will be potentially $\quad 61 \quad 3^{\text {rd }}$ in Class Ribbons
There will be potentially $\qquad$ $\$$ In Cash Prizes

## YEAST BREADS

## Category I Yeast Bread 1-1.5 lbs.

| Appearance- | Individual load baked in rectangular pan 23cm x12cmx8cm (9"x5"x3"). |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | Approximately 500 gr . (1-2lbs) Loaf well shaped. |
| Crust - | Depth about 2-3 mm ( $1 / 8$ "). Crispness, tender yet crips, free from cracks and excessive roughness. |
| Internal Appearance- | Crumb colour; even, creamy, not streaky. Grain; small, even cells. Lightness; Light for size. Elasticity; Springy. Moisture; normal. Circular strakes in the texture are acceptable. No heavy layer near bottom, No large holes. |
| avour and O | Sweet and free from yeasty smell. Taste; sweet, nutty flavor |

* Brown bread is judged by the same score card as white. It should contain a reasonable amount of whole wheat or graham flour (at least $50 \%$ ) or some bran.
** Buns or rolls means same thing.
*** Glazes should enhance the appearance of the food if it does it is acceptable.


Class 1 Loaf White Yeast Bread - Not from Bread maker
2 Loaf of Brown Yeast Bread Any Flavour - Not from Bread maker
3 Bread Maker Loaf - Any Flavour

## QUICK BREADS

## Category II Biscuits/Scones

| Appearance- | Colour even golden brown, no spots and free from flour. Shape vertical sides and level <br> tops |
| :--- | :--- |
| Texture- | Grain even, light for size, Flaky will peel of into long thin strips, this gives extreme <br> lightness. |
| Crust- | Tender, natural crust best for exhibition purposes |
| Flavour- | Appetizing biscuits frequently have a flat taste free from dominant flavors of salt or <br> baking powder. |



| Class | 4 | 4 Baking Powder Biscuits - Cheese |
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|  | 5 | 4 Baking Powder Biscuits - Plain |
|  | 6 | 4 Biscuits or Scones - Any type other than Cheese or Plain |
|  | 7 | 4 Dinner Rolls - Any Flavour |

## GLUTEN FREE

Judging is based on the same as similar Categories

## Category III Gluten Free



## LOAF CAKES

| Appearance- | Attractiveness and evenness of colour, free from scorch. Evenness in shape on sides and <br> top |
| :--- | :--- |
| Texture- | Grain even, tender texture free from sogginess in centers, free from tunnels or large air <br> holes. Fruit, Nut or Chocolate pieces will cut with a sharp edge. |
| Crust- | Tender, no syrupy or excess moisture. Not excessively dry. A crack in center of the top <br> surface on a loaf cake is permissible. |
| Flavour \& Odour- | appetizing, free from excess soda, salt or yeast flavour. |
| Category IV Loaf |  |



| Class | 12 | Applesauce Loaf |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | 13 | Banana Nut Loaf |
| 14 | Zucchini Loaf - Any Flavour |  |
| 15 | Pumpkin Loaf |  |

## SQUARES

| Appearance- | Attractiveness and evenness of colour, free from scorch. Evenness in shape on sides and <br> top |
| :--- | :--- |
| Grain even, tender texture free from sogginess in centers, free from tunnels or large air <br> holes. Fruit, Nut or Chocolate pieces will cut with a sharp edge. |  |
| Tender, no syrupy or excess moisture. Not excessively dry. A crack in center of the top |  |
| surface on a loaf cake is permissible. |  |
| appetizing, free from excess soda, salt or yeast flavour. |  |

## MUFFINS

| Appearance- | Symmetrical, well-rounded topo, free from peaks and knobs. Colour characteristic of <br> the muffin. |
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| Interior Texture Medium fine, moist, tender, cells round and even, free from tunnels <br> Distribution of fruit Not overwhelming or bleeding of colour, Quantity not bunched <br> Flavour and Odour Characteristic off kind of muffin. Free from acid flavor or excess baking powder or <br> excess salt.  |  |
| Category VI Muffins |  |



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| Class | 18 | 4 Banana Muffins |
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|  | 19 | 4 Blueberry Muffins |
|  | 20 | 4 Muffins any Kind |

## COOKIES



## CAKES

Note* Boxed Cake mixes CANNOT be used in the following Category and Classes. Boxed Cake Mixes can only be used in the Decorated Cake Category!

| External Appearance- | Shape evenly risen, uniform thickness of layers, size convenient for use. Baking is even, <br> golden brown tender outer layer. Appearance of frosting is necessarily smooth surface, <br> not too thick; good proportion to cake. |
| :--- | :--- |
| Internal Appearance- | Colour even throughout, white cakes have no egg yoks included in recipe. Texture is <br> fine with even grain. Quality is tender, light and springy. Moistness is not to dry or <br> sogginess near center. Proportion of fruit to mixture, sufficient mixture to hold fruit <br> together. Light fruit cakes may have less fruit. Fruit cakes should have not dark spices or <br> molasses. |
| Icing and Topping | Icing texture is well beaten, smooth, not granular to taste, creamy firm enough <br> consistency to hold shape. Topping should be evenly spread over cake. Nutritious cakes <br> made with fruit or vegetables often do not require an icing or topping. |
| Flavour \& Odour | Cake and icing with no extra flavor of egg, baking soda, sugar, oil or shortening. |
| Cruit cakes should have mellowing of fruit flavors throughout the cake spices pleasing |  |



| Class | 27 | Angel Food Cake - Tube pan with frosting |
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| 28 | Pineapple Upside Down Cake |  |
| 29 | Chocolate Cake $8^{\prime \prime}$ with frosting |  |
| 30 | Carrot Cake $8 \prime$ " with or without frosting |  |
| 31 | Fruit Cake without frosting |  |

## PIES

Appearance- Baking, even golden brown, glaze should be uniform if used. Pie shell should be free from excessive shrinkage or puffing.

Crust- Top crust depth should be medium thickness, flaky and tender. The edge should be finish-medium thickness, evenly brown, held to lower crust.

The bottom crust should be medium thickness, golden brown, flaky, tender and not soggy, but well baked. The bottom crust are characteristics of the ingredients used (graham wafer, chocolate cookies or nut pastry etc.)

Filling- The Filling should be stated on the entry. Filling should have sufficient consistency to hold its shape when served. Filling containing milk products can be substituted with powdered milk products. The portion to size of pie should be medium depth. Flavor characteristics of type of filling used. If using Meringue, it should be fluffing with golden peaks. The Meringue should be tender, cut without pulling or weeping or beading. The depth is medium thickness and should be sealed to the edges of the crust.

Flavour \& Odour- Flavour should be characteristic of type of filling and crust used.

## Category IX Pies



Distribution of Fruit, Nuts (without frosting only)


Flavour and Odour $\qquad$
Total Score $\qquad$
Judge's initials $\qquad$

Class 32 Lemon Meringue Pie
33 Apple Pie, Double Crust
34 Fruit Pie - Any Type Double Crust
35 Pumpkin Pie

## Tarts and Pastries

Judging is based on the same criteria as Pies or Quick breads.
Appearance- Tarts should be attractive to the eye with topping consistent with filling and sealed to crust edges.

Pasty- Medium thickness, golden color and flaky, tender, not soggy, well baked. Crust should be free from shrinking or puffing. Characteristic of ingredients used (graham wafers, chocolate cookies, or nut pastry ect )

Filling- should have sufficient consistency to hold its shape. If using Meringue it should be firm with golden peaks and should be sealed to crust at edges of tart.

Flavour \& Odour- Characteristics of filling and crust used. Sweet with no overbearing yeasty smell.

## Category X Tarts \& Pasties



## NUTRITIOUS FOODS

These classes would promote foods whose ingredients include whole-grain products, nuts, seeds, fruits and vegetables reduced amounts of sugar, salt as well as low caloric items or good sources of iron. Recipes should be included so that the nutrition content can be evaluated. These product should not require refrigeration.

| General Appearance- | Looks appetizing and not too "healthy looking". Protein balls should be within <br> 2 inches in diameter while the bars should be approximately 2-3 inches X 1-2 <br> inches wide. They should be smooth in appearance. |
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| Internal Appearance- Looks and feels not too moist or too dry and flakey. Proportion of fruit, nut <br> should be sufficient to mixture to hold together without crumbling. <br> Flavour and Odour- Flavour and odour should be complimented by the ingredients and spices <br> used. <br> Nutrition- Ingredients need to be labeled to grade the nutritional value of the product. <br> Category XI Nutritious Foods  |  |



## Class

4 Granola Bars
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4 Protein Bars or Balls 1.5-2" diameter

## DECORATD CAKE

Note* Boxed cake mixes or homemade cakes may be used for the Category However this is a baking contest thus homemade may contribute to judges scores. Cake must be real and forms cannot be used.

Appearance Creativity- Cake must be even and sized conveniently for use. Frosting or fondant needs to be smooth and creative in colour and decorations.

Type of cake Boxed/Scratch Boxed cake mixes with added ingredients will raise the score. While adding only water lowers the score.

Look of Appeal
Decorations
How appealing is the design of the cake theme.
Decorations can be handmade fondant, plastic or floral.

## Category XII Decorated Cake



Class 42 Decorated Cake any White or Chocolate
Note: A Cake mix may be used. Do Not use Styrofoam or Cake Forms.

## Bannock

Category XIII Bannock

| Appearance- | Golden colour with or without glaze, Smooth and not lumpy. Not too oily or <br> pools of oil on service. Even distribution of glaze, sugars or toppings. |
| :--- | :--- |
| Interior Appearance- | Not stringy or doughy but similar to bread, no holes or oil ponds. |
| Creativity- | Use Glazes or other flavours. Uses of fruit, nuts or other food can be used as <br> ingredients or topping. |
| Flavour \& Odour- | Sweet or Savory based on flavour, No overpowering taste of oil. No powerful <br> taste of soda or yeast. |



## Baking by Students

All Classes in the category will be judged based on the Adult criteria for each class.

## Category XIV Baking by Students Ages 10 yrs old and under:

Note: Items made from mixes will not be judged.

Class
444 Banana Muffins

4 Brownies - No icing

Decorated Cupcakes - any Flavour
Apple Crisp (small in Foil pan)
511 Small Graham Cracker or Ginger Bread House (base 5"X5" Decorated)
52 Crispy Creations - Rice Krispies or Popcorn
Create/Sculpt a work of art. Must fit on a 6"X6" square cardboard; must be less then 6" high. Judged on appearance and creativity only. No tasting involved, so feel free to colour and be creative.

## Category XV Baking by Students Ages 11 to 18 yrs old Note: items made from mixes will not be judged.

## Class

4 Banana Muffins
4 Muffins any kind
4 Brownies - No Icing
4 No Bake Cookies (Cookies that don't require baking)
4 Chocolate Chip Cookies
4 Decorated Cupcakes
4 Pieces of Baked Square - Any Kind
1 Small Graham Cracker or Gingerbread House (base 5"X5" Decorated)
61 Crispy Creations - Rice Krispies or Popcorn
Create/Sculpt a work of art. Must fit on a 6 " $\times 6$ " square cardboard; must be less than $6^{\prime \prime}$ high. Judged on appearance and creativity only. No tasting involved, so feel free to colour and be creative.

