

# The Big E Cake Decorating Competition

## Rules and Regulations

1. This competition is open to all cake decorators (beginners to masters), as well as culinary and cake decorating students.
2. Divisions are:
  - a. Youth, age 12-17; ages 6-12;
  - b. Adult – non-professionals, decorators who primarily decorate cakes as a hobby;
  - c. Adult – advanced/professional, those who sell their cakes and/or teach cake decorating.
3. Entry fee is nonrefundable: adult \$10 per entry, youth \$5 per entry. Limit of 2 entries. Entries are due August 1. Late fee is \$5 and late entries must be in by August 15.
4. **Theme: Fun at The Big E.**
5. Cake base is to be no larger than 20" X 20". Maximum display area is 24". Skirted tables will be provided.
6. Layer cakes, tiered/stacked cakes or carved (3D) cakes will be accepted. Tiered cakes should have a minimum of three inches in height between tiers.
7. Entries **MUST** be sole work of the entrant. **NO** team entries will be accepted at this contest. Youth contestants may have assistance with baking and/or transporting their cake into the building, but all assembling and decorating must be done by the youth.
8. All sculpted cake entries must be made in real cake. No dummies may be used for sculpted cakes. Sculpted cakes and all decorations must be edible. Only cake boards and any necessary supports are allowed for inedible items.
9. Dummy cakes may only be used for any non-sculpted cake.
10. Morning session: Cakes must be in place within the New England Center no earlier than 9am and no later than 9:45am if competing in the morning competition. Judging will commence at 10am. Cakes must be removed by 1:30pm for all competing in the morning. Cakes left after 1:30pm will become property of The Big E.
11. Afternoon session: cakes should be in the New England Center no earlier than 3pm and no later than 3:45pm for the afternoon competition and all cakes are to

- be removed by 8pm. Judging will commence at 4pm. Cakes left after 8pm will become property of The Big E.
12. Allow time to park and to transport your cake to the New England Center – consider bringing a wagon to easily move your cake through the crowds. Allow extra time to assemble or to make any last minute touches to your cake. Judging will begin at 10am for the morning session and at 4pm for the afternoon session. Cakes will not be received once judging has begun.
  13. Entries may be photographed and used by show sponsors for promotional purposes; the photos become the property of The Big E Cake Competition.
  14. Special backdrops, table coverings, pictures or examples or advertising (business cards) are not allowed.
  15. The superintendents and/or judges reserve the right to reclassify an entry if necessary, and to refuse an entry deemed in poor taste.
  16. The decisions of the judges are FINAL. Judges may not enter any division, nor judge a division where they know a cake exhibitor.
  17. Entries will be judged on: originality, creativity, workmanship and degree of difficulty, artistic coordination and overall appearance.
  18. Ribbons will be awarded for categories; special sponsored awards will be presented; and a Viewer's Choice award will be given.
  19. Register online or mail completed form with payment to: Creative Arts Cake Decorating Competition, Eastern States Exposition, 1305 Memorial Ave, W Springfield MA 01089. Fax with credit card information may be sent to (413)205-5104.
  20. Due to exhibit space we will need to limit the entries in each session. Entries will be accepted in the order in which they are received.