# **Baked Goods Department**

### **Rules and Regulations**

- 1. Exhibitor must have foods on disposable plates and in plastic bags with twist ties or zipper type closure.
- 2. No mixes may be used in baked exhibits.
- 3. Exhibits will be judged according to the guidelines listed below.
- 4. All pies must have a crust.
- 5. Muffins must be baked in unlined muffin tins.

#### **Guidelines for Judging**

**BISCUITS** 

**Appearance** Shape Uniform medium size: smooth, level top, straight sides.

<u>Crust</u> Golden brown top and bottom, tender; no yellow or brown spots.

VolumeLight in proportion to size.

**Texture** Flaky, peeling off in thin strips with fine, even cells: creamy white crumb with no yellow or

brown spots.

Blended flavor of well-baked ingredients: no off odor or flavor of fat, baking powder, salt, <u>Flavor</u>

soda, or other ingredients.

**MUFFINS** 

Shape Uniform, medium size: well-rounded: no peaks, knobs, or cracks; straight sides <u>Appearance</u>

<u>Crust</u> Evenly browned: tender and thin; pebbled surface.

Volume Light for size.

**Texture** Fine texture: moist and tender; round, even cells: no tunnels or holes: characteristic color.

Blended flavor of well-baked product: pleasant taste and odor: no taste of fat, baking powder, Flavor

or sugar.

#### **BREAD AND ROLLS**

Appearance Shape Rounded top, straight sides, smooth crust, standard size for loaf.

Crust Even, golden brown: about 1/8" deep, crisp, tender and smooth: good shred or break:

no flour showing.

VolumeLight in proportion to size.

**Texture** Crumb tender, moist, silky, soft, elastic: not dry, doughy, heavy or crumbly: porous, fine grain:

no heavy streaks or large air bubbles, Color is characteristic of kind, not grayish and no dark

Flavor Pleasing, well-baked flavor, wheat- or nut-like taste: not sour, yeasty, sweet, or off-flavored.

**PIES** 

**Appearance** Even, full, appetizing, evenly browned

**Texture** Crust Tender, flaky; crisp both bottom and top

<u>Filling</u> Good consistency, not stiff or runny

<u>Flavor</u> Good blend of flavors: not starchy or pasty. Distinct, characteristic.

#### **COOKIES**

Shape Uniform even size: drop cookies somewhat irregular with slight peak toward center: Appearance

no runny edge or spreading

Uniform color: smooth, pebbly or rough depending on kind: free from darkened or Crust

burned edges; no

<u>Texture</u>Rolled cookies are usually thin, crisp, and tender though some are thick, chewy,

moist, and tender. Drop cookies are soft and tender: bar cookies moist and tender. Icebox cookies are crisp and tender. All have small even cells and are not coarse,

crumbly, hard, tough, or floury.

Flavor Pleasing- flavor: free from off-flavors of rancid fat, soda, salt, peanut butter, or nuts.

**CAKES** (Consider frosting guidelines also)

Shape Straight sides: slightly rounded, not flat, peaked or sunken top: layers of uniform size. <u>Appearance</u>

<u>Crust</u> Smooth, fine grained, uniformly brown on top and bottom: not cracked, sticky, sugary,

pale, or burned.

Volume Light for size.











<u>Texture</u> Crumb is tender and moist: fine, even grain; smooth and velvety throughout: pleasing color,

not dry, compact, heavy, soggy, or harsh: does not crumble when cut.

Flavor Delicate, sweet, well-blended: not flat or unpleasant from fat, baking powder, flavoring, or

other ingredients.

#### **FROSTING AND CANDY**

Appearance Uniform in size and shape. Characteristic color.

<u>Texture</u> Moist, creamy consistency: free from crystals, not sticky or hard. <u>Flavor</u> Suitable in kind and flavor for cake: flavor of candy well balanced.

#### **BISCUITS**

Sweet Milk Biscuits, plate of 3 Sweet Potato, plate of 3 Exhibitor's Choice

#### **MUFFINS**

Corn Muffins, plate of 3 (plain; yellow or white)
Specialty Corn Muffins, plate of 3
Fruit Muffins, plate of 3
Vegetable Muffins, plate of 3
Exhibitor's Choice

#### **BREADS AND ROLLS**

White Yeast Bread, ½ loaf
Whole Grain Breads, ½ loaf
Herb Bread, ½ loaf
Focaccia
Quick Breads, Zucchini, ½ loaf
Quick Breads, Banana, ½ loaf
Dinner Roll, plate of 3
Braided Yeast Bread, ½ loaf
International Flair (pita, etc.)
Vintage, Salt-Rising Bread, ½ loaf
Exhibitor's Choice, ½ loaf

#### **PIES**

Apple, Double Crust, ¼ pie on plate Pumpkin, single crust, ¼ pie on plate Pecan, ¼ pie on plate Cherry, ¼ pie on plate Exhibitor's Choice, ¼ pie on plate

#### **COOKIES**

Oatmeal, 3 on a plate Chocolate Chip, 3 on plate Peanut Butter, 3 on plate Drop Cookies, 3 on plate Bar Cookies, 3 on plate Blonde Brownies, 3 on plate Chocolate Brownies, 3 on plate Exhibitor's Choice, 3 on plate

#### CANDY

Fudge, any variety, plate of 3
Molded Candy, plate of 3
Nut Brittle, plate of 3
Dipped Candy, plate of 3
Candy Nuts, 1 cup
Peanut Butter Cups, plate of 3
Hot Chocolate Mixers, plate of 3
Lollipops, plate of 3
Dipped Fruit, pretzels, plate of 3
Sugar Eggs
Exhibitor's Choice

#### **GIFTS IN A JAR** (decorated and recipe attached)

Cookie Mix in a jar
Cake Mix in a jar
Caked baked in a jar
Soup Mix in a jar
Snack/Trail Mix in a jar
Hot Cocoa Mix in a jar
Tea Mix in a jar
Cider Mix in a jar
Exhibitor's Choice, in a jar

#### **CAKES**

Applesauce, ½ cake Carrot, ½ cake Pound, ½ cake Angel Food, ½ cake Exhibitor's Choice, ½ cake



## **Decorated Baked Goods**

Guidelines for Judging: Neatness of work

Overall Design

Compatibility of color selection Usage of basic techniques

**CAKES** (may use Styrofoam form or cake; please keep in mind refrigeration is NOT available)

Single layer, decorated (includes character cakes and cut out novelty)

Tier cake, 2 or more layers, stacked Tier cake, 2 or more layers, separated Fondant decorated cake Gum Paste

Groom Cakes
Exhibitor's Choice

Exhibitor's Choice

#### **COOKIES AND CUPCAKES**

Decorated Cookies, 3 on a plate utilizing a theme Decorated Cupcakes, 3 on a plate Giant Cookie (> 8" in diameter, on a plate) Cake/Cookie Structures (Gingerbread House, Carousel, etc.) Cake pops (3, supported on a Styrofoam stand)

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