



## **Confectionery Arts Competition**

### **Rules & Regulations**

## **Online Pre-registration is required**

### **REGISTRATION**

All entry forms for The Central Florida Fair Confectionery Arts Competition must be received by 5:00 PM on February 13, 2026. **Exhibitors are required to Pre-register online.** Should you need assistance please contact Megan Tolan at [Megan@centralfloridafair.com](mailto:Megan@centralfloridafair.com).

### **ONLINE ENTRY INFORMATION**

1. Find the link on our website [www.centralfloridafair.com](http://www.centralfloridafair.com) - select **Competitive Exhibits** and choose what competition to enter.
2. Click the large banner that says, "Click Here to Register Online".
3. Go to Login (on the left) and choose Exhibitor as the type of account (you will have to create a new account even if you entered online last year). Choose the option "I am a new exhibitor". If you must make changes after you've registered select, "I have previously registered".
4. Follow the steps to complete your entries, print your receipt, and you're done!

### **EXHIBITOR CHECK IN**

Entries will be accepted during the following dates and times:

Saturday, February 21, 2026, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Sunday, February 22, 2026, 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Entries must be picked up at the same location on: (Entries CANNOT be picked up early!)

Monday, March 9, 2026, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

### **CONFECTIONERY ARTS DEPARTMENT GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS**

1. For health reasons, exhibited items must not be consumed.
2. Exhibits damaged during travel may be judged, but overall presentation is important. Broken pieces should be left as found.
3. Dummy cakes or real cakes may be used. In the Gingerbread Category the primary structure must be made of real gingerbread. Use of dummy cakes is encouraged due to the week length of exhibit and perishable nature of the product. If dummies are used, it must be possible to reproduce the item using a real cake. Structural support for multi-tiered cakes may be used.
4. Any item left after 4:00 PM, Monday will be disposed of, unless prior arrangements have been made with the Exhibit Manager.
5. Judges reserve the right to reclassify any entry or remove those considered to be in poor taste. Decisions of the judges are final. Judges are entitled to cut, probe or dismantle any entry to establish that it is eligible to compete.
6. Each entry must be solely the work of the exhibitor except for the Youth/Child Division, where an adult may bake the cake or gingerbread.
7. Each entry must be submitted on a sturdy base, not to exceed 32 inches. There is no height restriction.
8. No names or advertising permitted on exhibit. A sign will be provided by the Fair, based on data given by the competitor upon registration, and will be placed by piece after judging has been completed.
9. Any items entered in the competition may be photographed and used by the Central Florida Fair for advertising.
10. Work may be entered by a business or organization but must show the name(s) of the actual artist(s), in addition to the name of the business or organization.
11. Team efforts are allowed, but all team members must be disclosed and only one ribbon will be awarded (if earned).
12. Cake is to be covered and decorated with any edible material including butter cream, royal icing, rolled fondant, gum paste, pastillage, marzipan, chocolate, etc.
13. Artificial materials and decorations may be used for overall appearance but only decorations made from food products will be judged. Wires, stamens and floral tape may be used with gum paste and sugar work flowers.
14. No fountains, lights or candles permitted.
15. Entries will be judged on eye appeal, workmanship, technique, and degree of difficulty, creativity, use of color, artistic design, skill and overall appearance.
16. Exhibitors may attach a 4"x 6" printed card to an entry to list Food Product Mediums used (buttercream, royal, fondant, gum paste, pastillage, candy clay, gelatin, etc.) and techniques used if an explanation is necessary. Category should appear at the top of the card. Exhibitor's name is to be written on the back of the card only. Information may be used during judging and/or displayed with entry.
17. Any items entered in the competition may be photographed and used by the Central Florida Fair for advertising.

### **CONFECTIONERY ARTS DEPARTMENT PREMIUMS**

Unless otherwise noted, the premiums in the Confectionery Arts Department will be as follows:

<b><u>Adults</u></b>	<b><u>Youth/Child</u></b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Place \$60	1 <sup>st</sup> Place \$10
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place \$40	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place \$8
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place \$20	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place \$5

### **CONFECTIONERY ART DEPARTMENT AWARDS**

#### **Best of Show Awards:**

Confectionery Art Department Adult	\$75 + Rosette
Confectionery Art Department Youth	\$25 + Rosette
Confectionery Art Department Child	\$25 + Rosette

## **CONFECTIONERY ARTS DEPARTMENT**

Exhibitors of all skill levels are encouraged to enter. The entries will be entered, judged, and awarded in the following divisions.

**CHILD** – 11 years of age and under

**YOUTH** – 12 – 17 years of age

**AMATEUR ADULT** – hobbyist who isn't paid or compensated

**PROFESSIONAL ADULT** – to include the following:

1) Professionally employed

2) Instructor

3) Receives compensation for baking cakes  
& cookies

4) Won Best of Show at a cake decorating competition

5) Decorates at the professional skill level

Note: Adults needs to enter the same level for all entries submitted.

## **CONFECTIONERY ARTS DEPARTMENT CHILD CATEGORIES**

The following classes are designed and restricted to Children; 11 years of age and younger.

### **Division CCF: CHILD**

#### **CAKE – NO THEME**

Cake is to be covered and decorated with any edible material including butter cream, royal icing, fondant, gum paste, marzipan, etc. Artificial materials and decorations may be used for overall appearance, but only decorations made from food products will be judged.

##### **Class Code#**

##### **Description**

CCF-01

Child Cake – No Theme

#### **DECORATED COOKIES**

The display should consist of 2-7 decorated cookies, depending on the size to make a nice display. Cookies may be decorated with any edible decorating material.

##### **Class Code#**

##### **Description**

CCF-03

Child Decorated Cookies

#### **GINGERBREAD**

Real gingerbread must be used for the primary structure. Gingerbread entries can be any three-dimensional structure. Any edible material may be used but 50% of the display must be gingerbread. Kits permitted.

##### **Class Code#**

##### **Description**

CCF-02

Child Gingerbread

#### **DECORATED CUPCAKES**

This display should consist of 3-8 cupcakes be decorated as a theme or for a celebration. Cupcakes may be displayed on plate or

##### **Class Code#**

##### **Description**

CCF-04

Child Decorated Cupcakes

## **CONFECTIONERY ARTS DEPARTMENT YOUTH CATEGORIES**

The following classes are designed and restricted to Youth; 17 years of age and younger.

### **Division YCF: YOUTH**

#### **CAKE – NO THEME**

Cake is to be covered and decorated with any edible material including butter cream, royal icing, fondant, gum paste, marzipan, etc. Artificial materials and decorations may be used for overall appearance, but only decorations made from food products will be judged.

##### **Class Code#**

##### **Description**

YCF-01

Youth Cake – No Theme

#### **DECORATED COOKIES**

The display should consist of 2-7 decorated cookies, depending on the size to make a nice display. Cookies may be decorated with any edible decorating material.

##### **Class Code#**

##### **Description**

YCF-03

Youth Decorated Cookies

#### **GINGERBREAD**

Real gingerbread must be used for the primary structure. Gingerbread entries can be any three-dimensional structure. Any edible material may be used but 50% of the display must be gingerbread. Kits permitted.

##### **Class Code#**

##### **Description**

YCF-02

Youth Gingerbread

#### **DECORATED CUPCAKES**

This display should consist of 3-8 cupcakes be decorated as a theme or for a celebration. Cupcakes may be displayed on plate or

##### **Class Code#**

##### **Description**

YCF-04

Youth Decorated Cupcakes

## **CONFECTIONERY ARTS DEPARTMENT BEGINNER ADULT CATEGORIES**

### **SPECIAL OCCASION CAKE**

#### **Division BCF: BEGINNER ADULT**

##### **WEDDING CAKE – TIERED**

Any number of tiers which may be stacked or separated.

<b><u>Class Code#</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
BCF-01	Beg. Adult Tiered Wedding

##### **GROOM'S CAKE OR ANNIVERSARY CAKE**

All confectionery arts general rules and regulations apply.

<b><u>Class Code#</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
BCF-02	Beginning Adult Groom/Anniversary

##### **NOVELTY OR SHAPED CAKE**

3D shape or form, it must be a design that could be made in cake.

<b><u>Class Code#</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
BCF-03	Beg. Adult Novelty/Shaped Display

should celebrate a special occasion theme **Class**

<b><u>Code#</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
BCF-04	Beginning Adult Special Occasion

##### **GINGERBREAD**

Gingerbread structures may be any three-dimensional structure. Primary structure must be made of gingerbread with at least 25% of gingerbread visible. Commercial gingerbread kits and decorations are acceptable. All confectionery arts general rules and regulations apply.

<b><u>Class Code#</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
BCF-05	Beginning Adult Gingerbread

##### **MINIATURE TIERED CAKE**

Base is not to exceed 12 inches. Tiers may be stacked or separated.

All confectionery arts general rules and regulations apply.

<b><u>Class Code#</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
BCF-06	Beginning Adult Miniature Tiered

##### **DECORATED COOKIES**

The display should consist of at least 5 or more decorated cookies or 1 extra-large cookie to make a nice display. Cookies may be decorated with any edible decorating materials. Cookies may be displayed on a plate or suitable base.

<b><u>Class Code#</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
BCF-07	Beginning Adult Decorated Cookies

##### **DECORATED COOKIE BOUQUET**

This display should consist of a minimum of 5 cookies (no upper limit) on "sticks" and arranged in a container. Bouquet should represent a theme or celebration. Cookies may be decorated with any edible decorating materials.

<b><u>Class Code#</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
BCF-08	Beginning Adult Decorated Cookie Bouquet

##### **DECORATED CUPCAKES**

This display should consist of at least 4 cupcakes or mini cupcakes decorated as a theme or for a celebration. Items may be displayed on a plate or suitable base.

<b><u>Class Code#</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
BCF-09	Beginning Adult Decorated Cupcakes

##### **SPECIMEN FLOWER**

A botanically accurate representation of any flowers or arrangement of flowers. Buds, flowers, leaves, fruits may be included. Entry should be made of gum paste, pastillage, Mexican paste or cold porcelain. Specimen is to be displayed in a container or vase of competitor's choice. Wires, stamens, and floral tape, etc. may be used.

<b><u>Class Code#</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
BCF-10	Beginning Adult Specimen Flower

##### **COMBINATION**

Any combination of cake, cupcakes, cookies and gingerbread integrated into a specific theme. All confectionery arts general rules and regulations apply.

<b><u>Class Code#</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
BCF-11	Beginning Adult Combination Category

## **CONFECTIONERY ARTS DEPARTMENT AMATEUR ADULT CATEGORIES**

**Division BCA: AMATEUR ADULT** (See above descriptions)

### **WEDDING CAKE – TIERED**

Any number of tiers which may be stacked or separated.

<b><u>Class Code#</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
BCA-01	Amateur Adult Tiered Wedding

### **GROOM'S CAKE OR ANNIVERSARY CAKE**

All confectionery arts general rules and regulations apply.

<b><u>Class Code#</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
BCA-02	Amateur Adult Groom/Anniversary

### **NOVELTY OR SHAPED CAKE**

3D shape or form, it must be a design that could be made in cake.

<b><u>Class Code#</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
BCA-03	Amateur Adult Novelty/Shaped

### **SPECIAL OCCASION CAKE**

Display should celebrate a special occasion theme.

<b><u>Class Code #</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
BCA-04	Amateur Adult Special Occasion

### **GINGERBREAD**

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<b><u>Class Code#</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
BCA-05	Amateur Adult Gingerbread

### **MINIATURE TIERED CAKE**

Base is not to exceed 12 inches. Tiers may be stacked or separated.

All confectionery arts general rules and regulations apply.

<b><u>Class Code#</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
BCA-06	Amateur Adult Miniature Tiered

### **DECORATED COOKIES**

The display should consist of at least 5 or more decorated cookies or 1 extra-large cookie to make a nice display. Cookies may be decorated with any edible decorating materials. Cookies may be displayed on a plate or suitable base.

<b><u>Class Code#</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
BCA-07	Amateur Adult Decorated Cookies

### **DECORATED COOKIE BOUQUET**

This display should consist of a minimum of 5 cookies (no upper limit) on "sticks" and arranged in a container. Bouquet should represent a theme or celebration. Cookies may be decorated with any edible decorating materials.

<b><u>Class Code#</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
BCA-08	Amateur Adult Decorated Cookie Bouquet

### **DECORATED CUPCAKES**

This display should consist of at least 4 cupcakes or mini cupcakes decorated as a theme or for a celebration. Items may be displayed on a plate or suitable base.

<b><u>Class Code#</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
BCA-09	Amateur Adult Decorated Cupcakes

### **SPECIMEN FLOWER**

A botanically accurate representation of any flowers or arrangement of flowers. Buds, flowers, leaves, fruits may be included. Entry should be made of gum paste, pastillage, Mexican paste or cold porcelain.

Specimen is to be displayed in a container or vase of competitor's choice. Wires, stamens and floral tape, etc. may be used

<b><u>Class Code#</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
BCA-10	Amateur Adult Specimen Flower

### **COMBINATION**

Any combination of cake, cupcakes, cookies and gingerbread integrated into a specific theme. All confectionery arts general rules and regulations apply.

<b><u>Class Code#</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
BCA-11	Amateur Adult Combination Category

## CONFECTIONERY ARTS DEPARTMENT PROFESSIONAL ADULT CATEGORIES

### **Division PCF: PROFESSIONAL ADULT** (See above description)

#### **WEDDING CAKE – TIERED**

Any number of tiers which may be stacked or separated.

<u>Class Code#</u>	<u>Description</u>
PCF-01	Professional Adult Tiered Wedding

#### **GROOM'S CAKE OR ANNIVERSARY CAKE**

All confectionery arts general rules and regulations apply.

<u>Class Code#</u>	<u>Description</u>
PCF-02	Professional Adult Groom/Anniversary

#### **NOVELTY OR SHAPED CAKE**

3D shape or form, it must be a design that could be made in cake.

<u>Class Code#</u>	<u>Description</u>
PCF-03	Professional Adult Novelty/Shaped

#### **SPECIAL OCCASION CAKE**

Display should celebrate a special occasion theme.

<u>Class Code#</u>	<u>Description</u>
PCF-04	Professional Adult Special Occasion

#### **GINGERBREAD**

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<u>Class Code#</u>	<u>Description</u>
PCF-05	Professional Adult Gingerbread

#### **MINIATURE TIERED CAKE**

Base is not to exceed 12 inches. Tiers may be stacked or separated. All confectionery arts general rules and regulations apply.

<u>Class Code#</u>	<u>Description</u>
PCF-06	Professional Adult Miniature Tiered

#### **DECORATED COOKIES**

The display should consist of at least 5 or more decorated cookies or 1 extra-large cookie to make a nice display. Cookies may be decorated with any edible decorating materials. Cookies may be displayed on a plate or suitable base.

<u>Class Code#</u>	<u>Description</u>
PCF-07	Professional Adult Decorated Cookies

#### **DECORATED COOKIE BOUQUET**

This display should consist of a minimum of 5 cookies (no upper limit) on "sticks" and arranged in a container. Bouquet should represent a theme or celebration. Cookies may be decorated with any edible decorating materials.

<u>Class Code#</u>	<u>Description</u>
PCF-08	Professional Adult Decorated Cookie Bouquet

#### **DECORATED CUPCAKES**

This display should consist of at least 4 cupcakes or mini cupcakes decorated as a theme or for a celebration. Items may be displayed on a plate or suitable base.

<u>Class Code#</u>	<u>Description</u>
PCF-09	Professional Adult Decorated Cupcake

#### **SPECIMEN FLOWER**

A botanically accurate representation of any flowers or arrangement of flowers. Buds, flowers, leaves, fruits may be included. Entry should be made of gum paste, pastillage, Mexican paste or cold porcelain. Specimen is to be displayed in a container or vase of competitor's choice. Wires, stamens and floral tape, etc. may be used.

<u>Class Code#</u>	<u>Description</u>
PCF-10	Professional Adult Specimen Flower

#### **COMBINATION**

Any combination of cake, cupcakes, cookies, and gingerbread integrated into a specific theme. All confectionery arts general rules and regulations apply.

<u>Class Code#</u>	<u>Description</u>
PCF-11	Professional Adult Combination Category