

# National Ice Cream Competition 2024

## GENERAL RULES

### General Rule 1

Subject to General Rule 2 competitions are open to All registered ice cream manufacturers, whether or not they are members of the Ice Cream Alliance (the organising body).

### General Rule 2

To be eligible to enter the National Ice Cream Competition, entrants must confirm that they are registered as a Food Business with your Local Authority or Food Standards Authority (UK only) <https://www.gov.uk/food-business-registration> and/or <https://www.gov.uk/food-premises-approval> (or, for FSA-approved exceptions, must have local authority approval in the UK) or registered for food production with a competent authority in their country (if outside the UK) prior to the date of the competition. Companies that are not registered will be unable to enter samples into the National Ice Cream Competition. No refunds can be given for withdrawn entries. All entries made in the Ice Cream, Dairy Ice Cream, Open Ice Cream, Flavour or Sorbet classes, only one entry in each class will be accepted from any one registered manufacturer. N.B\* Except for the Open Flavour Class and Alternative Class where two paid entries will be accepted. (N.B.\*\* Soft Serve Ice Cream & Supply House Class)

### General Rule 3

Entries will only be accepted from the registered manufacturer and not an employee and must be made on the premise owned, leased or where manufacturing normally occurs for the competitor. Ice Cream manufactured using pre-made Ice Cream blends purchased from alternative suppliers will not be accepted, with the exception of the Soft Serve Class.

### General Rule 4

All entry forms must be completed online and accompanied by the appropriate fees shown on the entry forms for every sample entered.

### General Rule 5

Samples must be delivered or sent carriage paid in accordance with the forwarding instructions determined for the competitors by the Ice Cream Alliance.

### General Rule 6

No entry may bear any name or mark by which the competitor can be identified, as doing so may result in entry/entries being disqualified.

### General Rule 7

All samples must be filled to the appropriate level as outlined by the ICA in a smooth and evenly filled manner. Overfilled and/or the use of scoops or blocks will result in disqualification.

### General Rule 8

Samples entered for the competition must comply with the rules laid out by the Board of Directors of the Ice Cream Alliance as defined for each class. Samples may be sent for compositional analysis to confirm compliance for each class. The Senior Supervisor and Head Judge's decision is final and binding on all entrants for the competition.

### General Rule 9

The Board of Directors of the ICA reserves the right to dispose of all samples in such a manner as it sees fit, following the completion of all judging and post-analysis. The ICA will endeavour, without incurring responsibility, to return all outside containers but this is at the cost of the entrant.

### General Rule 10

Only the name of successful competitors will be announced at the President's Reception and will be posted on the ICA website and in the Ice Cream magazine. All competitors will receive a full listing of winner by email.

### General Rule 11

The Board of Directors of the ICA reserves the right to refuse any entry at their discretion.

### General Rule 12

If requested, every competitor shall prove the correctness of their entry to the satisfaction of the Board of Directors of the ICA, with the right reserved to require a premise inspection from which the samples were entered, should such action be considered necessary. Failing satisfaction, any awards may be withheld or cancelled.

### General Rule 13

The ICA cannot accept responsibility for the loss of an entry or entry form, nor for the acceptance of an entry not in accordance with the rules or conditions of entry.

### General Rule 14

The ICA will use its reasonable endeavours to ensure the competition samples are retained at the correct temperature once they are received within the competition area, but the ICA will not be liable to competitors for any deterioration or loss of samples. The ICA will not refund the entry fee in respect of any samples which do not go forward for judging by reason of any deterioration or loss taking place while the sample is in possession of the ICA.

### General Rule 15

The ICA reserves the right to withhold the trophies, medals or diplomas in any class where they do not consider entries sufficient of merit.

### General Rule 16

Winners of major awards will be expected to comply with all of the conditions relating to possession of trophies as laid out by the Board of Directors of the ICA, a copy of which is available on request.

### General Rule 17

The Board of Directors of the ICA accepts no responsibility for a diploma awarded bearing an incorrect name where the mistake is due to the illegibility or incorrect details on the original entry form.

### General Rule 18

Any disqualified entries will be decided by the Head Judge/Senior Supervisors and the score will be discarded. They will be notified in writing where appropriate. No refunds will be applicable.

### General Rule 19

It is the responsibility of all entrants to ensure that the individual entering, or subsequently set to receive correspondence regarding the competition, has access to their email account during entry, delivery and results periods.

### General Rule 20

It is the responsibility of all entrants taking part in the National Ice Cream Competition to provide correct information and spellings of company names, product names and contact details.

### General Rule 21

All products must be made to the same standard and recipe as when made available commercially.

### General Rule 22

If the product is changed in any way, permission for use of the award label or logo will be withdrawn.

Any change that could potentially affect the product, including but not limited to: difference in production or manufacturing process, altered recipe, a significant seasonal impact on ingredients, alteration to ingredient quality, a change in source or type of ingredients and their treatment, would make any trophy, medal or diploma invalid.

### General Rule 23

Existing members of the Ice Cream Alliance can enter the National Ice Cream Competition at a reduced rate if entries are paid for by Friday 20th October 2023.

### General Rule 24

Product entry details must be correct when entries closed. There will be no opportunity to edit the product entry details after the entry period closes.

### General Rule 25

No entry will be accepted after the competition closes.

### General Rule 26

Entries that do not include full entry information before payment, with any sections left as TBC (or similar) will be automatically disqualified.

### General Rule 27

A payment by credit/ debit card, in full, is required when entering online. Entry fees not paid in full before the competition closes will result in entries not being judged.

### General Rule 28

If entries are not manufactured and entered into the competition, no refunds are applicable.

### General Rule 29

The entry cost into the National Ice Cream Competition is kept to a minimum to attract genuine small producers and new artisan producers.

### General Rule 30

It is the responsibility of the entrant to ensure the prompt and safe delivery of all products by the requested date for delivery. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.

### General Rule 31

It is the entrants' responsibility to ensure that all products are packed, transported and delivered in a condition fit and safe for consumption by the judges.

### General Rule 32

The ICA will take great care to ensure safe keeping of all entries throughout the judging process. However, the ICA, their employees and associates cannot be held responsible for this safekeeping.

### General Rule 33

No products can be returned to entrants.

### General Rule 34

No specific information relating to the identity of any of the judges involved in sampling and judging will be revealed at any time.

### General Rule 35

The ICA has the right to remove an award if a producer is prosecuted by a relevant authority for food or animal safety violation.

### General Rule 36

Any dispute over the judging must be made in writing to the ICA within 7 days of the published results. The verdict of the Board of Directors appeals panel is final.

### General Rule 37

COVID 19 – Please note dates and judging location indicated are subject to change. The ICA reserves the right to delay judging and therefore amend the dates associated with it, according to Government advice.