

Contest Rules for Bake-Off

1. There is NO age requirement to participate in this competition.
2. Contestants may work individually or in teams.
3. Contestants may have more than one entry, and participate in more than one category but can only win one (1) prize.
4. Submissions must be home baked (not pre-baked).
5. Please do not submit anything that requires refrigeration.
6. Each entry must contain at least 5 dozen cookies.
7. Place cookies in a ziplock (or airtight container) and write your name, cookie type and category on the bag/container. (Be careful not to over crowd as this can damage the cookies)
8. All entries must be submitted no later than Friday March 15th. (See Fire Up Your Ovens! For the many drop off location.)
9. To be eligible for the contest all entries should include 5-dozen Cookies + [Bake-off Entry Form](#) + Recipe and recipe source. If the cookies are pre-mixed (Betty Crocker or Pillsbury cookie mix) simply include that information on the entry form. If it is an original recipe please include baking instructions.

Bake-Off Judging Criteria:

1. Each entry is assigned an anonymous number by the Bake-Off officials for the Judging of each category.
2. Each Judge will score every entry by secret ballot on a scale of one to ten, one being the lowest and ten the highest.
3. Officials then total the scores of each entry to obtain the places for each category. The grand prize will go to Best Overall. (A prize will be awarded to the person who baked the most cookies overall.)

Categories are:

- From Scratch
- Pre-mixed
- Most Cookies Baked

Grand Prize Best Overall (the creation with the highest overall score). If there is a tie each Judge will cast one vote for their favorite until the tie is broken.

All winners will be notified within seven working days. By entering, you agree to be bound by these Official Rules, and that the decisions of the judges are final and binding in all respects.

PRIZE AWARDS: Prizes will be awarded within seven days and the list of winners will be listed on the MHEA website.

Grand Prize \$100 cash

Most Cookies baked \$75 cash