



INTERNATIONAL TASTE AWARDS

Rules

1. You can register for the **International Taste Awards** directly online via the event website www.internationaltasteawards.com or by post, by downloading the specific form from the website. Those without internet access can contact the organisation and request that a hard copy of the registration form be sent to them by post.
2. All companies interested in taking part must register on the official website with a username and password, fill out the specific online forms and provide all details requested, including a contact person within the company. Each product that you wish to submit to the competition must be registered in the company profile on the website, and not in multiple company profiles for a single company. Failure to comply with this instruction will result in products entered in profiles other than the first (in chronological order) being removed.
3. Each company that registers must add the domain name internationaltasteawards.com to their list of secure senders, to prevent important information regarding the competition getting redirected due to spam filters. The organisation is in no way responsible for messages not received by the recipient due to failure to comply with this instruction.
4. Once one or more products have been registered and payment is complete, you will be sent an invoice, including V.A.T. just for companies based in Italy . The aforementioned receipt is the only tax document that you will receive.
5. The **International Taste Awards** is open to all food producers, artisan food makers, crop and livestock farmers, exclusive importers, exclusive distributors and exclusive retailers of food and drink specialities.
6. Products that require the use of particularly specific equipment to be tasted are not eligible to participate in the **International Taste Awards**. If in doubt, contact the organisation before registering. We will do everything in our power to help you.
7. All products that require cooking will be tasted having carefully followed the producer's instructions.
8. Only products suitable for human consumption will be considered.

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9. The **International Taste Awards** registration deadline is 31 October 2019, or when the registration limit has been reached. Based on the registrations, and to ensure that the event is as successful as possible, the organisation may extend the registration deadline, and will provide notice in this case.

10. Participants that register for the **International Taste Awards** by 31 March 2019 may avail of a 10% reduction on all fees.

11. Product descriptions must be correct at the time that registration closes due to the registration limit being reached. It will not be possible to amend the product description once registration closes.

12. The **International Taste Awards** organisers reserve the right to reject registration of products that are deemed inadequate or that are not compatible with the true spirit of the competition.

13. Registrations will not be accepted after the set limit has been reached.

14. Products can only be entered in one category. A single product cannot be entered in multiple categories.

15. Products registered but not paid for by the time the set registration limit is reached will not be eligible for judging.

16. No refund will be provided in the event that a product, for which registration fees have been paid, does not arrive in time for the tasting.

17. The **International Taste Awards** registration fee is kept to a minimum to attract small and artisan producers.

18. All products must be sent to the competition in their retail packaging; if this is not possible, please contact the organisation. The retail packaging must contain the phrase "consume by" followed by the date, and must list all ingredients and allergens.

19. All products are blind tasted. The packaging is removed from all products before they are submitted to the jury.

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20. Each separate flavour represents a product. If registered products are packaged in multi-packs, the entrant must specify which flavour/product from the package should be tasted, under penalty of removal of the product from the competition.
21. Each participant will be assigned a date and place for delivery, which will be communicated to them by e-mail.
22. Participants are required to guarantee prompt and secure delivery of all products by the stated deadline.
23. All outer packages must carry the specific labels provided, properly specifying whether the product can be stored at room temperature, or whether it requires refrigeration or freezing.
24. All participants are responsible for the packaging, transportation and delivery of the products under suitable conditions and safe for consumption by members of the jury.
25. Products that arrive damaged, in unsafe conditions or that require refrigeration without sufficient advance notice being provided will be disqualified.
26. In the case of delivery after the deadline, all efforts will be made to judge products that arrive later than expected. This is, however, at the discretion of the organisers.
27. The jury will perform their work between October and November 2019.
28. The organisers will strive to guarantee safe storage of all products while the jury performs its work. Nevertheless, the organisers or their employees or consultants shall not be held responsible for safe storage.
29. The organisers will make every effort to cook and prepare the products according to the guidelines on the labels or specific instructions provided. The participant is responsible for providing the most accurate information possible.
30. No products can be returned to the participants.
31. The results will be available online in the month of January 2020.

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32. Each participant will be e-mailed before the results are published on the online portal.

33. Participants can view the results and the opinions of the jury members on the **International Taste Awards** portal.

34. Prizes will be sent by post, if not collected in person, and all winning products will be listed online.

35. The organisation may share details of the **International Taste Awards** winners, and only positive opinions of jury members, in the media or in general for promotional purposes. If you do not want your company's details to be released to third party organisations, contact the organisation to clarify this issue.

36. At no time will specific information regarding the identity of members of the jury involved in product selection and evaluation be disclosed.

37. The jury members' opinions of each product are available to the company that registers the product. Certain opinions of the jury regarding prize-winning products may be used in the media or in general for promotional purposes.

38. The logo graphic and **International Taste Awards** labels will be made available to the companies, who are strongly encouraged to use them for promotional purposes. A fee may be requested for certain marketing tools. The labels and all promotional material may be obtained from the website www.internationaltasteawards.com

39. The **International Taste Awards** logo is filed and subject to copyright. Any improper use of the logo may result in disqualification of the product or withdrawal of the prize.

40. Use of the **International Taste Awards** logo or labels must comply with the guidelines provided together with the logo graphic for the current year.

41. The logo must always state the year the prize was awarded and can only be used on the winning products.

42. Use of the logo on any product that did not win the prize is expressly prohibited.

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43. The only languages accepted for communicating with the organisation, registering and providing the requested details on the product labels are Italian and English. Communication in any other language will not be accepted. Any product that is not accompanied by the requested information in one of the aforementioned languages will be excluded from the competition.

44. Products in the "Honey" category will be evaluated according to the guidelines set out by the Italian Register of Experts in the Sensory Analysis of Honey. Products in this category must be submitted in at least 2 jars/packages weighing 250 grams each. Samples with humidity levels exceeding 18% and HMF levels exceeding 10 mg/kg will be excluded.

45. According to the number of participants and winners, the organization will be allowed to organize or not an Award ceremony in January.

46. Any dispute relating to opinions expressed by jury members must be submitted in writing to the **International Taste Awards** within 14 days of communication of the results by e-mail.

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