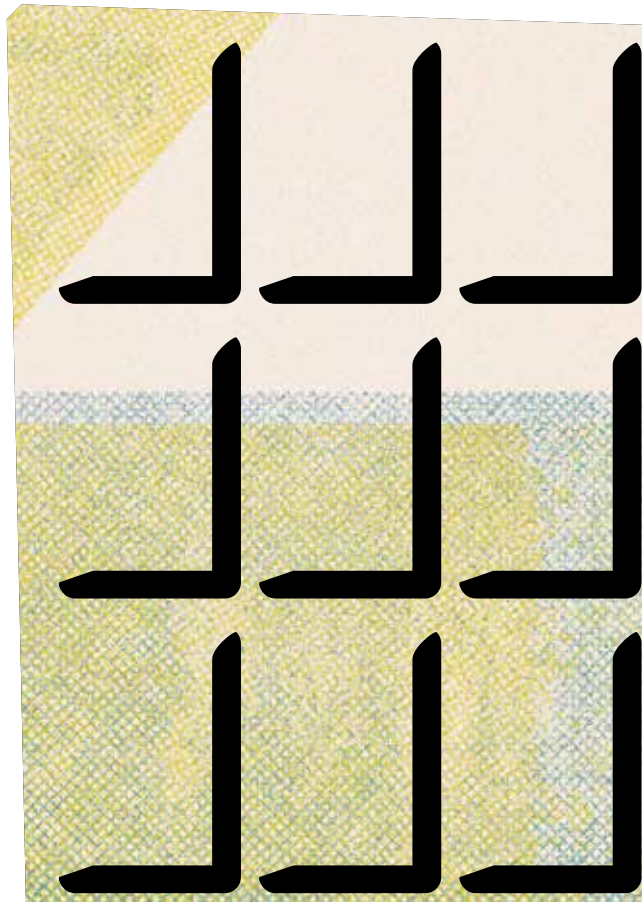
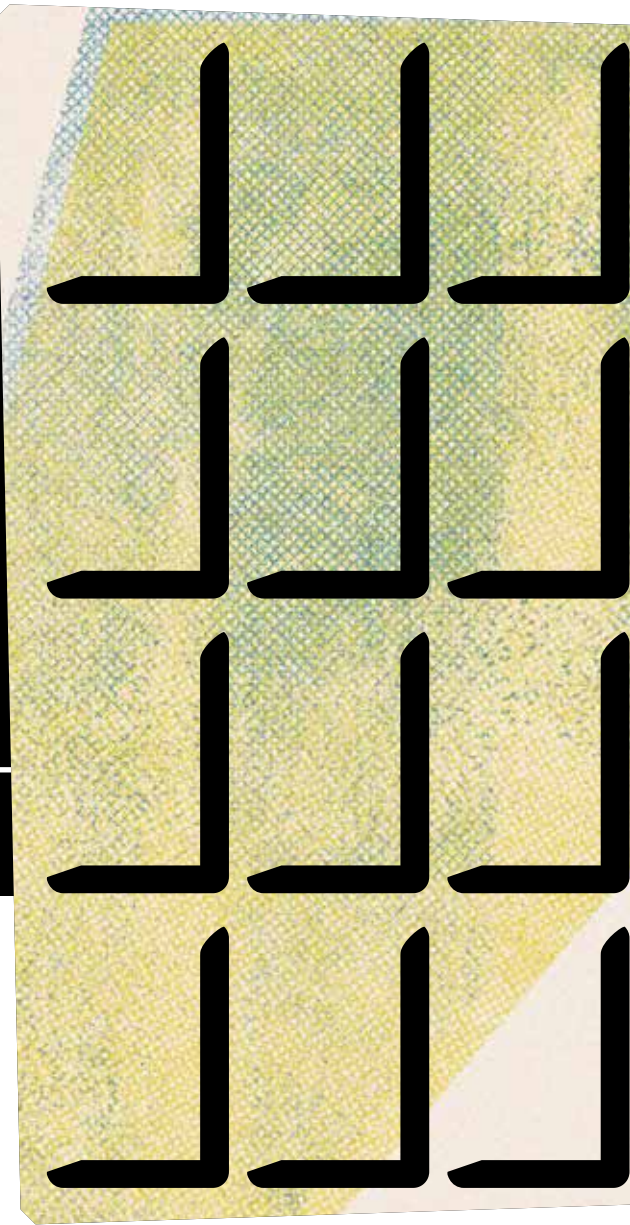


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PERTH ROYAL FOOD AWARDS - CHOCOLATE

ENTRY PACKAGE AND SCHEDULE



Enter the 2026

PERTH ROYAL FOOD AWARDS

The Perth Royal Food Awards celebrate the finest in Australia's food and beverage industry, recognising the best producers across various categories and providing a prestigious platform to showcase their products.

By participating, producers can benchmark their offerings against industry standards, gain valuable insights from an independent panel of expert judges, and compete for recognition in one of Western Australia's most respected food and beverage award programs.

Perth Royal Food Awards Medal

An opportunity to win a Perth Royal Food Awards trophy or medal – Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals are awarded to the highest scoring product.

Perth Royal Show Promotion

Opportunity to have your award-winning products included in corporate events during the Perth Royal Show, as well as other potential promotional opportunities in the lead-up and throughout activations at Show.

Marketing and Promotion Toolkit

Medal-winning Exhibitors will receive a Marketing and Promotion Toolkit to help promote their win and market their products with a seal of quality. This toolkit includes medal artwork and a range of digital assets to support promotional activities.

Independent Expert Judging

Benefit from the opportunity to have your products evaluated by independent experts, receiving invaluable feedback while benchmarking your product within the industry.

Royal Agricultural Society of WA Support

The Perth Royal Food Awards is an initiative of the Royal Agricultural Society of WA.

There are opportunities to showcase your award-winning products at corporate events and to be potentially featured across the Royal Agricultural Society of WA's and Perth Royal Food Awards marketing and communications channels including social media, eDMs, media releases and website.

*Enter the Perth Royal
Food Awards - Chocolate*

perthroyalfoodawards.raswa.org.au/chocolate

Have any question? Contact foodwards@raswa.org.au

What's New

TEAM ADDITIONS

**Perth Royal Food Awards
Engagement Lead**
Sarah Tardrew

**Perth Royal Food Awards
Coordinator**
Mariska Grimbeek

Entry Fee

\$30 + GST

Key Dates

Entries Open Thursday, 9 April 2026

Entries Close Friday, 15 May 2026

Delivery Monday, 15 June 2026

Judging Tuesday, 16 June 2026

Awards night Friday 19 June 2026

Contact Information

COMPETITION

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MARKETING AND MEDIA

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TERMS & CONDITIONS

How to Submit Your Entries

To submit entries to the Perth Royal Food Awards - Chocolate:

1. Read through this 2026 Perth Royal Food Awards - Chocolate Schedule
2. Submit your entries and complete the payment for your entries online via perthroyalfoodawards.raswa.org.au/chocolate
3. On confirmation of your entries, please follow information provided on product delivery to ensure that deliveries arrive in time.

There is no limit to the number of entries per producer. However, each Exhibit shall only be entered once.

Multiple entries per class are permitted, as long as the exhibitor clearly identifies the difference between each entry (i.e. different product names, flavours) when entering. All entries are limited to chocolate as defined in the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code i.e. compound chocolate and products made with compounded chocolate will not be accepted. All entries must be made from chocolate couverture, items made from raw chocolate will not be accepted. Exhibitors are responsible for selecting the correct classes or subclasses and abiding by the section conditions and published deadlines.

No entry will be accepted, until the entry fee is received in full. **Entry fees will not be refunded.**

Commercial Title

Exhibitors are required to detail the Commercial Titles of all Exhibits on the Application for Entry. Commercial Titles will be published in the Results Catalogue, online and used for promotional material. Commercial Title, includes but is not limited to, the brand name and product description as it appears on the Exhibit's primary commercial label.

Commercial Availability

Exhibits must meet the following criteria for Commercial Availability. Exhibits may be disqualified if they are not commercially available at the time of judging: **

- Produces or manufactures its products from premises in Australia to a commercial standard (at the discretion of Royal Agricultural Society of WA);
- Each Exhibit entered must be the absolute property of the Exhibitor and must be commercially available in Australia;
- Exhibits must be taken from a normal production run and must be identical to those
- commercially available;
- Supplies goods in the relevant category on an ongoing basis at wholesale or retail level in Australia; and
- Generates a turnover that is reasonable for a commercially viable business from the sale of products that are eligible for entry in this competition (unless specified otherwise).

** Wine and Chocolate are the only exceptions, where the product must be commercially available within 3 months of judging.

Auditing

- a. The Royal Agricultural Society of WA may appoint any person (an 'Auditor') to undertake random pre-judging and post judging audits relating to any Exhibit entered into the Perth Royal Food Awards.
- b. An Exhibitor must co-operate with and do all things reasonably required by an Auditor in connection with any Audit and adhere to arrangements that have been made between the Royal Agricultural Society of WA and the Exhibitor,
- c. The Exhibitor must keep on file, maintain and extract a copy of such records as are required to demonstrate the truth and accuracy of all information stated in the Exhibitor's Application for Entry.
- d. Each Exhibitor hereby consents to an Auditor, in the conduct of an Audit, to enter, with notice, the Exhibitor's premises as nominated and inspect all product, books, electronic and hard copy records thereon, or to request relevant documentation electronically for the purpose of verifying the authenticity of any information stated in the Exhibitor's Application for Entry.

- e. An Exhibitor undergoing an Audit must permit the Auditor to take from the exhibitor's premises up to three (3) samples (at no charge) taken at random from the stock on hand of any Exhibit for comparison with the original Exhibit.
- f. The Royal Agricultural Society of WA may also obtain retail samples sourced from the marketplace to compare with the original Exhibit. A random sample of all entries will be targeted for this type of audit in 2026.
- g. The Royal Agricultural Society of WA reserves the right to audit Exhibits within twelve (12) months following the Perth Royal Food Awards. If the Exhibitor fails to comply with these provisions; or if the Auditor concludes that there is, a material discrepancy between the relevant commercially available product and the original Exhibit or otherwise concludes that an Exhibit did not comply with the competition rules, including entry requirements stated in the relevant competition schedule, the Royal Agricultural Society of WA may:
 - i. Cancel any Award won by the Exhibitor;
 - ii. Disqualify the Exhibitor from further Exhibition for such period as the Royal Agricultural Society of WA consider appropriate;
 - iii. Publish to such persons as the Royal Agricultural Society of WA considers appropriate, the fact of any such cancellation and/ or disqualification in respect of the Exhibit and the Exhibitor. The Royal Agricultural Society of WA may publish in any medium the results of any claim against the Royal Agricultural Society of WA or against any Councillor, member, employee, agent or representative in respect of any matter published as contemplated by paragraph (C) of this Special Regulation. respect of any matter published as contemplated by paragraph (C) of this Special Regulation.

Eligibility of Products

All products must comply with the requirements of the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code for both product and packaging. Exhibits not complying with the Australia New Zealand Standard, will be disqualified.

Origin of Exhibit

The competition is open to commercial manufacturers.

A commercial business:

- Produces or manufactures its products from premises in Australia to a commercial standard (at the discretion of the Royal Agricultural Society of WA);
- Supplies goods in the relevant category on an ongoing basis at wholesale or retail level in Australia; and

- Generates a turnover that is reasonable for a commercially viable business from the sale of products that are eligible for entry in this competition (unless specified otherwise).

The brand owner or licensed user of the brand must submit the entry. Entries must be submitted under the contact name.

Definition of Exhibitor

An Exhibitor means a person, firm, partnership, company or body corporate, which in the opinion of the Royal Agricultural Society of WA:

- Manufactures or processes fine food produce; or
- Has product manufactured, packaged or processed under contract for the purpose of sale under the registered business name of the Exhibitor as stated on the Application for Entry.
- All Exhibitors who have their product made under contract must identify the Producer on their Application for Entry.

Definition of Producer

A Producer means the registered premises that manufacture the product entered into the Competition.

Class Transfers and Withdrawals

It is the sole responsibility of the Exhibitor to enter the Exhibits in the correct Class and Competition or be subject to disqualification without refund of Entry Fee;

The Royal Agricultural Society of WA may, at its discretion, without any liability and without the prior approval of the Exhibitor, disqualify or transfer an Exhibit into a different Class than that stated on the Application for Entry if in its opinion, the Exhibit has been entered in the wrong Class.

If an Exhibitor wishes to withdraw an Exhibit, they must do so in writing to the Perth Royal Food Awards Coordinator.

Once entries have closed, there will be no substitution of products. The products which have been entered in the online Application for Entry are those samples that are required to be delivered for judging.

Once entries have closed, products can be moved into another Class, however no products are able to be substituted for a new entry.



Third Party Manufacturing

An Exhibit (i.e. product) can be submitted by either the producer or the brand owner who has had the product produced under contract by a third party.

The contract producer must be listed as part of the entry process and recorded as the “contract manufacturer”.

The Exhibitor’s name and the product name as recorded in the entry process, will be published in the results catalogue and should they be awarded, on any Champion awards paraphernalia.

Obligations for Medal & Championship Winners

Following judging, the Royal Agricultural Society of WA hosts awards events which consist of a selection of award-winning produce for consumption. Successful medal winning Exhibitors may be required to supply a reasonable quantity of award winning produce at cost price. The supply of products will enable winning products to gain exposure by being featured at the events.

Entry Fees

\$30.00 per entry + GST

Full payment must be received by the Royal Agricultural Society of WA no later than the closing date of entries.

The Royal Agricultural Society of WA will not validate online entries until payment is received.

There will be no refund of entries withdrawn, not delivered or disqualified unless the entry is withdrawn with the Event Coordinator’s approval.

Delivery of Exhibits

Exhibitors may deliver exhibits directly to Claremont Showground on Monday, 15 June 2026, between the hours of 9:00am and 4:00pm. No deliveries outside of this period will be accepted.

Royal Agricultural Society of WA

Perth Royal Food Awards
Banksia Room
Claremont Showground
1 Graylands Road
CLAREMONT WA 6010

The Royal Agricultural Society of WA cannot be held responsible for any theft, loss, delay or damage during the transport of entries.

All Exhibits must comply with the requirements of the Australia and New Zealand Food Standard Code, except where stated. All exhibits may be subjected to examination to ensure compliance with these standards. foodstandards.gov.au

All Exhibits must provide an ingredients list and nutritional panel on the appropriate product container, or attached to the container, for each entry.

Boxes containing Exhibits must weigh less than 12.5kg in total.

Early receipt of Exhibits will be accepted if prior notice is given by contacting the Perth Royal Food Awards Coordinator at the Royal Agricultural Society of Western Australia on (08) 6263 3100 during office hours.

Identification Labels for Delivery

Once entries have closed and payments processed, exhibitors will receive an email from Perth Royal Food Awards which will include:

- PDF of e-labels to be printed and securely affixed to EACH Exhibit;
 - Summary of Entry;
 - Map for delivery of products and Instructions:
1. It is the responsibility of the Exhibitor to check the information on the Summary of Entry to check the information is correct and accurately reflects the Classes into which the Exhibits have been entered.
 2. Exhibitors are required to print these labels in the precise format that they are sent, preserving size, font etc. and securely attach them to each Exhibit submitted for entry.

Labels can either be printed on paper, cut out and affixed with CLEAR packing tape, or alternatively printed (using a laser printer) on AVERY L7160 adhesive labels (63.5 x 38.1mm x 21 per page).

Please ensure that the BARCODE on the Perth Royal Food Awards label is clearly printed and visible.

3. Please ensure that your email address on your Perth Royal Food Awards Exhibitor competition profile is correct as this is where labels, documentation and information regarding the competition will be sent. The Perth Royal Food Awards cannot be held responsible if the Exhibitor does not receive correspondence due to an incorrect email address. It is the responsibility of the Exhibitor to communicate with the Perth Royal Food Awards Event Coordinator should they not receive their entry documentation and correspondence.

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Entries not bearing the Perth Royal Food Awards competition labels, will not be judged.

Judging Process and Criteria

Judging will commence at 9.00am on Tuesday, 16 June 2026.

Judging is closed to the public. Judging is conducted using the 100-point scoring system. All entries are assessed and judged "blind" and on their own merits against the following criteria:

Truffles and Individual Chocolates

All chocolate entered into this section must all look identical and uniform in shape. The size must not exceed one to two small bites.

CRITERIA A - CLASSES 5 TO 17

Uniform of Appearance (must all be the same size)	20
Quality of Finishes (smooth satin finish, consistent finish to each chocolate)	20
Suitability Coated with Chocolate (thickness of chocolate)	10
Flavour and Texture of Centre (mouthfeel)	30
Suitability of Flavour to Chocolate (combinations are suitable and compliment the taste of the chocolate)	20
TOTAL	100

Chocolate Bar

Bars have distinct portioning marks for breaking. Barks and slabs will not be accepted.

CRITERIA B - CLASSES 1 TO 4 AND 18, 19

Quality of finish (high sheen-gloss, consistent finish to each bar)	30
Clean Snap	20
Compact Structure	10
Smooth Texture	20
Flavour (suitability of inclusions if applicable)	20
TOTAL	100

Exhibits will be judged on their individual merits as a commercially produced chocolate and should be as per a normal production run. Exhibitors shall be bound by the decision of the judges and no disputes will be entered into. All concerns must be addressed in writing to the Royal Agricultural Society of WA.



Our judging process is designed to identify and appropriately manage conflicts, ensuring the integrity of our awards.

Judges are chosen on their industry knowledge and expertise and come from one or more of a broad range of industry sectors, including, but not limited to industry educators and researchers, producers, manufacturers, technologists from industry, product retailers and distributors, and product users.

Judges shall not at any time prior to the announcement of awards have access to or any knowledge of the identity of the maker of the Exhibit.

Judges shall not have access to any Exhibit other than from the plate containing it, which will be presented to them by the Stewards.

Judges have the right to refuse to offer an award if in their opinion a product is not of satisfactory quality

Awards shall be determined by the Judges on the following points scale:

Gold

90.0+ points

An outstanding exhibit that displays the correct balance of taste, aroma and appearance appropriate for the style, and excellent technical merit.

Silver

82.0 – 89.9 points

An excellent exhibit that displays the correct balance of taste, aroma and appearance appropriate for the style, and a high level of technical merit.

Bronze

74.0 – 81.9 points

A quality exhibit with the correct balance of taste, aroma and appearance appropriate for the style, and the absence of major faults.

Awards

Winners of Gold, Silver and Bronze in each class will be awarded with certificates and the right to use the Perth Royal Food Awards medal artwork on their winning products.

Entries receiving 90+ or more points and a Gold award are eligible for the Champions competition.

The gold medal entry in that class with the highest points, will be awarded the Champion Trophy.

Champions will be awarded Champion Trophy awards and certificates and the right to use the Perth Royal Food Awards medal artwork on their winning product.

The Society will not be responsible for awards not received by Exhibitors after 31 December 2026. If you have not received your award(s) by 30 November 2026 please contact the Royal Agricultural Society on (08) 6263 3100.

Medal Artwork



The Royal Agricultural Society of WA will provide winners with a medal template in PDF or JPEG format. It is the Exhibitors' responsibility to arrange their own printing.

An Exhibitor shall not advertise or allow to be advertised by any means whatsoever and in particular by broadcasting, television, pictorially or in writing, the fact that any exhibit has won an award at the Perth Royal Food Awards unless such advertisement shows clearly:

4. The name Perth Royal Food Awards;
5. The year of the award;
6. The class in which the award was won;
7. The title of the award or trophy won where applicable.

The use of gold discs, silver discs and bronze discs to promote anniversaries, events, sponsorship and the like, must not be used. Stickers and symbols or other devices should be sufficiently differentiated from show medals in terms of shape and/or colour to ensure no confusion.

Any Exhibitor making improper use of awards won at the 2026 Perth Royal Food Awards for advertising purposes may be disqualified from any future Perth Royal Food Awards.

Award Winners

Where possible, award winners and outstanding exhibits will be promoted during the Perth Royal Show, Perth Royal Food Awards presentations, and sponsor functions.

Successful Gold or Champion winning Exhibitors may have an opportunity to supply the Royal Agricultural Society of WA with award-winning products at a negotiated rate, which will enable the winning products to gain exposure by being featured at any of the following Perth Royal Show activities; functions; dinners; official openings; other related activities.

Excess Judging Stock

All Exhibits become the property of the Royal Agricultural Society of WA and will be disposed of in accordance with health regulations. Excess stock may be used for promoting award winners at award functions and media opportunities or for educational purposes such as workshops.

Unopened products within their Use By or Best Before Date may be given to charities that facilitate the safe and timely distribution of food to people in need.

Awards Presentation

Awards will be announced and presented at the competition specific awards presentation, organised by the Royal Agricultural Society of WA.

Award winners are expected to collect their award(s) or arrange for the collection by their agent at the awards presentation. If the Royal Agricultural Society of WA is required to mail trophy awards, the cost will be the responsibility of the trophy winner.

The Royal Agricultural Society of WA will not be responsible for storing awards after the awards presentation.

Quantity of Exhibits

CLASSES 1 TO 4

200g. Minimum entry samples can be made up of numerous items to make the sample weight required i.e. two (2) bars of minimum 100g chocolate bar samples can be made up of four (4) 50g bars.

Items should have inclusions throughout the chocolate, not just sprinkled on top.

CLASSES 5 TO 16

Minimum quantity required is 10 chocolates.

CLASS 17

Minimum quantity required is two (2) boxes. Minimum 10 per box.

CLASS 18

Minimum quantity required is two (2) bars.

All packs comprising the same Exhibit must be identical. A representative quantity from each Exhibit may be analysed to ensure compliance.

See "classes" below for any product specific instructions.

Special Instructions

All exhibits must display a Use By or Best Before date.

The Chocolate Results Catalogue will be made available via QR Code at the Awards Presentation and also on the Perth Royal Food Awards website.

Individual Judge's results will not be made available to Exhibitors. An aggregate score sheet and feedback sheet will be supplied.

In all classes and subclasses the Exhibit, as stated on the entry form, may be inspected and checked by a representative of the Royal Agricultural Society of WA and/or nominee.

DISQUALIFICATION

No entry will be received from any person or persons disqualified by the Society during the period of such disqualification. Should any such entry be accepted, it shall, when discovered, be deemed void, and the entry fee and chocolate products shall be forfeited, and other affiliated Chocolate Show Societies notified.

General Show Regulations

perthroyalshow.com.au/general-regulations

AWARDS

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SOCIETY'S LIABILITY

The attention of Exhibitors is drawn to General Show Regulation 17, with reference to the Society's Liability.

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

The information provided by the Exhibitor in the application for entry is collected and used by the Royal Agricultural Society of Western Australia to organise and conduct competitions at the Show.

We may publish details such as your name, address and exhibit details in any Royal Agricultural Society of WA publication or communication. Such information may also be made available to, and published by, the media. We will not disclose your information without your consent for any other purpose unless required or authorised by law. You may request access to your personal information and, if necessary, request that our records of that information be corrected by writing to the Chief Executive Officer at the Royal Agricultural Society of Western Australia, PO Box 135, Claremont WA 6910.



Champions

CHAMPION CHOCOLATE

CLASSES 1 TO 19

CHAMPION MILK CHOCOLATE

CLASSES 1, 5, 9, 13, 18 AND 19

CHAMPION DARK CHOCOLATE

CLASSES 2, 6, 10, 14, 18 AND 19

CHAMPION WHITE CHOCOLATE

CLASSES 3, 7, 11 AND 15

CHAMPION RUBY CHOCOLATE

CLASSES 4, 8, 12 AND 16

CHAMPION CHOCOLATE BAR WITH INCLUSIONS

CLASSES 1 TO 4

CHAMPION INDIVIDUAL CHOCOLATES, SINGLE VARIETY, DIPPED OR ENROBED

CLASSES 5 TO 8

CHAMPION INDIVIDUAL CHOCOLATES, SINGLE VARIETY, MOULDED SHELL

CLASSES 9 TO 12

CHAMPION FILLED TRUFFLE SHELLS, SINGLE VARIETY

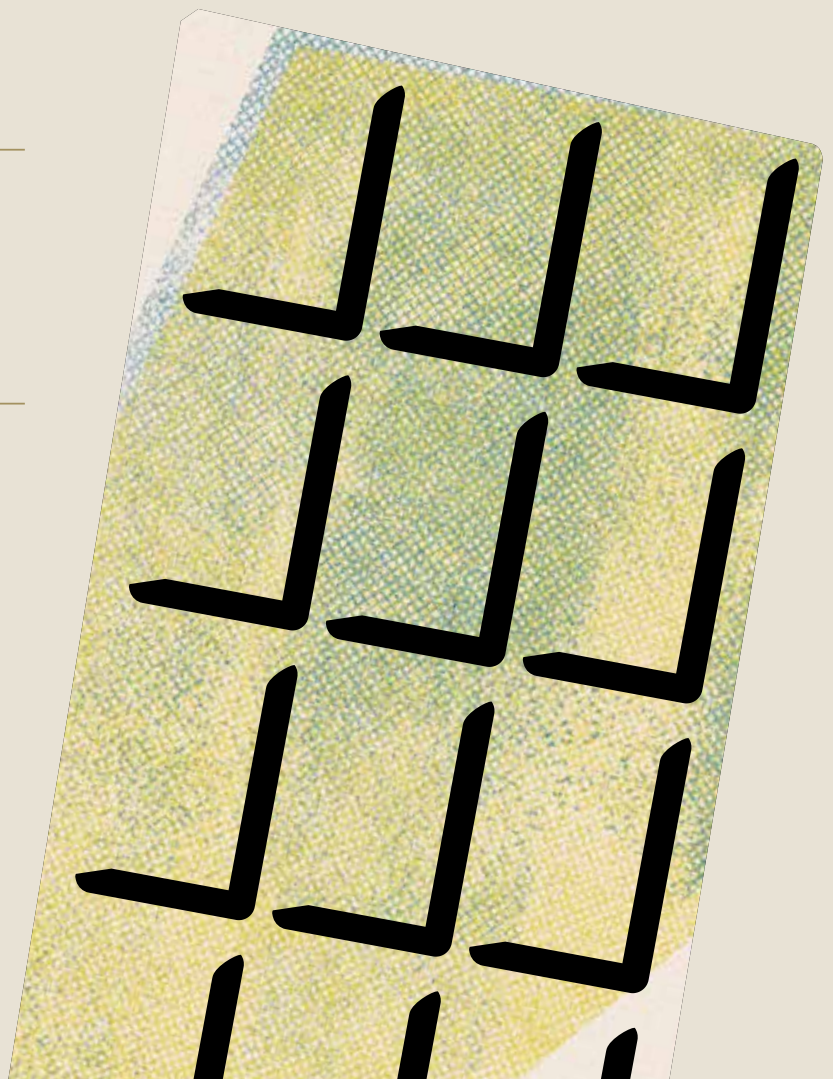
CLASSES 13 TO 16

CHAMPION BOXED CHOCOLATE

CLASSES 17

CHAMPION BEAN TO BAR

CLASSES 18 AND 19



Chocolate Bars with Inclusions

Inclusion should be throughout the chocolate and not just sprinkled on the base of the bar.

All classes will be judged using Judging Criteria B.

CLASS 1

Milk Chocolate Bar with Inclusions

CLASS 3

White Chocolate Bar with Inclusions

CLASS 2

Dark Chocolate Bar with Inclusions

CLASS 4

Ruby Chocolate Bar with Inclusions

Individual Chocolates, Single Variety, Dipped or Enrobed

All classes will be judged using Judging Criteria A.

CLASS 5

Individual Milk Chocolates - Single Variety, Dipped or Enrobed

CLASS 7

Individual White Chocolates - Single Variety, Dipped or Enrobed

CLASS 6

Individual Dark Chocolates - Single Variety, Dipped or Enrobed

CLASS 8

Individual Ruby Chocolates - Single Variety, Dipped or Enrobed

Individual Chocolates, Single Variety, Moulded Shell

All classes will be judged using Judging Criteria A.

CLASS 9

Individual Milk Chocolates - Single Variety, Moulded Shell

CLASS 11

Individual White Chocolates - Single Variety, Moulded Shell

CLASS 10

Individual Dark Chocolates - Single Variety, Moulded Shell

CLASS 12

Individual Ruby Chocolates - Single Variety, Moulded Shell

Individual Chocolates, Filled Truffle Shells, Single Variety

All classes will be judged using Judging Criteria A.

CLASS 13

Filled Milk Truffle Shells - Single Variety

CLASS 15

Filled White Truffle Shells - Single Variety

CLASS 14

Filled Dark Truffle Shells - Single Variety

CLASS 16

Filled Ruby Truffle Shells - Single Variety

Boxed Chocolates

All classes will be judged using Judging Criteria A.

CLASS 17

Boxed Chocolates - Assortment Overall

Mixed, Presentation and Package

An assortment of chocolates presented in boxed form. Points will be allocated for fillings, flavours, condition of chocolate, innovation and creativity including packaging.

Bean to Bar

This class will be judged using Judging Criteria B. Must be couverture. Must not be raw.

CLASS 18

Bean to Bar Single origin - no inclusions

CLASS 19

Bean to Bar Single origin - with inclusions



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