

# 2018 Gingerbread House Contest

## Construction Guidelines

### BASE

All entries must be mounted on a sturdy base – preferably of foam core or plywood, dependent on weight. The base is considered an integral part of the design and will be judged, however it is the only element of the entry that is allowed to be inedible. The base top must be completely concealed with edible product. The sides of the base can be trimmed with non-edible items such as ribbon. Base should not extend more than 6 inches beyond the perimeter of the primary structure.

### SIZE

Due to limited space base can not be larger than 18 square inches. No design elements should extend past the base. Houses can be smaller than their base.

### DESIGN

The design structure is not limited to a “house”, however it must be a building of some sort. Consider a traditional gingerbread house, a dog house, a garden tool shed, a school, a church or a monument. Competitors are welcome and encouraged to uniquely design their entry as long as the entry is in keeping with the Rules and the judging criteria.

### MATERIALS & CONSTRUCTION

- Basic structure can be made of gingerbread or Graham Crackers.
- Entry must be original but you can use a gingerbread kit as your starting point.
- The entry must be delivered fully-completed, attached to its base so that it is freestanding – no further assembly or staging will be allowed once it is dropped off.
- **The entry must be delivered with a completed info card attached to the bottom of the base.** See website for form.
- Any entries with non-edible parts (except the base) will be disqualified. Wrappers and sticks must be removed from pieces of candy. Judges reserve the right to test any design element to verify that it is edible. Due to this, no clear silicone sprays are allowed for preservation.
- No battery or electric components allowed.
- Do not use anything that requires refrigeration, such as egg or butter icings and jello preparations.
- Keep in mind that the entry will be on display for approximately 3 weeks. The main house must be sturdy and well-constructed withstand this time frame.