

Rules of the 21th International Professional Competition of Meats and Sausages

1. Participation

Only those butchers may take part in the competition who are members of the Austrian craft guild and of the meat products industry association, as well as foreign producers of meats and sausages who manufacture the products submitted to the competition by themselves in their own enterprises.

2. Competition exhibits

Each exhibit (product) which takes part in the International competition will be evaluated and rewarded.

To participate in the overall evaluation a minimum of one set of products needs to be submitted.

- For the International Competition for Meats and Sausages, one set of products comprising a total of 12 exhibits (products) with a minimum of 3 exhibits for each of the groups 1 to 4, may be submitted.
- For the International Competition for Platter Laying, one set of products comprises four platters: One roast platter (rustic), one platter of ham, one buffet platter (own creation, intended for immediate consumption) intended for a minimum of 6 people and one platter of canapés. All platters must be jelly free.

Products made of wild game meat (shot not slaughtered) may also be submitted, however these may only fall within groups 1 to 3.

- Wild game exhibits comprise a set of products, if a total of 9 products in groups 1 to 3 is submitted. There have to be 3 exhibits from each group.

For all Austrian products the rules of Chapter B14 of the Austrian Codex Alimentarius are applicable. For exhibits of group 5 (raw sausages) and group 7 (all kinds of platters and fingerfood) there will be a separate group evaluation.

Only marketable products may be submitted to the competition. Products which are submitted using an invented name, need to also include the correct Codex designated name.

Group 1: Scalded sausages

Large sausages like Extrawurst (Scalded pork and beef sausage) or Pariser (Extrawurst with higher portion of flesh and less bacon), small sausages like Frankfurter or Wiener, Knackwurst, haslet, etc. and all other kinds of sausages that are common in the individual countries and would come under this group with exact indication of their names.

Group 2: Meat sausages (sausages for cold cuts)

Ham sausage, Goettingen sausage, Florentine sausage, Mortadella, Polish sausage, Tyrolean sausage, fine Brunswick sausage (saucisson), Lyoner sausage, Debreziner, bacon sausage and all other kinds of sausages that are common in the individual countries and would come under this group with exact indication of their names.

Group 3: Cooked sausages, Pâtés, roulades and all other meat products

Any kind of sausage for spreading, potted head, tongue sausage, black pudding, liver sausage and all other kinds of sausages that are common in the individual countries and would come under this group with exact indication of their names.

Group 4: Raw and salted/cured meat products

Gammon, Osso Collo, streaky bacon, smoked meat, etc. as well as all other kinds of sausages that are common in the individual countries and would come under this group with exact indication of their names.

Group 5: Raw sausages

Hungarian-type salami, Veronese salami, Milanese salami, block-shaped raw sausages, Landjaeger, home-made salami, Mettwurst, all raw sausages that can be cut or spread, as well as all other kinds of sausages that are common in the individual countries and would come under this group with exact indication of their names.

Group 6: Prepared Convenience Products

Prepared appetizer, main meat meals, salads with or without meat or sausage, soups, parfaits with or without meat or sausage, aso.

Group 7: All kinds of platters - Platters of meat, platters of cold cuts for over-the-counter selling, platters related to party catering (cheese, fish, fruit platters, etc.) and gift items, meat/barbecue platter, platter of country-style or gala-style cold cuts, platter of country-style or gala-style hams, platter of country-style or gala-style sausages, platter of country-style or gala-style roast meats, platter of roast meat, platter of hams, buffet platter for at least 6 persons, platter of canapés, platter with other victuals (cheese / fish / fruit), fingerfood. All platters must be jelly free.

3. Application for entry

Applications (please use the official form) must be sent by **29 July 2016** (postmark) at the latest, and **will be considered valid only upon receipt of the entrance fee.**

ATTENTION: the company name will be used for any certificates and must therefore be clearly written in block capitals!

4. Participation fee

The participation fee per exhibit (product) in groups 1 to 6 is € 45,- plus 20% VAT, the participation fee per exhibit (product) in group 7 is € 22,- plus 20% VAT. The fee will be invoiced upon receipt of the definitive application acc. to chapter III.

5. Submission of exhibits

Exhibits (products) in groups 1 to 6 must be clearly designated using the labels and tags received upon application. They must be advised before dispatch and shipped in due time so as to arrive at the jury headquarters at **Hollabrunn on Monday, August 29th, 2016.**

(Landesberufsschule Hollabrunn, Josef Weisleinstraße 7, 2020 Hollabrunn)

Exhibits may also be handed in directly at the jury headquarters **Landesberufsschule Hollabrunn, Josef Weisleinstraße 7, A-2020 Hollabrunn**, on Monday, August 29th, Tuesday, August 30th and Wednesday, September 1st, 2014 between 8 a.m. and 12 noon.

Attention:

- Only whole pieces (e.g. a whole sausage) will be considered. For each exhibit, samples of at least 1 kg are to be submitted. In those kinds of sausages that are made in pairs, 6 pairs; in the case of packaged products, 6 pieces need to be submitted.
- Samples that have been cut will not be judged.
- The products shall be submitted on behalf of the producer and shall bear no distinguishing features so as to indicate neither the submitting party nor the place of manufacture (printed sausage casings, specific labels or tags are not permitted). In case of doubt, the jury may reject samples. This is to ensure an objective evaluation.
- Exhibits which merely show a fantasy name but do not include the correct Codex designated name will not be evaluated.

Exhibits in group 7 must be prepared at the jury headquarters **Landesberufsschule Hollabrunn, Josef Weisleinstraße 7, A-2020 Hollabrunn** on Monday, August 29th, 2016 between 9:00 a.m. and 13:00 p.m.

Meat and sausage slicers will be made available. The material for the plates must be brought. It may be pre-cut, but the decoration material must stay untouched until preparation. The plates need to be manufactured at the jury headquarters. For 1 plate for 6 persons there is a time limit of 60 minutes. **The schedule will be set according to the number of registered platters.**

Conditions:

Products not submitted in time or as prescribed or products which are not submitted will be excluded from the competition. Paid fees will not be reimbursed in such cases.

All exhibits must be transported in solid packaging, refrigerated if necessary. Goods damaged during transport will not be considered.

Products will be submitted on the contestant's own account and risk. Submitted products will become the property of the organisers and will be used for charitable purposes where possible. Contestants will receive official labels for parcels and tags for the products (exhibits) upon payment of the application fee. These are to be used as described in the accompanying letter.

The participants agree that their information will be published on the homepages of the Bundesinnung der Lebensmittelgewerbe and the Lebensmittelakademie des österreichischen Gewerbes.

6. Evaluation

Groups 1 to 5: meats and sausages

1. consistency und texture
2. appearance and colour of cut surface
3. taste and smell
4. compilation/combination
5. processing (workmanship, innovation)

Group 6: prepared convenience products

1. consistency und texture
2. consuming
3. taste and smell
4. compilation/combination and trimmings
5. processing

Group 7: All kinds of platters - platters of meat, platters of cold cuts for over-the-counter selling, platters related to party catering (cheese, fish, fruit platters, etc.). (group 7)

1. general impression
2. exact execution
3. composition
4. artistic value or idea, level of difficulty

The evaluation is based on a point system with a maximum of 50 points to be scored in all groups with exception of group 6, in which a maximum number of 53 points may be scored, where a product shows particular innovation or especially high skills.

For all submitted products a written report with any particulars will be posted to the contestants after the end of the competition.

The decision of the jury is final and no correspondence on the subject may be entered into. Legal process is excluded.

7. Prizes

Products that score 49 or more points will receive a first prize consisting of a certificate and a gold medal with case.

Products that score 46 to 48 points will receive a second prize consisting of a certificate and a silver medal.

Products that score 41 to 45 points will receive a third prize consisting of a certificate and a bronze medal.

Products that score 31 to 40 points will receive an "honourable mention" consisting of a certificate.

Honorary prizes will be awarded if:

- **all (12) products, which were submitted for the meats and sausages set, achieved a gold medal**
- **all (9) products, which were submitted for the wild game meat set, achieved a gold medal**
- **all (4) platters, which were submitted as a set in group 7, achieved a gold medal.**

Regardless of the number of sets submitted only one honorary prize per group can be achieved.

All recipients of honorary prizes will be mentioned by name in the medial follow up of the competition. Regardless of the number of sets submitted, the participant can only be mentioned once.

All recipients of honorary prizes will be invited to a fotoshooting with federal Minister DI Andrä Rupprechter. The awards will be presented by the president of the Austrian Chamber of Commerce Dr. Christoph Leitl at a festive event at the Austrian Chamber of Commerce.

Medals, written reports and certificates will be posted to the contestants (as of mid-September).