

2020 NICRA Ice Cream Clinic Rules, Terms and Conditions:

- 1) NICRA members in good standing are eligible to register and enter Vanilla, Chocolate and/or Strawberry samples into the annual Ice Cream Clinic
- 2) NICRA members must be registered for the Annual Meeting and Convention and attend the Annual Awards Banquet in order to be eligible to receive any Certificate of Recognition and/or ribbon awarded, and to be included in press releases sent to the media.
- 3) NICRA members in good standing who enter the Ice Cream Clinic but do NOT register for the Annual Meeting and Convention will receive analysis and a scorecard for their entry/entries following the Annual Meeting and Convention. A Certificate of Recognition and/or ribbon will NOT be awarded, nor will said NICRA member be included in press releases sent to the media.
- 4) NICRA will seek analysis of Ice Cream Clinic entries from universities that are the top scoring schools in the Collegiate Contest conducted by the International Association of Food Industry Suppliers. Sensory and bacteriology testing will be conducted by the University of Minnesota.
- 5) NICRA will provide designated packaging for each entry. All ice cream samples must be shipped in the provided packaging and shipped in one shipment, on the date designated by NICRA. Entries that do NOT adhere to shipping standards or do NOT ship on the designated date will be disqualified and no refunds issued.
- 6) ALL samples must meet the following microbiology standards in order to be eligible for sensory testing in the Ice Cream Clinic:
 - Standard Plate Count – Less than 50,000 bacteria per gram
 - Coliform Count – Less than 10 coliform per gram for Vanilla samples
 - Coliform Count – Less than 20 coliform per gram for Chocolate or Strawberry samples
- 7) Samples that test higher than the levels above will be disqualified from further testing and the entrant will be notified by the University of Minnesota.
- 8) Disqualified entries will not receive a refund of the registration/entrance fees. New/replacement samples will not be allowed.
- 9) Sensory testing will be conducted on all samples that meet the microbiology standards listed above. Scores awarded by the University of Minnesota are final and not eligible for reconsideration.
- 10) The flavor name, as it appears on the registration form for the Ice Cream Clinic will be the name that appears on the Certificate of Recognition if the entry qualifies for recognition.
- 11) Certificates of Recognition and ribbons will be awarded based upon the following scores:
 - Blue Ribbon – 40.5-43
 - Red Ribbon – 38-40.4
 - White Ribbon – 35.5-37.9
- 12) By entering the Ice Cream Clinic, the entrant agree to abide by the Rules, Terms and Conditions herein.

2020 NICRA Ice Cream Contest Rules, Terms and Conditions:

- 1) NICRA members in good standing are eligible to register and enter a flavor(s) into the Best New Flavor and Best New Non-Dairy Flavor contests.

- 2) NICRA members must be registered for the Annual Meeting and Convention and attend the Annual Awards Banquet in order to be eligible for Awards and Certificates of Recognition, and to be included in press releases sent to the media.
- 3) NICRA will provide designated packaging for each entry. All ice cream samples must be shipped in the provided packaging and shipped in one shipment, on the date designated by NICRA. Entries that do not adhere to shipping standards or do NOT ship on the designated date will be disqualified and no refunds issued.
- 4) The University of Minnesota will conduct microbiology testing. ALL samples must meet the following microbiology standards in order to be eligible for judging in the Best New Flavor and Best New Non-Dairy Flavor Contests:
 - Standard Plate Count – Less than 50,000 bacteria per gram
 - Coliform Count – Less than 20 coliform per gram
- 5) Samples that test higher than the levels listed above will be disqualified and the entrant will be notified by the University of Minnesota.
- 6) Disqualified entries will not receive a refund of the registration/entrance fees. New/replacement samples will not be allowed due to time constraints.
- 7) The flavor name, as it appears on the registration form for the Best New Flavor and/or Best New Non-Dairy Flavor Contests will be the name that appears on the Certificate of Recognition and/or trophy if the entry qualifies for recognition.
- 8) Entries will be judged according to the ballot supplied by NICRA. Results are final.
- 9) By entering the Ice Cream Clinic, the entrant agrees to abide by the Rules, Terms and Conditions herein.