



2019 NICRA ICE CREAM CONTEST RULES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- You must be a member of NICRA in good standing in order to participate in the Ice Cream Clinic and Your Best New Flavor Contests
- NICRA will only be using the universities that are the top scoring schools in the Collegiate Contest conducted by the International Association of Food Industry Suppliers.
- ALL sensory and bacteriology testing will be done at the University of Minnesota.
- All ice cream samples must be shipped in one shipment. These are the microbiology standards that ALL samples must meet to be included in any of the competitions:
 1. Standard Plate Count - Less than 50,000 bacteria per gram
 2. Coliform Count - Less than 10 coliform per gram for vanilla
 3. Coliform Count - Less than 20 coliform per gram for all other flavors

If your samples test higher than these counts, there will be no further testing of the samples

- If your levels are higher than those listed above, you will receive a call from the NICRA / University of MN office giving you the results of the tests.
- Your samples will not be allowed to be entered into the ice cream contests, the samples will not be available at the Annual Meeting for tasting.
- You will receive a formal letter from the NICRA / University of MN office telling you that your samples were pulled from the competition because they exceeded the microbiology standards. You will not receive a refund of your entrance fee.
- You will not be allowed to submit new samples because of time constraints.
- Participants must be registered and attend the Annual Meeting.
- You must be present at the banquet on Thursday evening to be eligible for certificate of recognition if your ice cream qualifies for a certificate.
- By entering the ice cream contests you agree to abide by the rules of the ice cream contests.
- Those not attending the Annual Meeting may submit samples of vanilla chocolate and strawberry for analysis.
- A summary report will be available after the Annual Meeting.
- If you submit samples and do not attend the Annual Meeting and the banquet on Thursday evening, you will not receive a certificate of recognition or be included in press releases sent to the media.
- The flavor name as it appears on the entry form for the Ice Cream Clinic and Your Best New Flavor and Best New Flavor Non-Dairy will be the name that appears on the certificate of recognition, if your ice cream qualifies for a certificate.