



Pie Festival, Pie Town, NM

September 13, 2025

# Pie Baking Contest Rules

Pie must be entered in the name of the person who made it.

## INGREDIENTS RULING:

To Entrant:

Due to State Health requirements and restrictions, please make sure the pie you bring adheres to the following Ingredients Ruling. Unfortunately, we cannot accept any pies that would require refrigeration, or are too low acid.

Ingredients Ruling:

Pie Filling ingredients that would require Refrigeration, or are too Low Acid are NOT ALLOWED:

Meat, Eggs, Cream/Milk or Milk Substitutes, Nut/Soy Milk, and Meringue. Sweet Potatoes, Pumpkin, and Chilies.

Exceptions:

Dairy, Butter, and Eggs change when baked in a pie crust and using them in a crust IS ALLOWED. Egg in Pecan and Chess pies IS ALLOWED.

The Pie Baking Contest Coordinator has the final say on the acceptability of any pie.

CATEGORIES:

- Fruit
- Nut
- Other
- Youth (Baker must be 17 years of age or under)

## PRIZES:

Grand Prize is \$100 plus Grand Prize Ribbon (and Bragging Rights).

Prizes for each category are:

- First Place is \$25 plus First Place Ribbon
- Second Place is Second Place Ribbon
- Third Place is Third Place Ribbon

## AWARDS & DISPOSITION OF PIES:

- Awards will be given after all judging is complete.
- Winning pies may be auctioned as a fundraiser for Pie Town.
- All other pies entered will be sold at contest site, concession stand, and winning pies at auction.

## TO ENTER:

- Bring your pie to the contest site at the drop-off near the fire station. See map.
- NO EARLIER than 9 AM and NO LATER than 10:30 AM on:

PIE FESTIVAL DAY, Saturday, September 13, 2025

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW (Message from Pie Festival Security)

Please PARK FIRST at the drop-off zone near the fire station and you will be brought to the Pie Baking Contest tent by staff in gold carts.. The Pi-K run is being held in the morning and safety for the runners must be observed. Please be aware some roads will be closed used for the Pi-K run and plan accordingly. Please obey all instructions from the Pie Festival staff.

## ENTRANT REGISTRATION AND PERMISSION:

- ALL entries must fill out a registration form at the Pie Baking Contest tent.
- By entering your pie, you are acknowledging the entered pies become the property of the Pie Festival and that you WILL NOT get your pie or pie pan back.
- You also agree to give permission to have your photo and your pie’s photo taken during the announcement ceremony.

NOTE: A copy of your pie recipe (if it was your own creation) would be appreciated. You would be giving us the right to publish your recipe (if it is selected) for publication in future editions of the Pie Town, Pie Cookbook. You would receive name recognition for your contribution.

All entrants receive a “PIE BAKER” ribbon to wear proudly during the Pie Festival.

## JUDGING:

- Judges must be at least 18 years of age or older.
- Judging will start about 11:00 AM, but the exact time will be determined on Pie Festival day.
- Pies are judged on:
  - Overall Appearance
  - Crust
  - Taste
- Each judge assigns a numerical value from 1 to 10 in each criteria category, without consultation with each other.
- The pie receiving highest total numerical value is the winner in that category. In case of tie, judges will judge those pies again.
- Each First Prize winning pie will be judged again, and judges will decide which pie from these is the Grand Prize Pie.
- In the category of the Grand Prize winning pie, the Second Place will become the First, Third Place becomes Second Place, and Fourth Place becomes Third Place.