

ICDA COMPETITION RULES 2026

- 1. All entries must be staged between 10:00 and 18:00 on Tuesday 23rd June 2026. Exhibits can be brought direct to the Show, as above or, can be delivered to GS Davies & Son, Quakers Coppice, Crewe Gates Industrial Estate, Crewe CW1 6FA, Tel: 01270 585445 by 12:00hrs on Monday 22nd June 2026.**

Please state on entry form whether you will or will not be staging your own entries. If you wish the Organiser to stage your entries then product entries must be delivered to GS Davies & Son (as above), and must have the outer carton of each entry marked with the following:

International Cheese Awards; Class No; Entrant No; Name of Entrant

The small white label supplied by the ICDA, stating Class and Entrant number must be placed on the TOP of the entries.

EU EXHIBITS/PRODUCERS – Please see additional information on entry page of website

REST OF THE WORLD EXHIBITS/PRODUCERS – Please see additional information on entry page of website.

- 2. No exhibits to be removed from Show before 15:00hrs on Thursday 26th June 2026 but any exhibits remaining in Cheese Judging Area after 16:00hrs will be deemed to have been left for the Organiser to dispose of, whether they display a label, or not. Please state on entry form whether you wish the Organiser to remove and dispose of the entry at the end of the Show. To help with this, stickers will be supplied at time of entry. If you do wish to donate your entry to the Show, please put the sticker on your product.**

NOTE: Failure to remove exhibits at specified times will result in the Organiser disposing of the entry and retaining any proceeds. No unauthorised removal of entries will be allowed. Any entrant nominating a third party to remove his entries must provide written authorisation giving Class and Entry numbers to the Chief Steward before any Entry is removed.

- 3. If not exhibited by the manufacturer/producer all entries must state maker and country of origin.**
- 4. All entrants undertake to abide by the Organiser's general Rules and Regulations and will not hold the Organiser responsible in the event of any accident, loss or damage from whatever cause arising or to any article or entry or of mis-delivery of the same. Entrants are advised to have sufficient insurance cover for any items of value that may form part of an entry.**
- 5. Any cheese bearing any form of identification mark, other than that issued by the Entries Secretary, must have this removed or covered prior to judging. Where identification forms a part of the waxing process, entrants must endeavour to have this removed or the entry may be covered or disqualified at the Judges' or Organisers' discretion. UNLESS THE CLASS SAYS BRANDED PACKAGING ALLOWED.**

- 6. The Organiser reserves the right to cancel or alter classes without notification.**

- 7. ADVERTISING:** Advertising material may be placed on the entry after judging. Any entrant wishing advertising material to be fixed to his entry may send it with his entry, clearly marked with the entry and class numbers. The size of advertising material shall not exceed 380 x 300mm (15 x 12ins) and all advertising material must be submitted to the Organiser for inspection and approval before attaching to the entry. The Organiser's decision is final.

NB. Intention is to let the entrants display their normal trademarks and labels on the product after judging.

USE OF MARKETING MATERIAL: The ICDA supports entrants who may wish to place marketing or branding material on their entries subject to the following conditions:

- Such material must be isolated to the footprint of the entry in its judged location only.
 - Any Marketing or Branding material cannot encroach on the space of any entry in front, behind or beside it.
 - All Marketing or Branding material not collected by a competitor along with their entry at the end of the show will be discarded by the show.
 - Every effort will be made by the show stewards to collect all prize-winning cards and rosettes at the end of the event, where competitors have not collected. Every reasonable effort will be made to store these cards and rosettes, however the show cannot be held responsible for missing items, where collection by a competitor has not been made according to the competition rules.
 - Failure to observe these rules could result in disqualification of an entry post-award and the award being re-allocated.
 - Any decision to disqualify for not following these rules will be the responsibility of the Show Referee, whose decision will be full and final.
- 8. No cheese entry must have been ironed or bored more than once, or it will be disqualified.**
 - 9. A cool display area will be provided for Classes as deemed appropriate by the Organiser.**
 - 10. All exhibits must be commercially available in the UK, Country of Origin or Country in which they are marketed, during the 6 months before or 6 months after the competition date, excepting Class DP465.**
 - 11. The sale of entries or other dairy products is not permitted without the prior consent of the Organiser.**

12. The Organiser will dispose of entries, at the request of the entrants, in such way as to maintain the integrity and reputation of all Cheesemakers in compliance with current Food Legislation.
13. SC Winners (Section Gold Winners - see Trophy lists) will go forward to the Supreme Championships.
14. All classes will be awarding a Gold Award. If there are less than 3 entries in the class and the judges are unable to agree on this, the referee will adjudicate.
15. The International Cheese & Dairy Awards comply with all aspects of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). Please follow this link to our policy which explains how we do this.
<https://irp.cdn-website.com/b82df2c7/files/uploaded/ICDA%20Data%20Protection%20Policy.pdf>
16. The International Cheese and Dairy Awards (ICDA) provide an undertaking to meet the costs of movement from its specific designated consolidation points to the UK and onwards to the showground for competition. The ICDA is not responsible for the value or associated costs of any entries which are not delivered to the showground by missed departure or error, at any point in the journey, by rejection prior to arrival, Government action or any other issue resulting in entries unable to be staged onto tables ahead of competition. Such events are outside of our control and entering the competition assumes these risks are accepted by the competitor when entries are made.