



Cheesecake & Pie Competition Rules 2026

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General Rules

- Adult & Juniors Divisions in Both Pie & Cheesecake Categories
- \$5 registration fee per pie or cheesecake, unlimited entries.
- Judging will take place at the Tip Top Lounge on Saturday, September 19th, 2026 at 3:00 PM.
- Please bring your pie or cheesecake to the Tip Top Lounge by 1:30 PM on Saturday, September 19th, 2026.
- All cheesecakes & pies must be homemade. This means no pre-made crusts, fillings, or other commercial products. We're looking for your personal touch and baking expertise. The crust should be made from scratch unless otherwise specified in the rules.

- While traditional pie crusts are common, alternative crusts such as graham cracker, nut, or cookie crusts are acceptable, as long as they complement the filling and the overall pie.
- Participants can choose between fruit pies, cream pies, custard pies, or savory pies, but all must be prepared and baked from scratch. We want to see your creativity and skill in crafting a truly homemade dessert. If it's a large pie, it should be easily sliceable for serving.
- Pies/cheesecakes must be delivered to the competition in a **disposable pan**.
- All pies & cheesecakes will be donated to the Hi-line Harvest Festival and auctioned off after judging. A % of proceeds raised in the auction will be donated to the Chester Food Bank.
- To ensure the health and safety of everyone, we ask all bakers to follow the best practices in food safety and sanitation.

Judging Process:

- Pies and cheesecakes will be judged separately in two divisions—Adults and Kids—by panels of three judges.
- Judges will taste each pie/cheesecake individually and score it according to appearance, crust, filling, taste, creativity and originality, and overall impression. For full judging criteria notes, please visit the website: hilinharvestfest.com.
- After all pies/cheesecakes have been tasted, the judges may discuss their scores but will submit their individual scorecards before any deliberation occurs.
- The pie/cheesecake with the highest overall score will be declared the winner of the competition.
- Prizes will be given to 1st and 2nd places in each Pie & Cheesecake Categories in both Divisions - Juniors and Adults..

