

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Qualifying Entrants

The competition is open to all confectioners who manufacture the products submitted for evaluation to the jury at their own companies as well as to vocational schools.

2. Competition Products

Group 1: Solid Bar (min. 50g) - Unfilled chocolate, decorated or plain

Example: Chocolate (white, milk, dark), without decoration or topped with dried fruits or nuts.

Group 2: Filled Bar (min. 50g) - Chocolate filled in the form of bars or small bars

Group 3: Filled Chocolates ("Pralinen") (max. 20g)

Group 4: Cut Chocolates ("Pralinen") (max. 20g)

Group 5: Truffle (max. 20g)

Group 6: Single Chocolates ("Praline") / Bar (min. 21g)

Cut or poured into a mold

Group 7: ART- Chocolates ("Pralinen")

Art chocolates that break away from the traditional shape and can also consist of several separate elements.

Group 8: Dragees

Group 9: House Specialty, e.g., cakes, pastries, gingerbread, dragees, etc., suitable for shipping

Delivery must be made via courier service.

A maximum of 5 products per group may be submitted.

For each exhibit multiple (identical) pieces must be submitted:

Groups	Number of pieces	Groups	Number of pieces
1 and 2	3	3 – 7	4
8	1 (min. 200g)	9	1 (cake) and 3 (in case of any other products)

3. Registration

Online registration must be accomplished on www.ausgezeichnete-produkte.at please select "Österreichischer Konditorenwettbewerb". In case you need any help with the online registration, please contact us via phone: + 43677/63745344 or write us an Email: info@LMAkademie.at

The participating companies agree to the publication of their results as well as any photographs and film recordings taken of them or their products during the competition both online as well as through any other media. You will find a detailed data privacy statement on the registration website.

Discount: For a registration until the **31st of December**, you get a discount of 3% (max. EUR 50,-).

4. Entrance Fee

There is a registration fee of €60.00 plus 20% VAT per product.

Invoicing of the participation fee will take place upon receipt of the definitive registration.

5. Submitting Products

Once the entrance fee has been paid, competitors will receive tags by e-mail that must be printed and attached to the packaging of the product (e.g. with sellotape or rubber band etc.). Furthermore, a delivery slip with details of the contents must be enclosed in the package with the products.

The packaging must be sufficiently robust to prevent the products from being damaged during transport and particular care must be taken to ensure that there are no adverse effects from heat (e.g. use of a styrofoam box). Please be aware that products damaged during transport will be rejected.

Participants have the option to send the products either by courier service or deliver them in person to this address (except for Group 9 – courier service is the only option here):

BÄKO Österreich e.Gen. Linz
Reference: „Wettbewerb“
Im Südpark 194, 4030 Linz

Entries must be sent so that products for Groups 1 – 8 are received by the jury (see above) on 24th February 2026 between 9:00 and 15:00 o'clock. Entries for Group 9 (Specialty of the house) must be sent so that they are received by the jury (see above) on 23rd or 24th of February 2026 between 8:00 and 15:00 o'clock. This closing date is final. Products received after this time will not be considered.

Entries are sent at the competitor's own risk and expense.

The property of the products passes to the organisers upon receipt.

6. Reasons for Rejection

Entries will be disqualified by the jury, particularly if

- they were not delivered in the manner and by the closing date and time specified;
- they were damaged during transport.

Entrance fees will not be refunded if goods are disqualified.

7. Judging

a) Products in Group 1 to 8 will be judged according to:

Visual impression "eyes"	20 points
Flavour "mouth & nose"	40 points
Technical execution	25 points
Overall impression	15 points
Total	100 points

b) Products in Group 9 will be judged according to:

Visual impression "eyes"	20 points
Flavour "mouth & nose"	40 points
Technical execution	25 points
Overall impression & transportability	15 points
Total	100 points

Products will be judged according to a points system. A maximum 100 points can be awarded in total.

The jury will be composed of representatives of the Austrian Federal Guild of Confectioners, vocational school teachers and Austrian and international experts.

The decision of the jury is final and no correspondence shall be entered into.

8. Prizes

Products scoring 95 to 100 points will receive a first prize, consisting of a certificate and a gold medal. Products scoring 88 to 94 points will be awarded a second prize, consisting of a certificate and a silver medal per business. Products scoring 78 to 87 points will receive a third prize, consisting of a certificate. The product with the highest score in each group will be honored with a special award.

The special awards will be presented to the winners in a ceremony during the BÄKO Spring Fair on Monday, April 20th, 2026, in Linz, and will be communicated on-site at that time. Please be aware that there will be no communication whatsoever on the winners of special awards before the ceremony.

Each winner is entitled to promote the placement directly related to the awarded product within their own business. However, promotion of the awarded products by any potential reseller (e.g., in their premises, mailings, etc.) is generally not provided and pre-requires consultation with the Federal Guild of Food Producers. This year, there is an option to order stickers for the award-winning products. Details can be found directly during the registration process!

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