



2026 Eclairs BAKING CONTEST RULES

1 ORGANISATION AND TIMETABLE

This contest is organised by the “Alliance Française Palmerston North Incorporated”.

Submit **at least 10 “éclairs”** to the “Alliance Française Palmerston North Incorporated” on **Saturday 16 May** between 5.30pm and 5.45pm.

The éclairs will be judged during the event in Palmerston North.

- Saturday 16 May **between 5.30pm and 5.45pm**: Deadline for entries and delivery of éclairs at Room 108, Square Edge, First Floor, 47 The Square, 4440 Palmerston North.
- Saturday 16 May **between 6pm and 7pm**: Professional tasting and judging.
- Saturday 16 May at approx. **7.15pm**: Winner announced and prizes will be given to the winners in Evelyn Rawlins Room, Square Edge, 47 The Square, 4440 Palmerston North.

2 ENTRANT

The contest is open to all physical persons **over 18 years of age**.

The contest is reserved to home cooks and bakers. Entrants **must not be professional patissiers (pastry chefs), chefs or cooks**.

3 TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Entry is **FREE** for contestants.

The contest is open to those aged 18 and over.

The contest is based on the submission of home-baked “Eclairs”. By entering the contest, entrants guarantee that they baked their éclairs themselves.

The contest is limited to the first 25 entrants. Each entrant must submit **at least 10 “éclairs”**.

Our judging criteria, for a total of 40 points, are as follows:

- 1. Appearance** (5 points)— Overall appearance, glazing, color, and presentation.
- 2. Uniformity** (10 points) — Regularity of shape, size, and piping consistency.
- 3. Texture** (10 points) — Quality of the choux pastry and cream filling (lightness, structure, balance).
- 4. Taste and Flavors** (10 points) — Flavour accuracy, balance, intensity, and overall tasting experience.
- 5. Originality of the recipe** (5 points) — Creativity of the recipe, unique combinations, or innovative techniques.

“Eclairs” must be brought in ready to be judged on Saturday 16 May between 5.30pm and 5.45pm to Evelyn Rawlins Room, Square Edge, First Floor, 47 The Square, 4440 Palmerston North. It is recommended that entrants bring their éclairs on a plate / pallet in a sealed container or well wrapped (e.g. aluminium foil or other cover).

Entrants gift their éclairs to the “Alliance Française Palmerston North Incorporated” and agree to the “éclairs” being consumed by guests of the “Alliance Française Palmerston North Incorporated” after the announcement of the winner on Saturday 16 May 2026.

Entrants authorise the “Alliance Française Palmerston North Incorporated” to publish photos and videos of their “éclairs” and themselves on its website and/or social networks, for communication purposes.

Participation in the contest implies unconditional acceptance of the rules and terms & conditions. Failure to follow any of the rules or any of the terms and conditions will result in a candidate’s participation being cancelled.

4 PRIZES

The first prize includes a 30\$ voucher from Alexandre Patisserie, a \$25 voucher from Alliance Française Palmerston North and a set of books “*The Art of French cuisine*”.

The second and third prize include a \$10 voucher from Alexandre Patisserie and a \$25 voucher from Alliance Française Palmerston North.

For further information, please contact the Alliance Française Palmerston North Incorporated on (021) 207 0114 and/or info@french.org.nz