

BreadFest Guidelines

Thank you for entering our BreadFest baking competition! The Co-op honors everyone who knows how to bake a delicious loaf of bread! You give us hope for the future.

Please review the information below and reserve your spot by completing the form. There is no cost to enter.

Requirements and Restrictions

Requirements

- Bread must be a lean sourdough. (Typically, lean sourdoughs only have these ingredients: flour, water, salt, and yeast/starter/levain.)
- Each contestant must provide two loaves:
 - One whole loaf for the judges.
 - One loaf cut into roughly 1" cubes, placed in a resealable bag for public sampling.
- All entries must meet proper food safety and hygiene standards.

Restrictions

- Breads with added ingredients (herbs, garlic, olives, cheese, fats, sweeteners, etc.) will be disqualified.
 - No bread machines allowed.
 - One entry per person.
 - Breads that are undercooked, damaged, or unsafe will not be judged.
 - Breads must be delivered to the Co-op by 11 AM on March 28.
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Delivery Details

- Deliver to **Brattleboro Food Co-op Customer Service Desk**.
 - Between **10 AM and 11:00 AM on Saturday, March 28, 2026**.
 - Online registration deadline: **Thursday, March 26, 2026**.
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Judging and Prizes

- The judges will be evaluating breads on three equally-weighted qualities: Appearance, Texture, and Flavor/Aroma. There will be four prize winners: judges' and people's choice for adult bakers, and judges' and people's choice for youth bakers
- Judges' choice winners will receive a \$50 Brattleboro Food Co-op Gift Card, and a Lodge Combo Cooker filled with donations from the following generous local vendors: Singing Cedars Apiaries, Vermont Creamery, Ploughgate Butter, and Farmer Ground.
- Peoples' choice will receive a gift bag filled with donations from the following generous local vendors: Singing Cedars Apiaries, Vermont Creamery, Ploughgate Butter, and Farmer Ground.
- Judges' feedback will be provided to entrants upon request, but it is intended solely for the guidance of the entrants and must not be made public or shared with third parties.
- The judges' decision is final.