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OUR MISSION

The World Association of Chefs Societies is a non-political professional organization, dedicated to maintaining and improving the culinary standards of global cuisines. We accomplish these goals through education, training and professional development of our international membership. As an authority and opinion leader on food, WORLDCHEFS represents a global voice on all issues related to the culinary profession.

WORLDCHEFS APPROVED JUDGES

WORLDCHEFS maintains a list of carefully evaluated judges. WORLDCHEFS Approved Judges will make sure that a fair and consistent level is achieved around the world with specific and measured judging criteria along with standardised competition rules and guidelines.

HOW TO BECOME A JUDGE

To become a Worldchefs approved judge you must complete and return this application together with requested evidence for evaluation by the Culinary Competition Committee (CCC). Only complete applications will be considered.

MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS FOR BECOMING A WORLDCHEFS APPROVED JUDGE:

- You must be a member of a chef association who is a national member of WORLDCHEFS and in good financial standing.
- Be a professionally qualified Chef and active as a Chef in a commercial kitchen; or a Foodservice Manager; or a Chef Educator.
- You must have completed a WORLDCHEFS judging seminar.
- Be able to understand and communicate in English at a reasonable level.
- Must read and sign the WORLDCHEFS Code of Conduct.

WORLDCHEFS JUDGING SEMINARS

WORLDCHEFS Culinary Competition Committee has developed and implemented a Judging Seminar Program that will be proposed in all continents on a regular basis.

The Judging Seminar are mandatory for all future WORLDCHEFS Approved Judges.

WORLDCHEFS member countries have the possibility to licence the Judging Seminars for the benefit of all chefs in their region.

Judging Seminars are open to everyone who wishes to increase their understanding and knowledge of judging and competitions. I.e. aspiring judges, competitors, trainers, event organisers, etc.

Attending a judging seminar does not automatically qualify one as an Approved Judge. Applicants must fulfill all criteria laid out in this document and provide evidence where requested.

RENEWAL OF JUDGING LICENSE

In order to maintain their judging licence, Judges are required to attend a judging seminar every five (5) years. They will receive a reminder from WORLDCHEFS office one year ahead of expiration and must complete the renewal process. The application form will be checked at the same time again.

SUSPENSION OF A JUDGING LICENCE:

There are three (3) reasons for suspension:

- Violation of the judge’s code of conduct.
- Wrong information on the application forms provided to the CCC.
- If a judge is no longer a member of a WORLDCHEFS member country association.

If a judge moves to another country, the judge license will be valid in the new country as soon as he/she becomes a member of the national WORLDCHEFS chefs association in the new country. It is the responsibility of the judge to inform the Worldchefs office about his/her change of country. It has to be proved by sending a copy of his/her new membership card and a receipt of the membership fee to Worldchefs office.

PROCESS

All requests for a judge’s recall must be sent to the CCC chair by a competition organizer; chairman of a jury group, a WORLDCHEFS observer or a President of a National Chefs Association that is a WORLDCHEFS member in good standing. (Not Affiliate or Associate members).

- The CCC will send a letter to the judge in question through the WORLDCHEFS office and give him/her a chance to explain himself/herself.
- The CCC will make the decision and the WORLDCHEFS office will inform both the judge and his National Chefs Association of the decision. The decision cannot be appealed.

A country has the right to request that a judge is removed. The request can only be done by the president from a WORLDCHEFS member country in good standing, not an Affiliate nor an Associate member. The president must inform the CCC which will confirm to the country in question and will inform the WORLDCHEFS office. The WORLDCHEFS office will remove the judge from the list. It is the country who has the responsibility to inform the judge in question of the dismissal.

APPLICATION FOR LEVEL:

☐ A ☐ B ☐ REGIONAL

CATEGORY(S):

☐ Culinary Art / Hot Kitchen
☐ Pastry Art
☐ Community Kitchen
☐ Carving
☐ Military

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APPLICATION FOR “REGIONAL” LEVEL JUDGE □
Documents and evidences required for Regional level judges:
☐ Application form must be signed or include a written approval from the President of a WORLDCHefs national member chefs association that is in good standing (not Affiliate or Associate members).
☐ Provide proof that you completed a WORLDCHefs official judging seminar within the required five year term.
☐ Provide proof that you have competed in at least four (4) national or international competitions as an individual or as a member of a team.
☐ Provide proof that you must have experience judging local or national competition(s) or have been a learning judge.
☐ Provide proof that you are a professionally qualified Chef and active as a Chef in a commercial kitchen; a Foodservice Manager; or a Chef Educator or working as a teacher in a school for chefs.
☐ Must read and sign the WORLDCHefs Code of Conduct.
☐ I have provided all the documents in above sequence and signed the application form.

APPLICATION FOR “B” LEVEL JUDGE □
Documents and evidences required for B level judges:
☐ Include a written recommendation from two (2) WORLDCHefs A or B level jury members from two (2) different countries.
☐ Application form must be signed or include a written approval from the President of a WORLDCHefs national member chefs association that is in good standing (not Affiliate or Associate members).
☐ Provide proof that you completed a WORLDCHefs official judging seminar within the required five year term.
☐ Provide proof you have experience judging at a local or national competition.
☐ Provide proof that you have competed as a member of a Regional Team or as an Individual.
☐ Be a professionally qualified Chef and active as a Chef in a commercial kitchen; a Foodservice Manager; or a Chef Educator or involved in running a team.
☐ Be able to understand and communicate in English at a reasonable level.
☐ Must read and sign the WORLDCHefs Code of Conduct.
☐ For Pastry Chefs - provide proof that you completed a WORLDCHefs official pastry judging seminar within five year time.
☐ For Community Kitchen - provide proof that you completed a WORLDCHefs official community kitchen judging seminar within five year time.
☐ I have provided all the documents in above sequence and signed the application form.

APPLICATION FOR “A” LEVEL JUDGE □
Documents and evidences required for A level judges:
☐ Include a written recommendation from two (2) WORLDCHefs A level jury members from two (2) different countries.
☐ Provide proof that you completed a WORLDCHefs official judging seminar within the required five year term.
☐ Provide proof that you have judged as a B level jury member for a minimum of two (2) years, documentation required.
☐ Provide proof that you have judged as a “Learning Judge” at one (1) Global or International competition, documentation required.
☐ Provide proof that you have competed as a member of a National Team or Regional Team for a minimum of two (2) years.
☐ Provide proof that as a member of a National Team or Regional Team that you earned a minimum of a silver medal.
☐ Provide proof that you are a professionally qualified Chef and active as a Chef in a commercial kitchen; a Foodservice Manager; or a Chef Educator or involved in running a team.
☐ Provide a current and detailed curriculum vitae (résumé).
☐ Must read and sign the WORLDCHefs Code of Conduct.
☐ For Pastry Chefs - provide proof that you completed a WORLDCHefs official pastry judging seminar within five year time.
☐ For Community Kitchen - provide proof that you completed a WORLDCHefs official community kitchen judging seminar within five year time.
☐ I have provided all the documents in above sequence and signed the application form.

All applications will be reviewed by the WORLDCHefs Culinary Competition Committee Chair and the decision to grant renewal status will be communicated to the applicant by the Committee Chair through the WORLDCHefs office in Paris. The CCC has the right to refuse renewal status even if the above requirements are completed.

Name: ____________________________
Date of Birth: ________________
Phone: __________________________
Mobile: __________________________
Email: __________________________
Country association you represent: 
Address: __________________________
Post Code: ________________________
Town/state: ________________________
Country: __________________________
Signature of Applicant: __________________________
Country Association President: __________________________
Name and Signature: __________________________
Country: __________________________
APPENDIX 1. WORLDCHEFS JURY CODE OF CONDUCT

Dear WORLDCHEFS Jury member, congratulations for being selected to represent WORLDCHEFS and our professional culinary fraternity at this prestigious event. As a member of the Jury you have a number of obligations that must be followed to ensure the competition is deemed professional and is successful for the organizing body.

As a member of the jury,

1. I shall conduct my professional activities in a manner which reflects honor and integrity to our profession.

2. I will report for my duties at the time indicated or requested by the chairman of my jury team. If for some unforeseen circumstance I cannot report as required, I will notify the chairman immediately.

3. I will dress according to the dress code set out by the chairman of the jury and will maintain a professional appearance for the duration of the show.

4. I shall not engage in slander or disrespect a fellow member of the jury team and will not engage in any form of harassment and disrespectful or abusive behavior while representing WORLDCHEFS as a jury member.

5. I will judge all assigned tasks fairly and without bias, including on the basis of race, religion, ethnicity, disability, sex, age, sexual orientation and national origin.

6. I support the growth of knowledge and the free interchange of ideas within the profession and respect and honor the views and opinions of colleagues and their right to express them.

7. I will ensure that I follow all WORLDCHEFS approved judging guidelines and will not deviate from these rules and regulations.

8. I will comply with all applicable local, state and federal laws and regulations in relation to occupational health and safety and food safety guidelines and standards.

9. I will not engage in any alcohol or substance consumption in any manner that could adversely affect my performance or endanger fellow judges, competitors and the general public and negatively affect the reputation of WORLDCHEFS.

10. I shall refrain from using my position on the jury to influence others in decisions relating to the competition in favor of one or another.

11. I will only comment as a member of the jury to competitors during the period allocated and only discuss items that I have been in the jury team to judge.
12. I will be alert to situations that may cause or have the appearance to cause a conflict of interest and provide full disclosure to the jury chairman.

13. All press related issues will be directed to the chairman of the jury and if approached, I will direct the media to the chairman of the jury and not engage in any publicity unless authorized to do so.

14. I shall participate in the various activities that are required to be a member of the jury, including feedback, team meetings and kitchen inspections as requested by the chairman of the jury.

15. Should I transgress from any of these rules and if I am no longer a WORLDCHefs member in good standing, I am aware that I may be removed from the jury and also removed from the WORLDCHefs Jury List in the future. I am also aware that my country president and association will be informed of the breach.

16. Violations of the Code of Conduct, or complaints against jury members, during competitions will be reported to the Jury President, who will consult with appointed Observer Judges and issue a ruling before the end of the competition. Warnings and/or revoked license are handled by the WACS CCC.

I understand and acknowledge all of the points above and will conform to this code of conduct as a WORLDCHefs jury member.

My name (please print):

My signature:

Chairman of the jury, (please print):

Chairman of the jury, signature:

Date:
APPENDIX 2. RECOMMENDATION LETTER TEMPLATE

Date

To whom it may concern,

This letter serves as a recommendation for (Chef’s name) application to become a WORLDCHefs certified judge at the (enter level – A or B) level.

I have known (name of Chef) for (number) years and have witnessed (him or her) judging at a variety of culinary salons, most notably (list a few culinary shows (i.e. IKA, ExpoGast, HOFEX, etc.)). During this time, (name of Chef) demonstrated a sound knowledge of modern cooking techniques and flavours and was able to identify them without a problem.

(Chef’s name) has taken the required judging seminar and has demonstrated, during feedback and/or in conversation, the ability to communicate effectively in English. (Chef’s name) is an active Chef, and with experience as a competitor in competition, (he or she) has the professional skills and competencies to be a judge at this level.

I am pleased to offer this letter of support for (Chef’s name), I am confident that (he or she) will act in a professional and respectful manner as WORLDCHefs certified judge.

Sincere regards,