



WORLD
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SOCIETIES



CERTIFIED JUDGE REGIONAL, CONTINENTAL & INTERNATIONAL **APPLICATION FORM**

THE WORLD ASSOCIATION OF CHEFS SOCIETIES

The World Association of Chefs' Societies, known as Worldchefs, is a dynamic global network of 110 chef associations worldwide. A leading voice in the hospitality industry, Worldchefs carries 91 years of history since its founding at the Sorbonne by the venerable Auguste Escoffier. Representing a mobilized international membership of culinary professionals, Worldchefs is committed to advancing the profession and leveraging the influence of the chef jacket for the betterment of the industry and humanity at large.

WORLDCHefs JUDGING LEVELS

Worldchefs judging levels were designed by the Culinary Competition Committee (CCC) to advance standards of excellence built on professionalism, leadership, and collaboration. Applicants can progress through the judging levels over the course of their career and culinary competition experience to reflect their commitment and expertise in the field.

- **Rookie / Learner Judge:** Qualifying candidates with the necessary endorsements can serve at a Rookie / Learner Judge level. Proof of participation as a Rookie / Learner Judge at Worldchefs Endorsed Competitions can be used as supporting documents in applications for all Worldchefs Certified Judge levels.

This level is by-event only; there is no application process. Interested applicants must reach out to the event organizers of a Worldchefs endorsed competition for more information on how to participate.

- **Guest / Sponsored Judge:** Qualified chefs recognized as experts from a reputable company or institution can serve as a Guest / Sponsored Judge level. Guest / Sponsored Judges are mentored by a Worldchefs Certified Judge prior to any event. Guest / Sponsor Judges must be with a company sponsoring the competition event. Whether a Guest / Sponsored Judge's judgement points will be incorporated into the final score is decided by the head juror of the group.

This level is by-event only; there is no application process. Interested applicants representing a sponsoring partner of a Worldchefs endorsed event must reach out to the event organizers for more information on how to participate.

- **Worldchefs Certified Regional Judge:** The Worldchefs Certified Regional Judge level is designed for culinary competition jurors with a local scope not just limited to regional areas but also International areas where your language or cuisine may be featured. This is a stepping stone to the next level.
- **Worldchefs Certified Continental Judge:** The Worldchefs Certified Continental Judge level represents mid-level culinary professionals with some judging experience, including competitors with silver medal performance and/or a minimum of two years in a high-end restaurant environment. The Worldchefs Certified Continental Judge level has replaced the former B Judge level.
- **Worldchefs Certified International Judge:** The Worldchefs Certified International Judge level represents senior-level culinary professionals with advanced judging experience, including competitors with silver medal performance and/or a minimum of five years in a high-end restaurant environment. The Worldchefs Certified International Judge level has replaced the former A Judge level.
- **Worldchefs Honorary / Life Judge:** The Worldchefs Honorary / Life Judge level is awarded by the Worldchefs President for outstanding contributions to Worldchefs and competition programs. Recipients must be in good standing as a Worldchefs Certified Judge at any level.

This level is by nomination only; there is no application process.

WORLDCHefs CERTIFIED JUDGES

Worldchefs maintains a directory of carefully evaluated judges. Worldchefs Certified Judges ensure that a fair and consistent level is achieved around the world with specific and measured judging criteria along with standardized competition rules and guidelines.



HOW TO BECOME A WORLDCHEFS CERTIFIED JUDGE

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

MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS FOR BECOMING A WORLDCHEFS CERTIFIED JUDGE

- You must be an active member of your own national chefs association.
- You are required to have the seal and signature of your national association's president.
- Your national association must be a current financial member of Worldchefs and in good standing with Worldchefs.
- You must be a qualified chef, who is currently working in the following fields:
 - Chef in a hotel, restaurant, or institutional catering
 - Food Service Manager after completing chef training
 - Chef Educator
- You must have taken part in qualifying Worldchefs Competition Seminar in the last five (5) years.
- You must be able to understand basic English.

WORLDCHEFS COMPETITION SEMINAR

Attending a specialized Worldchefs Competition Seminar is a mandatory part of an application to become a Worldchefs Certified Judge. A certificate of participation in the following Competition Seminars can be submitted as one of the required application credentials for the corresponding judging category:

- **Culinary Arts / Hot Kitchen:** Learn about scoring categories such as mise en place, professional preparation, presentation, and taste.
- **Pastry Arts:** Learn what judges look for from petits-fours to plated desserts and centre pieces.
- **Carving:** Learn about the intricacies in competition rules for fruit and vegetable carving.
- **Community Kitchen / Military:** Learn what judges look for in service for many guests.
- **Vegan / Plant Based Cuisine:** Learn Vegan/Plant-Based competition and category requirements, design considerations and scoring criteria.

Worldchefs organizes Competition Seminars to support the highest standards in culinary competitions and juries with opportunities for skills development in culinary competition judging. Worldchefs member associations, schools, and organizers of endorsed events can also license and conduct Competition Seminars, for the benefit of all chefs in their network.

RENEWAL OF JUDGING LICENSE

In order to maintain their judging license, Worldchefs Certified Judges are required to attend a Competition Seminar every five (5) years. They will receive a reminder from Worldchefs office one (1) year ahead of expiration and must complete the renewal application form and process. The renewal request is then reviewed by the CCC.

If you allow your license period to elapse, you will have to start the application procedure again.

SUSPENSION OF A JUDGING LICENSE

There are four (4) reasons for suspension:

1. Violation of the judge's code of conduct.
2. Wrong information on the application forms provided to the CCC.
3. 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 must be proven by sending a copy of his/her new membership card and a receipt of the membership fee to the Worldchefs office.

4. If you use your Worldchefs Certified Judge title to represent a non-Worldchefs endorsed competition. Your standing as a Worldchefs Certified Judge cannot be used to advertise a non-Worldchefs endorsed event.

SUSPENSION PROCESS

All requests for a judge's recall must be sent to the CCC chair by a competition organizer, chairman of a jury group, or 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 review the recall request and 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 the national association of the decision. 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.

It is the responsibility of the national association to provide up-to-date information on judging status to the Worldchefs office. For listing requests or to remove a Worldchefs Certified Judge who has moved countries, the national association must alert the Worldchefs office.

WORLDCHIEFS CERTIFIED JUDGE LEVELS

Check the level you are applying for:

- ☐ Regional Judge
- ☐ Continental Judge (formerly B level)
- ☐ International Judge (formerly A level)

WORLDCHIEFS CERTIFIED JUDGE CATEGORIES

Check the category or categories you are applying for:

- ☐ Culinary Arts / Hot Kitchen
- ☐ Pastry Arts
- ☐ Carving
- ☐ Community Kitchen
- ☐ Military
- ☐ Vegan / Plant Based Cuisine

Applicants must provide proof that they completed a corresponding Worldchefs Competition Seminar in the last five (5) years.

APPLICATION FOR “REGIONAL” LEVEL JUDGE ☐

Documentation required to apply for Worldchefs Certified Regional Judge level:

- ☐ Your application form must be signed and sealed by your local chefs association President as well as your Worldchefs national association president in your country.
- ☐ The local chefs association must be a financial member of Worldchefs or a sub-branch of the national member.
- ☐ The national body of your country must also be a financial member and in good standing.
- ☐ You must have participated in a qualifying Worldchefs Competition Seminar within the last five (5) years.
- ☐ Provide a resume or brief bio explaining your position in the kitchen as a Chef, a Food Service manager, or a Chef Educator in a culinary school.
- ☐ Provide proof that you have competed in a competition as a team member or as an individual.
Or
- ☐ Provide references that you have worked in a high-end restaurant for a minimum of two (2) years.
Or
- ☐ Have been a senior lecturer in a culinary school for a minimum of five (5) years.
- ☐ Provide proof that you have judged at a local regional or national competition or have been a Rookie Judge at a Worldchefs endorsed competition.
- ☐ You must be up-to-date with the Worldchefs Food & Hygiene Regulations.
- ☐ You must understand the Worldchefs 'Code of Conduct'.

APPLICATION FOR “CONTINENTAL” LEVEL JUDGE ☐

Documentation required to apply for Worldchefs Certified Continental Judge level:

- ☐ Your application form must be signed and sealed by your local chefs association President as well as your Worldchefs national association president in your country.
- ☐ The national association must be a financial member of Worldchefs.
- ☐ You must have participated in a qualifying Worldchefs Competition Seminar within the last five (5) years.
- ☐ Provide a resume or brief bio explaining your position in the kitchen as a Chef, a Food Service manager, or a Chef Educator in a culinary school.
- ☐ You will require two (2) letters of recommendation from two (2) Worldchefs Certified Judges from different countries.
- ☐ You will be required to prove that you have either been a Regional Judge or a Rookie Judge at two (2) major Worldchefs events.
- ☐ Provide a bio on your competition experience as a competitor or as a member of the jury.
- ☐ Provide proof that you have competed in a competition as a team member or as an individual with a minimum performance standard of a silver medal.
Or
- ☐ Provide references that you have worked in a high-end restaurant for a minimum of two (2) years.
Or
- ☐ Have been a senior lecturer in a culinary school for a minimum of five (5) years.
- ☐ Confirm that you can communicate at a reasonable level in English.
- ☐ You must be up-to-date with the Worldchefs Food & Hygiene Regulations.
- ☐ If you are applying for a Pastry, Vegan / Plant Base Cuisine, Community Catering or Carving recognition as a judge, you must have completed a Worldchefs Competition Seminar relevant to that craft.
- ☐ You must understand the Worldchefs 'Code of Conduct'.

APPLICATION FOR “INTERNATIONAL” LEVEL JUDGE ☐

Documentation required to be a Worldchefs Certified International Judge are:

- ☐ Your application form must be signed and sealed by your local chefs association President as well as your Worldchefs national association president in your country.
- ☐ The national association must be a financial member of Worldchefs in good standing.
- ☐ You must have participated in a qualifying Worldchefs Competition Seminar within the last 5 years.
- ☐ Provide a resume and brief bio explaining your position in the kitchen as a cChef, a Food Service Manager, or a Chef Educator in a culinary school.
- ☐ You will require two (2) letters of recommendation from two (2) accredited Worldchefs Certified International Judges from different countries.
- ☐ You will be required to prove that you have been a Continental Jury member at FOUR (4) Worldchefs events and two (2) of these must be Continental events in the past five (5) years (allowing for COVID-19).
- ☐ Provide a bio on your competition experience as a competitor or as a member of the jury.
- ☐ Provide proof that you have competed in a competition as a team member in a National Team or Regional Team and achieve a minimum of silver medal standards.
- Or
- ☐ Provide references that you have worked in a Michelin-starred restaurant or equivalent high-end establishment for a minimum of five (5) years.
- Or
- ☐ Have been a senior lecturer in a culinary school for a minimum of ten (10) years.
- ☐ Confirm that you can communicate at a reasonable level in English OR are willing to have your own translator at your expense, preferably with a culinary background.
- ☐ You must be up to date with the Worldchefs Food & Hygiene Regulations.
- ☐ If you are applying for a Pastry, Vegan / Plant Base Cuisine, Community Catering or Carving recognition as a judge, you must have completed a Worldchefs Competition Seminar relevant to that craft.
- ☐ You must understand the Worldchefs 'Code of Conduct'.

Applicant Name:
Member National Association:
Date of Birth:
Phone:
Mobile:
Email:
Address:
Post Code:
Town/state:
Country:
Signature of Applicant:
Date:
National Association Country:
National Association Name:
National Association President Name:
National Association President Signature:
Date:

- ☐ I have provided all the documents required for the requested Worldchefs Certified Judge level and have signed the application form.
- ☐ I also decree that all the information I have provided is true to the fact.

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.

APPENDIX I. WORLDCHEFS JURY CODE OF CONDUCT

Dear Worldchefs jury member,

Congratulations for being selected to represent Worldchefs and our professional culinary society 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 certified 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 favour 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 Certified Judge directory.

16. In the future. I am also aware that my country president and association will be informed of the breach.

17. 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 CCC.

I understand and acknowledge all 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 – International or Continental) 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 Competition 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,



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