

IFFA 2025 – Competition conditions of entry

The 'International Quality Awards' are organised by the German Butchers' Association as part of the IFFA 2025. The aim is to underscore the immense importance of artisan made products and the tradition of these specialities. The awards should emphasise the quality of the products and are a great way for a company to promote itself.

Competitions

The judging takes place from Monday 5 May to 8 May 2025 in hall 12.0, of the trade fair site on the German Butchers' Association's competition area. The different competitions are listed in the guide: 'IFFA 2025 – the competitions'. This guide also contains the respective deadlines, examples of products as well as the times and places for delivery.

Eligibility to enter

To be eligible for entry the products must be artisan made and produced in-house in a company based in Germany or abroad. Each company may submit a maximum of 75 products across all competitions.

Products made from raw mince, raw semi-finished products including uncooked sausages are excluded from the competitions.

The products, if necessary also the labelling, must comply with food regulations. For products that are sent from abroad it is essential to take the respective state regulations into account as well as German customs, import and veterinary regulations. All associated costs must be paid by the sender.

The organiser will dispose of products that do not comply with food regulations in accordance with the statutory requirements. Entry costs and other costs will not be refunded. There shall be no claim for the product entries to be returned or their value to be compensated.

For the *International Quality Competition for Sausage Meat* only complete sausage meat products are permitted (also sliced if over 1,5 kg). Every product entry must have a total weight of at least 0,8 kg.

For the *International Quality Competition for Ham* only entire hams are permitted (also sliced if over 2,5 kg). Every product entry must have a total weight of at least 1,2 kg.

For the *International Quality Competition for Small Sausages* only sausages are permitted that are no greater than 40 mm in diameter. Each product entry must have a weight of at least 0,5 kg.

For the International Quality Competition for Cans and Jars, at least two units (cans, jars, tubular bags, etc.) must be submitted (minimum total weight 400 g).

Registration

To register it is necessary to complete form 'IFFA 2025 – Registration' must and send it to Deutscher Fleischer-Verband e.V., Kennedyallee 53, D-60596 Frankfurt/Main, by post, by fax or e-mail as indicated on the registration form. The

The product entries must be registered with the commercial designation as it should appear on the certificate.

On the registration form it is necessary to note any special seasonings with, for example, caraway, garlic, pepper and the specialities of the recipe which are important for the correct judging of the product entries (e.g. 'only beef' or 'reduced fat')

The *registration form*, the *guide to the competitions* and the *guide to the certificates, medals and trophies* are available for download at www.fleischerhandwerk.de/wettbewerbe or can be requested by email (c.gericke@fleischerhandwerk.de) or by telephone (0049 (0) 69 / 63302-250).

Registration deadline is 18th April 2025. In special cases late registrations or changes are possible. The competition forms, method of delivery and entrance tickets will be sent out after registration.

Entry fees

It costs EUR 80.00 plus VAT for each product entered. Discounts are applicable (10% for > 10 entries, 15% for > 15 entries and 20% for > 20 entries). Each applicant will be sent 2 entrance tickets free of charge. The fees must be paid immediately on receipt of the invoice or in cash at the IFFA. The certificates and medals will only be sent out once full payment has been made.

Shipment - delivery

The product entries can be sent either by post (DHL, UPS etc.), delivered directly to the DFV (German Butchers' Association) or handed over in person at the IFFA.

Delivery address: DFV e.V., Kennedyallee 53, D- 60596 Frankfurt, Germany. Delivery in person: Messegelände, Hall 12.0, DFV competition area
Access to the trade fair is via the usual visitor entrances. The delivery times are dependent on the respective competition.

The precise dates can be taken from the guide: '*IFFA 2025 – The Competitions*'.

No liability is accepted for entries that are lost, damaged or spoiled. The cost of sending in the entries is borne by the sender.

Judging

Product judging is anonymous with no knowledge of the company of origin. Anything that might indicate the entrant's identity will be made illegible by the organiser.

The judging is based on the criteria:

- External finishing, condition of the container
- Appearance, colour and composition
- Consistency
- Smell/taste

on the basis of the DFV judging schedule and by independent and trained expert judges.

Adjudication

The certificates and medals will be awarded according to the following schedule.

Gold: total number of points 50

Silver: total number of points 49 – 45

Bronze: total number of points 44 – 40

Certificates, medals, trophies

The participants shall receive a certificate and a medal for products that are judged to be 'excellent'. In addition honorary trophies, winner trophies and the trophy for the international champion will be awarded (refer to the guide: '*IFFA 2025 – certificates, medals and trophies*').

The results will be published on the day of the respective competition at the edge of the competition area and subsequently in the trade press. Entrants who do not win a prize will not be named.

Final provisions

The judging and the prize giving shall be without possible legal recourse. By signing the registration form the entrant acknowledges agreement to the conditions of competition.

Frankfurt, January 2025



IFFA 2025 – Certificates, Medals and Trophies

Certificates and medals

- For products with a total of at least 40 points entrants receive an attractive certificate and a medal.
- The certificate states the product designation and the name of the entrant.
- Gold medals (50 points), silver medals (49 – 45 points) and bronze medals (44 – 40 points) will be awarded.
- The medals can be collected on the respective day of the competition from 5 pm at the competition area.
- The certificates and those medals not collected will be sent to the entrants following the IFFA after receipt of full payment.

Trophies

Special prizes and honorary trophies

- Entrants who win at least 5 gold medals receive the 'special prize' of the German Butchers' Association (Deutscher Fleischer-Verband).
- Entrants who win at least 8 gold medals receive the honorary trophy of the German Butchers' Association.
- Entrants who win at least 12 gold medals receive the great honorary trophy of the German Butchers' Association.
- The honorary trophies will be presented on Thursday 8 May at 3 pm following the ham competition by the president of the German Butchers' Association, Mr. Herbert Dohrmann, on the competition area. Trophies that cannot be presented will be sent to the winners.

Winner trophies and international champion

- Per participating company a maximum of 75 products may be registered for all competitions.
- The first placed winner of the respective competition (sausage meat, small sausage, ham, cans and jars) will be the entrant who wins the highest number of gold medals in the respective competition. He/she will be honoured with the trophy of the *1st Place Winner of the International Quality Competition*. In the event of a tie in the number of gold medals, the number of silver medals will also be taken into account.
- The entrants with the second highest number of gold medals receive the trophy of *2nd Place Winner of the International Quality Competition*.
- The international champion is the person who over all the competitions wins the most gold awards. He/she receives the *World Cup*, donated by the German Butchers' Association and Messe Frankfurt. For this purpose, submission of products in all categories is necessary.
- The winner trophies will be presented following the respective competition at 5 pm, the World Cup on Thursday 8 May 2025 at 3 pm by the president of the German Butchers' Association, Mr. Herbert Dohrmann on the competition area.



IFFA 2025 – The product competitions

Dates	Competitions	Product examples	Delivery to trade fair ¹	Delivery to DFV or postal shipment ²
Monday, 5 May 10.00 am	International Quality Competition for Sausages	<p>Cooked sausage such as liver/meat loaf, ham sausage, hunter's sausage, Bologna sausage, Lyoner sausage, also pies and filled products.</p> <p>Boiled sausage such as liver sausages, black puddings, blood sausages, browns and boiled sausage pies etc.</p> <p>Raw sausage (easy to slice, spreadable, air-dried and smoked) such as salami, Cervelat, house salami etc.</p> <p>Other ready to eat meat products such as roasts, corned beef etc.</p>	not later than Monday, 5 May 10.00 am	not later than Saturday, 3 May 12.00 noon
Tuesday, 6 May 10.00 am	International Quality Competition for Cans and Jars	<p>Sausage meat such as cooked / boiled sausage, pork knuckle etc.</p> <p>Ready prepared products such as roulade, goulash, diced meat, roasts, oxtail, rissoles, curried sausage, stews, soups, sauces such as Bolognese sauce etc.</p> <p>in cans, jars, tubular bags, dishes etc.</p>	not later than Tuesday, 6 May 10.00 am	not later than Monday, 5 May 3.00 pm
Tuesday, 6 May 10.00 am	Best Small Sausage Grand Prix	<p>Small cooked sausages such as Frankfurters, Wiener, scalded sausages, ham sausages, Debreziner, 'bockwurst' sausages, cheese cracker / hunter's sausages, 'weisswurst' sausages etc.</p> <p>Small raw sausages such as 'Polnische' sausages, salami pepper sticks, 'Rauchpeitschen', farmer's sausages, 'Landjäger' sausages, Westphalian Mettwurst, 'Kottenwurst' etc.</p> <p>'Bratwurst' such as fine and course 'bratwurst, Thuringian 'bratwurst', Palatinate 'bratwurst, Rhineland 'bratwurst, Nuremberg 'bratwurst' etc.</p> <p>Small boiled sausages such as liver sausages, cooked 'mettwurst', 'Knappwurst', blood sausages etc.</p>	not later than Tuesday, 6 May 10.00 am	not later than Monday, 5 May 3.00 pm
Thursday, 8 May 10.00 am	International Quality Competition for Hams	<p>Raw hams (air-cured or smoked) such as 'Schinkenspeck', smoked lean ham, graved lean ham, ham on the bone, smoked beef ham, game/poultry ham etc.</p> <p>Boiled hams such as 'Hinterschinken', boiled ham, butchers' ham, traditional ham, 'Kassler', pork belly, boiled ham with horseradish, beef ham, game/poultry ham etc.</p>	not later than Thursday, 8 May 10.00 am	not later than Wednesday, 7 May 3.00 pm

¹ Delivery in person: trade fair site, Ludwig-Erhard-Anlage 1, 60327 Frankfurt, Hall 12.0, DFV competition area

² Delivery address and in person delivery to DFV and courier shipment (e.g. DHL, UPS): DFV e.V., Kennedyallee 53, D-60596 Frankfurt, Germany



IFFA 2025 – Privacy policy

In order to participate in the IFFA quality competitions of the German Butchers' Association e.V. (DFV), the DFV requires data of your company, in particular name, address and product information. This data is processed exclusively within the framework of the IFFA competitions and stored for this purpose. The data will not be passed on to third parties. The companies taking part in the competition agree to the publication of their names, results and pictures as part of their public relations work for the trade fair. The publication takes place for example on the homepage of the DFV, on the DFV competition site of the fair and if necessary in the press.

The companies participating in the competition agree that the DFV may send them information on its competitions at the next IFFA.

They have the right to object to the use of this data at any time. This also applies to data submitted in the past.

You can request information about the stored data from the DFV and, if the data is incorrect, request that it be corrected or, if the data is stored inadmissibly, that it be deleted. You can contact the DFV by post (Deutscher Fleischer-Verband e.V., Kennedyallee 53, 60596 Frankfurt am Main) or by e-mail (info@fleischerhandwerk.de). Besides, you have the right of appeal to the supervisory authority.

With your signature on the registration form you agree to the data protection information and agree that you may be contacted by post, e-mail or fax.

