

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. What is the World Food Championships Australia Competition?

In partnership with World Food Championships (WFC), this is the FIRST EVER home cook competition in Australia. The competition is actually a celebration of our everyday heroes in the kitchen, our home cooks, who wholeheartedly and faithfully prepare delicious foods for their families day in and day out. It's their moment to show off their cooking skills in the kitchen! It's going to be a fun and healthy competition among our beloved home cooks and a wonderful opportunity to showcase the rich flavours of Australian cuisine to the rest of the world. We want to honour the Best Home Cook out there who truly deserves recognition and all the amazing prizes in store for the winner!

There are ten categories to choose from, Chicken, Beef, Lamb, Seafood, Game meat, Vegan, Pasta, Burger and BBQ. Only 3 categories are eligible to be put forward to the qualifying rounds at the World Food Championship cook offs at Dallas TX, USA. They are Burger, BBQ and Seafood.

The World Food Championships Australia is an exciting part of the Love Cooking Show Live Event held annually in Melbourne and Sydney, Australia.

2. Who can join the World Food Championships Australia Competition?

Anyone aged 18 years old and above who loves cooking can join the World Food Championships Australia Competition. However, professional chefs are not eligible to join the competition. This is strictly for nonprofessional home cooks.

3. Can I cook any dish for the competition?

The competition will have 10 categories: Chicken, Beef, Lamb, Seafood, Game meat, Vegan, Pasta, Burger and BBQ. Participants are asked to submit their signature dishes during the registration. A signature dish is prepared under the category of your choice, where that category is the hero ingredient/cooking style.

4. When will the competition take place?

The World Food Championships Australia will have 2 rounds, the qualifying round and the finals round to determine the winner for each category. The Final Cook-off will take place amongst the winners for each category to determine the World Food Championships Australia winner for each category in Melbourne and Sydney. Only 20 participants for each category will be selected for the Qualifying Round in Melbourne and Sydney. Then the Top 3, from each category in each state will proceed to the Finals. The Top Home Cooks under each category will have a live cook-off during the Love Cooking Show Live Events in Melbourne and Sydney. The 3 winners of each category will have a Final Cook-Off on the last day of the event.

Melbourne - Qualifying rounds to take place May/June 2021. Exact dates to be announced soon.

Melbourne - Finals to take place on 9th, 10th 11th July 2021.

Sydney - Qualifying rounds to take place August/September 2021. Exact dates to be announced soon.

Sydney - Finals to take place on 22nd, 23rd, 24th October 2021.

5. Is the World Food Championships Australia Competition happening in both the Sydney and Melbourne Love Cooking Show Live?

Yes. The World Food Championships Australia will be held at both the Melbourne and Sydney Love Cooking Show Live events.

6. When is the registration period?

The registration period is from March 15 to May 15, 2021 Melbourne and March 15 to 31 July 2021 Sydney. Organisers can only accommodate a limited number of competitors for each category.

7. Is there a required attire during the competition?

Yes. The World Food Championships competitors should come dressed in suitable attire for a commercial kitchen, Full length pants, short or long sleeve top, closed toe shoes runners or shoes would be suitable and no singlets, no tank tops and no crop tops. Feel free to bring an apron.

8. Will contestants bring their own ingredients, cooking utensils, and equipment?

No. All ingredients, utensils, and equipment will be provided by the organisers.

9. My signature dish takes a long time to prepare. How can I get the food done on time?

We understand that some dishes take a long time to prepare. Each World Food Championship (WFC) competitor will be given a total of one hour for food preparation, cooking, and cleaning. Each competitor may also have two sous chefs/assistants working with them to help with prep ingredients and clean down although the competitor is strictly to be the only person cooking and plating the dish. Given the limited time that we have for the competition, we have set some guidelines regarding some preparations that can be done beforehand. Please refer to the **Mechanics of the Competition**.

10. How will the competition be judged?

World Food Championships Australia have selected the top panel of judges for this year's World Food Championships Australia. Home Cooks will be judged according to the following criteria: 40% Food Taste, 20% Cooking Skills, 20% Food Preparation & Workplace, 10% Arrangement & Presentation, and 10% Originality & Creativity.

11. Can my friends and family watch the World Food Championships Australia Competition?

Friends and family cannot be part of the qualifying round as spectators. They can however cheer you on if you are selected as a semi finalist and cook off in the finals at the World Food Championships Australia competition to be held at the Love Cooking show Live in Melbourne and Sydney. Semi finalists and their sous chefs/assistants will have free entry to the event. Friends or family that may want to cheer you on at the event will be able to purchase tickets for the Love Cooking show Live or Cake Bake and Sweets Show.

12. What are the prizes for the World Food Championships (WFC) Competition?

World Food Championships Australia have prepared the most amazing prizes for the winners of and of course winners of the Australian BBQ Championships, Australian Burger Championships and Australian Seafood Championships will win a Golden Ticket prize to cook off at the World Food Championships (WFC) to take place in Dallas TX, USA in November 2022.