

Entry Form

Friday, December 20, 2024 Penguin City Brewing Company

Please complete and return this form with the entry fee by Wednesday, December 18, 2024.

Name:		
Street Address:	City:	
State:	Zip:	
Email:		
Home Phone:	Cell Phone:	

Category (Select One):

□ **Traditional:** Must be made with poppy seed, nut, or apricot filling.

□ **Modern Kolacky:** Made with any filling other than those in the traditional category.

Describe Your Entry (75 words or less): Highlight its Slavic roots, holidays at which it might be used, and where you first enjoyed it.

Agreement

By signing below, I confirm that:

- I agree to abide by the official contest rules.
- I certify that I am not a professional baker. (A professional is someone currently or previously paid to bake or cook.)
- I understand that Simply Slavic reserves the right to use my name, likeness, and entry for promotional purposes.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Entry Fee: A \$5 non-refundable entry fee is required for participants aged 18 and older (free for participants under 18). Payment options: Check payable to "Simply Slavic" or Online at <u>simplyslavic.org/donate</u>

Mail the completed form and payment: Home for the SLAVidays Kolachi Baking Contest % Luke Politsky, Simply Slavic, P.O. Box 1372, Youngstown, OH 44501

For questions, contact Luke Politsky at 330-519-7997 or email info@simplyslavic.org



What is Kolachi?

Kolachi is a traditional Slavic pastry made from sweet, yeast-leavened dough and typically filled with ingredients like poppy seeds, nuts, or fruit preserves. It is often enjoyed during holidays and special occasions and celebrated for its rich cultural and historical roots in Slavic heritage.

Contest Details

- Drop-off Location: Penguin City Brewing Company, 460 E Federal St, Youngstown, OH
- Drop-off Time: Friday, December 20, 2024, from 4 PM to 6 PM
- Judging Begins at approximately 6 PM
- Announcement of winners at 8 PM

Important Notes

- Maximum of 15 participants (first-come, first-served).
- Baked goods must be presented at room temperature. No freezing, refrigeration, or heating allowed.
- Bakers must be present during judging and the announcement of winners at 8 PM.

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Home for the SLAVidays Kolachi Baking Contest Official Rules

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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- 1. Submit an entry form, a description of your kolachi and its Slavic roots (75 words or less), and a \$5 non-refundable entry fee (payable to Simply Slavic) by **Wednesday, December 18, 2024**.
- 2. Entries must feature a baked good with Slavic origins that serves multiple guests (not an individually plated dessert) and must be baked during preparation.
- 3. Limit: One entry per participant.

PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY

- Open to non-professional bakers (those not paid to bake to make their living).
- There are no restrictions on age, gender, or nationality.

SUBMISSION DETAILS

- Deliver baked goods to Penguin City Brewing Company (460 E Federal St, Youngstown, OH 44503) on Friday, December 20, 2024, between 4 PM and 6 PM.
- Entries not present by judging time will forfeit participation.
- Portions of each entry will be used for judging, with the remainder sold to benefit Simply Slavic events and scholarships.
- Bakers may present their goods with a display (maximum size: 2' x 2' table space). Displays must remain supervised by the baker, and all materials will be returned after the contest.



JUDGING CRITERIA

- Judging begins at 6 PM on December 20, 2024.
- Judges include professional bakers, community leaders, and business representatives.
- Entries will be judged on the following criteria:
 - Taste (40%) Flavor, balance, and overall enjoyment
 - Authenticity (25%) Connection to Slavic traditions and historical roots
 - **Presentation (15%)** Visual appeal and creativity of display
 - Texture (10%) Consistency and structure of the baked good
 - Look & Smell (10%) First impressions from appearance and aroma
- The decisions of the judges are final.

PRIZES

- First, Second, and Third-place winners will be announced at the event by 8 PM on Friday, December 20, 2024.
- Simply Slavic reserves the right to substitute prizes of equal or greater value.

RESTRICTIONS

- Entries must be presented at room temperature (no freezing, refrigeration, or heating allowed).
- Participation is limited to 10 contestants, accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Contestants must remain at the event through the announcement of winners.

ADDITIONAL TERMS

- Simply Slavic is not responsible for errors, delays, or lost entries.
- Participants grant Simply Slavic permission to use their names, likenesses, and submissions for promotional purposes by entering.
- All entries become the property of Simply Slavic and will not be returned.
- Simply Slavic reserves the right to modify, cancel, or disqualify entries that do not comply with these rules.

RELEASE

By participating, entrants agree to release Simply Slavic, its sponsors, volunteers, and affiliates from any liability related to participation, prizes, or the contest process.

Let's keep the traditions going – TOGETHER!