

International Party Show 2008, Balloon Competition Rules.

LARGE SCULPTURE

1. The sculpture may be of foil and or latex balloons with maximum dimensions of 3m x 3m x 4m high.
2. Sculptures must be free standing. They will be viewed from both sides.

TABLE CENTREPIECE

1. Table centrepiece arrangements may be of foil and/ or latex with maximum dimensions of 40cm x 40cm base area, Maximum height 2.9M.
2. Table centrepieces must be free standing and will be viewed from all sides.
3. Table centrepieces must not obscure the visibility of fellow diners when seated.

NON-ROUND TABLE SCULPTURE

1. The entry must use predominantly non-round balloons in its construction with a maximum dimension of 1m x 1m x 1.5m high.
2. The entry will be displayed on a tabletop and will be viewed from all sides.

BALLOON DELIVERY

1. Entries must be appropriate for hand delivery.
2. Entries must have a minimum float time of 60 hours.
3. Entries must not be higher than 2.9M

BALLOON DECORATOR OF THE YEAR

1. Competitors must have entered at least three categories to be eligible for this award, one of which must be Large Sculpture.

GENERAL RULES

1. You are responsible for your competition piece and its disposal at the end of the show.
2. Please note competition pieces may not be removed before **15:00 Tuesday 1st April 2008.**
3. Entrants have access to the NEC from **Friday 28th March 12:00 to 18:00 hours** and **Saturday 29th March 08:00 to 20:00.** **Extra time maybe considered if requested. The show manager holds the final decision.** A pass will be arranged for you at the show office giving you access on the day set up.

4. **Entrants are responsible for obtaining their own product and for providing their own equipment.** Your name should **NOT** appear on your work but you are free to give your work a title. A number will be allocated to you on arrival.
5. **Pre-construction of competition pieces including inflated balloons is allowed and can be delivered whole or in parts.** However there are facilities to inflate and construct on site.
6. If for any reason a competitor cannot attend, the show organiser must be informed immediately.

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Electricity will be available on site for build up period.
2. If electricity is required for a competition entry for the duration of the show, a request must be made to the show organiser.
3. Entries must be designed to last for the duration of the show.
4. All competitors are responsible for breakdown and clearing of their own competition entry from **15:00 on Tuesday 1st April.** Failure to do so will incur in a charge for disposal by the NEC. This is a condition of entry.
5. You may use any brand of product in the construction of your competition piece.

IMPORTANT

All competitors are advised that items of great personal value should not be used as part of the displays. The show organiser is not responsible for loss or damage to the entries.

JUDGING

Final judging will take place on **Sunday 30th March** and prize awards will be made at the Industry Awards Ceremony on **Monday 31st March** at the Hilton Metropole Library Suit. The panel of judges will compromise of three industry leaders. Visitors to the show will have opportunity to vote and the weighing will be 2/3 judges' and 1/3 visitors. In the event of dispute, the judges' decision is final.