

EQUIPHOTEL 2022

GENERAL REGULATIONS FOODSERVICE EQUIPMENT DESIGN AWARDS by EquipHotel x FCSI France



Article 1 - Purpose

The Foodservice Equipment Design Awards by EquipHotel & FCSI France, organised from 6 to 10 November 2022 by RX France, in partnership with the FCSI, is a competition that rewards the best-designed kitchen equipment in the hospitality and food service sector. Equipment is submitted to a jury of experts for selection.

Article 2 – Permitted candidates

Only companies registered as exhibitors at EquipHotel 2022 (individually or on a collective stand) and who have taken out an exhibition registration package are allowed to enter the Foodservice Equipment Design Awards by EquipHotel & FCSI France, providing that they:

- are selling products, services, equipment or materials exhibited at EquipHotel under their own brand,
- represent brands for which they are distributors and for which they have exclusive rights in France, or if the application is submitted by the manufacturing brand.

It is free to enter the Foodservice Equipment Design Awards by EquipHotel & FCSI France.

Article 3 – Scope of the Awards

Each exhibitor may submit one or more entries (maximum 6) in the following competition categories:

1. *Front Office category*
2. *Back Office category*

Every entry automatically qualifies for the “Jury's Favourite” selection.

Article 4 – Conditions of entry – Awards launch date

Only products that have been brought to market or for which a patent has been filed after 1 January 2019 may be entered in the competition, except in special cases as determined by the selection committee.

Article 5 – Entry form

To enter the awards, exhibitors must complete the entry form and submit it via the link provided. The following information is required:

- Product name
- Category of the product presented
- Target users
- Description in English and French
- Photo print (300 dpi minimum)
- Photo
- Data sheet in English and French
- Name of designer (if applicable)
- Date brought to market

The closing date for entering the awards is **9 September 2022**. RX France reserves the right to change the closing date for entering the awards, in which case it will inform the exhibitors.

All costs incurred by candidates to enter the competition shall be borne in full by them and shall remain at their sole expense in all cases, even in the event of postponement or cancellation of the competition, and RX France and its partner FCSI France may not be held liable in any way in this respect.

Article 6 – Entry acceptance

Members of the Pre-Selection Committee and the organiser may, after assessment, exclude projects that do not correspond to the purpose of the competition and withdraw entries that do not meet the required criteria (Article 7).

Similarly, if they deem appropriate, the Pre-Selection Committee and the organiser may decide to have a project compete within a prize category other than the one for which the candidates have entered. The Pre-Selection Committee and the organiser are not required to give reasons for their decisions.

Article 7 – Pre-selection criteria

The pre-selection of entries by the Pre-Selection Committee will take into account the following criteria: product/equipment/technology suited to the needs of the sector, packaging and product design and the sensory dimension. The opinion of the pre-selection committee is final and cannot be appealed. Its deliberations are confidential.

Article 8 – The Pre-Selection Committee

Entries submitted to the Jury will be pre-selected by the Pre-Selection Committee, comprising both users and also professional figures chosen for their reputation and technical expertise in the field of commercial and institutional catering, hospitality and group accommodation, and for their commitment to ensure strict independence to avoid a conflict of interest with regard to all entries. The representation of these entities in the Pre-Selection Committee is established in application of the principle of parity with one representative per entity. Entries will be assessed by all members of the Pre-Selection Committee.

After studying the applications, the members of the Pre-Selection Committee will pre-select 6 products in each category (Article 3), i.e. a total of 12 equipment items submitted to the Awards Jury.

The Awards Jury will decide the nominees and the winner of the Jury's Favourite Award from among these shortlisted candidates, in accordance with the conditions set out in Article 10.

Article 9 – Confidentiality

Exhibitors are informed and hereby accept that the equipment they present at the Awards will be published in certain Trade Show communication tools (e.g. website), some of which will be published before the opening date of the Trade Show. Therefore, any exhibitor wishing to keep its equipment confidential until the opening of the show should not compete in the Foodservice Equipment Design Awards.

The organisers may not be held liable in this respect.

Article 10 – Awarding of prizes and announcement of results

The Awards Jury will award a score to each shortlisted equipment item to determine the winner in each of the categories listed in Article 3.

The candidate with the highest score in each category will be named the winner of said category.

The Awards Jury will also choose one of the shortlisted innovations to receive the Jury's Favourite Award.

The results will be announced at the awards ceremony on 8 November 2022 on the FCSI France stand at EquipHotel, in Pavilion 4 of the Porte de Versailles Exhibition Centre, Paris.

A prize (trophy) will be awarded to each of the 3 winners during the awards ceremony on the FCSI stand at EquipHotel.

The 3 winning exhibitors will be able to use the Foodservice Equipment Design Awards label only in the promotion of their award-winning product.

Article 12 – Commitment of candidates

12.1 Intellectual property

Candidates may only submit products of their own manufacture or design or for which they are agents or dealers.

Candidates hereby declare that they own the intellectual property rights relating to the product entered into the competition and/or to components of the product entered into the competition.

Candidates hereby guarantee to the awards organisers that their product does not infringe upon the rights of third parties or that they have obtained the necessary rights and authorisation from the intellectual property rights owners for the products they are presenting at the awards.

The organiser may not be held liable in this respect.

Candidates assume full responsibility for their products with regard to third parties and the organiser may not be held liable in any way. In the event of a claim by a third party against the organiser in respect to a candidate's product, the relevant candidate shall indemnify the organiser for all costs reasonably incurred by the organiser in its defence and for any penalties it may incur.

12.2 Accuracy of information

Candidates shall only provide accurate and truthful information and must, in particular, avoid any inaccuracies or omissions that could lead to an erroneous judgment. In no case may the Jury be held liable for the accuracy of the information provided. However, if the Jury finds afterwards a significant error in the information provided, a deliberate or unintentional deception, or a proven irregularity, it may withdraw the product from the competition, or at any time, officially withdraw a prize that has already been awarded and reallocate it to a new product. As the awards are international in scope, all equipment and creations entered into the awards must comply with all legislation. Any reference to a prize received in this competition, whether for commercial or advertising purposes, must specify the full title of the prize, the year it was awarded and the exact reference to the winning equipment or installation project.

Article 13 – Communication

Within the framework of information and communication related to the awards, candidates hereby authorise RX France and its partner FCSI France to publish their first and last names, the full contact details of their company, and the commercial description they have provided of their product, in particular to the press and professionals, without being able to claim any fees or remuneration whatsoever.

Candidates hereby authorise RX France and its partner FCSI France to photograph their product free of charge and to reproduce these photographs free of charge for the duration of the applicable rights, in any commercial documentation or on any advertising medium, including the Internet.

Participants in the Foodservice Equipment Design Awards guarantee RX France and its partner FCSI France that they have obtained all the rights and/or authorisations required for the aforementioned uses from the intellectual property rights owners for the products and guarantee them against any legal action they may encounter as a result of the use of the photos and information communicated in the context of these awards.

Article 14 – Modification or cancellation of the competition

The organiser remains free to cancel and/or modify the Awards without this giving the participants any right to compensation.

In particular, the cancellation or postponement of the trade show, or low attendance, will automatically result in the cancellation of the awards, without the organisers incurring any liability as a result of this postponement and/or cancellation.

Candidates shall assume all risks associated with the possibility of the awards not taking place, in particular, the exclusive responsibility for all costs incurred by them in anticipation of the awards.

Article 15 – Privacy and personal data protection

Personal data provided by participants to the organiser is necessary for the performance, administration, management and follow-up of their entry in the Awards. The persons mentioned in the entry form and any subsequent communication may be contacted by the organiser, the FCSI, the Pre-Selection Committee and the Jury to facilitate the participation of the candidate in the awards.

This data is processed in accordance with the Privacy Principles accessible on the EquipHotel website via the following link: <https://privacy.rxglobal.com/fr-fr.html>.

Article 16 – Application of the regulations - disputes - acceptance of the regulations

Entering these awards entails the acceptance of these regulations, without the possibility of contesting the terms and results.

In the event of a dispute, for whatever reason, participants shall submit their complaint to the organiser before any legal proceedings, by registered letter with proof of receipt. Any action brought before the expiry of a period of fifteen days following the receipt of said letter shall be inadmissible. In accordance with Article 2254 of the French Civil Code, the parties agree to set a one year (1 year) limitation period for rights and actions relating to any liability incurred by the organiser either through its own actions, even if caused by an employee, or through the actions of a third party, whatever the cause. This period shall begin upon expiry of the 15-day period provided for in the preceding paragraph.

THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE AWARDS CANDIDATES AND THE ORGANISER IS ENTIRELY AND EXCLUSIVELY GOVERNED BY FRENCH LAW. IN THE EVENT OF A DISPUTE, THE COMMERCIAL COURT OF NANTERRE SHALL HAVE SOLE JURISDICTION.