

ENTRY CRITERIA

- At least 1 staff member must have completed and passed Chip Group training or refresher training in 2016 or 2017. www.thechipgroup.co.nz/online-training-1/
- To be eligible for *Regional and Grand National Awards* your chip sample must be 9% fat or less.
 - All entrants whose sample is 9% or less fat content will receive a Highly Commended Chips award.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

By participating in The Chip Group's Best Chip Shop Competition you agree to the following terms and conditions.

1. The Competition is organised by The Chip Group – a division of Potatoes New Zealand Inc. (PNZ).
2. The Competition is supported by Bidfood, McCain Foods (NZ) Limited, Mr Chips Limited and Talleys.
3. The 7 regions are:
 - Northland & North Shore
 - Auckland
 - Waikato & Bay of Plenty
 - Central Region – including Gisborne, Hawkes Bay, Taranaki
 - Greater Wellington – including Manawatu & Whanganui
 - Upper South Island – including Nelson, Marlborough, Tasman, West Coast, Christchurch
 - Lower South Island – including South Canterbury, Otago & Southland
4. Entries to the competition must be on the official Chip Group Best Chip Competition Entry Form – either hard copy or electronic.
5. Entrants meeting the entry criteria as stated on the entry form will be:
 - Allocated an entry number
 - Invited to submit a chip sample to be analysed for fat content (by independent laboratory analysis).
6. Chip Sample requirements;
 - Send a sample of **12 cooked chips** in the supplied courier pack by **Thursday 27th April 2017**.
 - Leave the chips to cool (**do not freeze**) before placing them in the sample bag.
 - Samples must be sent on a Monday or Tuesday or Wednesday or Thursday.
7. All participants whose chip sample is assessed as having less than 9% fat will receive a Highly Commended Chips Award and will become a Regional Finalist.
8. Mystery judging of *Regional Finalists* will take place between 6–23 June 2017, to decide 1 regional winner from each region.
9. The Grand National Judge will mystery shop all Regional Winners, from which the Grand National winner will be chosen.
 - a. Mystery judging can take place on any transaction, at any time during the period 7–19 July 2017, and will be undertaken by the *Grand National Judge*.
10. The laboratory analysis associated with any of the judging criteria and scores will not be published.
11. See website for details of prizes available.
12. Stores may use any cooking oil/fat and any type of potato chips; but to be eligible for the regional and national best chip shop awards, the chip sample must be less than or equal to 9% fat.
13. *Bidfood People's Choice Best Chips* award entrants do not have to meet the 9% maximum fat content; but at least 1 staff member must have passed Chip Group online training.
14. The winning stores cannot make any reference to any associated organisations or suppliers, without written permission of The Chip Group.
15. The judges' decision is final.
16. No correspondence will be entered into.
17. Any queries should initially be directed to Kate Underwood (Training and Education Manager – The Chip Group) via email to kate@potatoesnz.co.nz or call her on **022 066 8711**.
18. The Chip Group is a technical panel of Potatoes New Zealand.