

# RICH FRUIT CAKE CHAMPIONSHIP

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## RICH FRUIT CAKE RECIPE

(Cake is not to be iced)

### **Ingredients:**

(Use Sunbeam Food products where possible)

250g butter 60g chopped red glace cherries

250g dark brown sugar 60g mixed peel

6 eggs 60g chopped almonds

250g sultanas 375g plain flour

250g raisins 1 tsp baking powder

200g currants 1 tsp mixed spice

100g dates 200ml sherry or brandy

#### Method:

Chop fruits, mix together and soak in the sherry or brandy overnight. Sift together flour, baking powder and spice. Cream together butter and sugar. Add eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition, then alternately add fruit and flour and lastly the chopped nuts. Mix thoroughly. Place mixture in a well prepared 19-22cm square tin, and bake in a slow oven for approximately 3 to 3½ hours.

Note: Fruit should be cut to the size of currants.

### **HINTS FOR ABOVE COMPETITIONS:**

- 1. Cakes should be cooked evenly all over top, bottom and sides should be of even colour. Points to be deducted for uneven cooking.
- 2. Cakes must be well cooked right through no damp or soggy patches.
- 3. Fruit should be evenly distributed throughout cake.
- 4. Fruit should be moist and clean.
- 5. Cake should be of a good even shape.
- 6. Points to be deducted for cake rack marks, burnt edges, pieces of paper or foil which were not removed properly from cake, marks on cake from careless removal of paper.
- 7. All cakes will be cut by the judge.
- 8. Points to be allocated as follows:

Appearance	20 points
Cooking	10 points
Texture	10 points
Flavour	10 points