

The following recipe is compulsory for all entrants and must be printed in all schedules.

**INGREDIENTS:**

250g sultanas  
250 g chopped raisins  
250 g currants  
125 g chopped mixed peel  
90 g chopped red glace cherries  
90 g chopped blanched almonds  
1/3 cup sherry or brandy  
250 g plain flour  
60 g self-raising flour  
1/4 teaspoon grated nutmeg  
1/2 teaspoon ground ginger  
1/2 teaspoon ground cloves  
250g butter  
250g soft brown sugar  
½ teaspoon lemon essence OR finely grated lemon rind  
½ teaspoon almond essence  
½ teaspoon vanilla essence  
4 large eggs.

**RECOMMENDED METHOD:**

Mix together all the fruits and nuts and sprinkle with the sherry or brandy. Cover and leave for at least 1 hour, but preferably overnight. Sift together the flours and spices. Cream together the butter and sugar with the essences. Add the eggs one at a time, beating well after, each addition, then alternately add the fruit and flour mixtures. Mix thoroughly. The mixture should be stiff enough to support a wooden spoon. Place the mixture into a prepared **square 20cm x 20cm (8" x 8") tin** and bake in a slow oven for approximately 3 ½ - 4 hours. Allow the cake to cool in the tin.

**Note:** To ensure uniformity and depending upon the size it is suggested the raisins be snipped into 2 or 3 pieces, cherries into 4-6 pieces and almonds crosswise into 3-4 pieces.

*Judge Note: The height of the cake should not exceed 5.7cm (57mm)*