important dates

November 20th – Registration Opens

December 5th – Registration Closes

December 13th – Completed Gingerbread Houses

delivered to venue

December 13th / 14th – Christmas at the Village

December 20th - Winner will be announced





OFFICIAL RULES & GUIDELINES

Registration

- All participants must register by December 5th (**please note that **Picadilly Cakery requires 5** business days to prepare your gingerbread kit)
- Entry **donations of \$300** must be made to Epilepsy Durham Region at the time of registration

Materials

- Each team/participant must use the gingerbread house kit provided by the event organizers
- Additional edible decorations are allowed (e.g., candy, frosting, sprinkles). Non-edible materials (e.g., glue, paint) are not permitted

House Specifications

- The gingerbread house must remain within a 14 x 14 inch base provided in the kit.
- Structures must be freestanding—no external supports allowed

Assembly Rules

• Teams/participants may assemble and decorate their houses at their own location and arrange drop off at the Kids Safety Village venue on **December 13th by 11:00 am**

Judging Criteria

- Families and individuals taking part in the Christmas at the Village Walkthrough event will have the opportunity to vote for their favourite Gingerbread Build. Voters will be encouraged to evaluate houses based on creativity, craftsmanship, and thematic execution (holiday and/or epilepsy themes).
- Photos of each house will be shared online on Epilepsy Durham Region's website for additional online voting

Voting

- On-site visitors can vote using ballot boxes or QR codes.
- Online voting will be open from December 13th to December 18th

Prizes

• A single award will be given for Best Overall Design, announced on December 20th

Ownership

• All submitted entries become the property of Epilepsy Durham Region for the duration of the event and may be used for promotional purposes

Conduct

• Teams/participants must demonstrate good sportsmanship throughout the competition

Disqualification

• Entries that do not adhere to the rules or use prohibited materials will be disqualified.



