



Official Rules and Regulations:

The Contestants must meet the following criteria to be eligible to enter the contest:

- Operate your business in the Regional Municipality of Durham
- Must be Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident living in Ontario
- Over 18 years of age
- Operating as a full-time business (average 35+ hours per week)
- Applicant has to be the Business Owner - mandatory attendance for the pitch workshops and must pitch the business at the pitch event.
- Be a registered business between 1 to 5 years
- Business must have digital presence (website, online store or business social media)
- Main street, product or service based business

The Contestants may be a sole proprietorship, partnership (majority shareholder only) and for profit incorporated. No franchises, non profits, social enterprises, single events, commission sales businesses, network marketing, technology products or services (apps, software, SaaS) are eligible.

In-kind prizes are not transferable and may not be redeemed for cash. In-kind prizes may have an expiry date and prize winners shall not request extensions or substitutions.

All decisions, judgements and selections of the judges are at the sole and absolute discretion of the judges and are final with no right of appeal. By participating in this pitch competition, each contestant agrees to these official rules and regulations and to all the decisions of the judges and BACD.

By participating in the contest, each applicant agrees to these Official Rules and to all decisions of the Selection Committee, which are final and binding. BACD reserves the right to use all participants' names, likenesses, pictures, portraits, voice, biographical information, written submissions, and written or oral statements, for advertising and promotional purposes without additional compensation to participants unless required by law.

Winners information will be posted on the BACD website and social media channels and will be released to the public through media alerts another written, printed, digital or oral venues.

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