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Brian Sode, CEC, AAC, Approved as an American Culinary Federation Culinary Competition Judge

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla., October 22, 2009—The American Culinary Federation (ACF) Culinary Competition Committee announced this month that Brian Sode, CEC, AAC, of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., executive chef, The Bear's Club, Jupiter, Fla., has been approved to be a culinary competition judge throughout the U.S.

The ACF-approved culinary judge program was established to provide a nationwide pool of qualified judges for culinary competitions. Appointment as an ACF culinary judge confirms that an individual has attained the highest level of trust, professionalism, respect and ethical confidence from his/her peers. To be considered for a judge, chefs must be ACF members; certified at the Certified Sous Chef™ (CSC™) or Certified Working Pastry Chef™ (CWPC™) level or higher; have won three gold medals in culinary competitions during the last 10 years; and be approved for training by the Culinary Competition Committee chair.



After these prerequisites are established, candidates must apprentice a minimum of five ACF-approved culinary competitions and attend a training seminar. Then, the committee reviews candidates and either approves or recommends them for additional training.

As an ACF-approved culinary judge, Sode will travel to competitions in the area and throughout the country. Sode is a member of ACF National Chapter.

About the American Culinary Federation

The American Culinary Federation, Inc., established in 1929, is the premier professional organization for culinarians in North America. With more than 22,000 members spanning 230 chapters nationwide, ACF is the culinary leader in offering educational resources, training, apprenticeship and accreditation. In addition, ACF operates the most comprehensive certification program for chefs in the United States. ACF is home to ACF Culinary Team USA, the official representative for the United States in major international culinary competitions, and to the Chef & Child Foundation, founded in 1989 to promote proper nutrition in children and to combat childhood obesity. For more information, visit www.acfchefs.org.

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