Sample Ballots

League Day 2015

Plurality Voting

- Vote for one dessert candidate by clearly filling in the box next to the candidate of your choice.

- If you vote for more than one candidate, your ballot will be invalidated.

- The candidate with the most votes wins.

☐ brownie

☐ banana split

☐ sugar cookie

☐ lemon bar

Approval Voting

- Vote for one or more dessert candidates.

- You are not required to approve more than one candidate.

- To vote, clearly fill the box next to the candidate(s) of your choice.

- The candidate with the most votes wins.

☐ brownie

☐ banana split

☐ sugar cookie

☐ lemon bar

Range (or Score) Voting

- To vote, rate each choice by clearly circling one rating in that candidate's row.
  - Worst rating = 1. Best rating = 4.
  - "No opinion" – if unfamiliar with the dessert or wish not to state an opinion.
  - "No opinion" votes do not affect vote tallies.

- You MAY give EQUAL ratings to different desserts.

- If you leave a row blank, the vote counters will not know your opinion and must count the blank as "No opinion." A circled "No opinion" vote expresses your intention better than a blank = "No opinion."

- The dessert with the highest average rating wins.

brownie	**Circle One** → No Opinion	1	2	3	4
banana split	**Circle One** → No Opinion	1	2	3	4
sugar cookie	**Circle One** → No Opinion	1	2	3	4
lemon bar	**Circle One** → No Opinion	1	2	3	4

Instant Runoff Voting (IRV)

- To vote, rank some or all of the desserts.
  - Write 1 in the box next to your favorite.
  - If you have a 2nd favorite, write 2 next to it.
  - If you have a 3rd favorite, write 3 next to it.
  - If you have a 4th favorite, write 4 next to it.
  - You MAY leave a box blank.

- Counting the votes in rounds or "runoffs"

1st Round – If a dessert receives a majority of 1st-choice votes, it wins. Otherwise, begin the 2nd round.

2nd Round – The dessert with the fewest 1st -choice votes is eliminated, and the 2nd-choice votes on those ballots are counted and added to the first-round tally. If a dessert now has a majority of the votes counted, it wins. If not, round 3.

3rd Round – The dessert with the fewest votes is once again eliminated and the next available favorite on those ballots is counted in the tally. After two desserts are eliminated, the remaining dessert with the greatest number of votes wins.

☐ brownie

☐ banana split

☐ sugar cookie

☐ lemon bar