

Pastry World Cup Americas Selection winners announced



New Orleans, La. – The United States team has won the Pastry World Cup Americas 2026, with Mexico placing second and Paraguay third. These three teams, along with fourth-place Argentina, have secured their places for the finals to be held in January 2027 during Sirha Lyon.

The seven teams from Argentina, Brazil, Ecuador, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru and the U.S., each made up of a sugar expert, a chocolatier and an ice specialist, competed intensely for five hours and 30 minutes to succeed last year's winning team, Argentina.

The teams were given an ambitious task to produce 32 tasting desserts, three artistic showpieces and a buffet: 10 individual pecan pies, 10 frozen plated desserts, 12 chocolate-based sweet creations, as well as three artistic showpieces in sugar, chocolate and sculpted water ice.

True to the spirit of the competition, one of the tests paid tribute to the heritage of the host country: the pecan pie, a great classic of American pastry, which the candidates had to reinvent in their own way. The chocolate test drew on the codes of street food, with 12 sweet creations in finger-food format, finished live in front of the jury and staged in an immersive setting.

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	TEAM	TOTAL
SELECTED 2027 FINALISTS	1 USA	3201
	2 MEXICO	2782
	3 PARAGUAY	2688
	4 ARGENTINA	2606
	5 PERU	2361
	6 ECUADOR	2178
	7 BRAZIL	2164

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“The Americas Selection was an outstanding experience, and it was a privilege to be its Honorary President. The seven teams presented delicate, refined and singular creations. Throughout the competition, each found its rhythm and its own path to the finish”, said Osvaldo Gross, honorary president of the Pastry World Cup Americas 2026, in a news release.

“We had a very solid game plan and we are delighted to have carried it out successfully. It was a real pleasure to compete alongside all the candidates, and we wish them all the very best for the rest of the competition”, said Jordan Snider of the winning U.S. team.

The 2026 season continues with the Africa and Middle East continental selections. The 20 teams selected during these qualifiers will then meet for the finals of the Pastry World Cup in January 2027, during Sirha Lyon Jan. 21-25.

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On July 26, the U.S. culinary team also topped the podium in the Bocuse d'Or Americas 2026, represented by chef Vincenzo Loseto.

Canada and Colombia, represented by Keith Pears and Juan Buitrago respectively, finished in second and third place. These three teams, along with the two other teams in the top five (Mexico and Argentina), have secured their places in the finals, which will take place during Sirha Lyon.

Eight teams representing eight countries (Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico and the United States), each made up of a chef and their commis, showcased their vision of gastronomy throughout the competition.