



*****FOR JFA USE ONLY*****
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HEAT: _____ BOOTH: _____

Jambalaya Festival Association 2017 JAMBALAYA COOKING CONTEST ENTRY FORM

COOKS NAME: _____

HELPERS NAME: _____

COOKS ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

COOKS EMAIL: _____

COOKS HOME PHONE: _____ COOKS CELL PHONE: _____

SPONSOR NAME: _____

SPONSOR'S CONTACT PERSON: _____

SPONSOR'S ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

SPONSOR PHONE NUMBER: _____

SPONSOR CATCH PHRASE: _____

There will be a **cook's meeting May 15, 2017 at 6:00 P.M.** at the Gonzales Civic Center. It is **mandatory** that a representative of your cooking team be at this meeting. Entry form and sponsor's check for \$300.00 payable to the Jambalaya Festival Association must be turned in at that time in order to be registered.

I agree to abide by the rules and regulations pertaining to the contest (see attached) and should I win the contest and become the WORLD CHAMPION JAMBALAYA COOK for 2017-2018. I hereby accept the Jambalaya Festival Association as my agent for one year from the date of the contest. The JFA reserves the right to assign cooking jobs for the association, as the board deems necessary. The JFA trailer will be used exclusively by cooks preparing meals for the JFA due to liability issues. JFA reserves the right to amend or change any rules or regulations at their discretion.

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JAMBALAYA COOKING CONTEST RULES

1. **Cooking ingredients must include:**

- Preliminary: 30 lbs chicken; 10 lbs rice
- Semi-Finals: 45 lbs chicken; 15 lbs rice
- Finals: 60 lbs chicken; 20 lbs rice

Other ingredients and seasonings can be chosen from the following:

Yellow Onions	Garlic (Fresh & Granulated)
Green Onions	Red Pepper
Red Hot Sauce	Bell Peppers
Celery	Salt
Black Pepper	Cooking Oil

No other Personal Seasoning Allowed in the Cooking Area. Only ingredients provided by the JFA will be used. Ingredients will be delivered to the cooking area thirty minutes prior to start time of your heat.

2. Cooks must furnish black iron pot with metal lid and paddle.

3. Jambalaya must be cooked on wood furnished by the JFA.

4. No former champion can be a helper.

5. Cooks will be furnished two (2) hinged plates for their own sample.

6. Cooks will be furnished a double sided ticket, attached to a small styrofoam container. You will remove your half of the ticket and keep it in your possession. It is your responsibility to safeguard this ticket. No cook will be allowed to move into the semi-final or final rounds unless you can produce a valid / legible ticket for inspection when the top scores are announced for each of these categories. You will place the other half of your ticket on the styrofoam container, placing it in the ice chest and bringing the ice chest to the trailer promptly at the end of your designated heat time.

7. At the end of your heat you must remove your pot away from the fire. You will then have 15 minutes to prepare your ice chest for judging and get it loaded onto the trailer.

8. Cooks will be allowed to back-up to cooking booths and leave your vehicle there while cooking in your assigned booths only. When your heat is finished, **immediately** move your vehicle from the booth. Cooks must enter on Irma Blvd. from Worthy Rd.

9. **Only** cooks and helpers are allowed in the cooking area. This has been a problem and will be strictly enforced. There will be places on the other side of the barricades for tents and chairs.

10. No cooks or helpers will be allowed in the vicinity of the Judging Area.

11. Trash barrels are provided to dispose of all trash. It is **your responsibility** to leave your cooking area clean and free of trash for the next contestant.

12. Grease containers will be provided for used cooking oil. Absolutely **no** cooking oil is to be poured on the ground or in drains.

13. **No hand sampling from pots.**

14. Cooking contest format will be as follows:

- a. There will be 8 preliminary heats which will consist of no more than 16 cooks each. Heats 1 thru 4 will be held on Friday and heats 5 thru 8 will be held on Saturday. **The 32 top scoring cooks from the 8 preliminary heats will be picked to compete in 2 semifinal heats. The announcing of semi-finalists will take place on Saturday evening after the conclusion of the last preliminary heat.
- b. The two semi-finalist heats will be held Sunday morning with 16 cooks in each heat. The top 12 scoring cooks from the semi-final heats will be picked to compete in the final heat. The announcing of finalists will take place immediately following the last semi-final heat (once judging is complete).
- c. 12 finalists will compete Sunday afternoon to obtain the title of **WORLD CHAMPION JAMBALAYA ` COOK.**

Should you be chosen as the World Champion Cook you must abide by the following rules:

- You will cook for many different events around our state and parish. When you are attending events during your year as World Champion you are a representation of the Jambalaya Festival Association and will be required to wear our standard royal blue (JFA) shirt. The champ and his helper will be given (2) shirts each. Additional shirts/caps may be purchased at your own expense.
- Maintenance of the JFA trailer is the responsibility of the cook using it. Payment to the Champ for cooking jobs will not be rendered until the trailer has been inspected for cleanliness.
- The Champion Cook is required to cook THREE times during his reigning year for free. Thereafter, he/she will be paid the appropriate cook fee and propane allowance, based on approved JFA allowances.

**In the event of inclement weather on either Friday or Saturday, the JFA Executive Board will meet with the Judging Panel and make a determination as to if the inclement weather was/is severe enough to place those at a competitive disadvantage, who were cooking at the time the inclement weather was present. In the event that it is determined that the weather caused competitive disadvantage, then instead of taking the top thirty two (32) scores out of eight (8) heats, the semi-finalist will be picked by taking the top (4) scores from the Heat(s) that were deemed to have been at a disadvantage due to weather, and then the remaining semi-finalist will be taken from the rest of the field as described above. (See examples on following page...)

If it is determined that the weather did not cause a competitive disadvantage, then the selection of Semi-finalists will take place as described in section (a.) above. In either case Semi-finalists will be announced on Saturday evening after the conclusion of the last preliminary heat.

SCENARIO 1:

Heat 3 on Friday experiences severe weather which is deemed to have put those cooks at a disadvantage. Semi-finalists will be picked as follows:

Top four (4) cooks from Heat 3.

Top twenty-eight (28) cooks from all remaining heats.

SCENARIO 2:

Heat 3 on Friday experiences light rain that is deemed not to have put those cooks at a disadvantage, the weather worsens and Heat 4 is deemed to have been at a disadvantage. Also, Heat 7 on Saturday experiences a thunderstorm which is deemed to have put those cooks at a disadvantage. Semi-finalists will be picked as follows:

Top four (4) cooks from Heat 4

Top four (4) cooks from Heat 7

Top twenty-four (24) cooks from all remaining heats (including Heat 3).

GOOD LUCK! HAVE FUN! BE SAFE!

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