

COMPLETE CONTEST RULES

World Food Championship Qualifying Event BURGER CATEGORY

The Morgan Hill Mushroom Mardi Gras Festival's Amateur Blended Beef & Mushroom Burger Cook-off is a qualifying event for the World Food Championship in Dallas, TX, October 2020. The first-place winner will receive a golden ticket to compete at the World Food Championships.

PRIZES

- 1st Prize: \$1000 and a Golden Ticket to the October 2020 World Food Championships in Texas as a Preferred Qualifier, representing the Morgan Hill Mushroom Mardi Gras Festival.
- 2nd Prize: \$250
- 3rd Prize: \$100
- 4th Prize: \$100

All finalists will receive a Mini Food Processor and a Harris Ranch Beef Package valued up to \$100 shipped to their home, sponsored by the Cattlegirls. Winner must make own travel & lodging arrangements to the World Food Championships in Dallas Texas, October 2020.

ELIGIBILITY

Open to all amateur cooks eighteen (18) years of age or older, who are residents of the United States.

DEADLINE

All entries must be received by May 1, 2020. Receipt of entries will not be acknowledged.

RECIPE ENTRIES

- Must be an original Burger recipe
- Blended mushroom recipes require 25% of ground mushrooms to be mixed with 75% ground beef. As a trendy meat extender, the mushrooms create a unique, flavorful combination for burgers. The 2020 Mushroom Mardi Gras Amateur Burger Cook-Off will focus on blending mushrooms with beef. At the cook-off, all recipes will be made with the ground beef supplied by our Santa Clara County Cattlegirls's.
- May contain any variety or combination of white, cremini or portabella fresh mushrooms provided by local Mushroom Farms.
- Must contain no more than 20 ingredients including all ingredients that may go into toppings and condiments (excluding water, salt and pepper). Ingredients must be readily available.
- Must take no longer than 1 hour to prepare, including cooking time.
- May be served hot or cold.

RESPONSIBILITIES AT COOK-OFF

- The Mushroom Mardi Gras Festival will provide double **INDUCTION BURNERS** (stove top). Ovens are not provided. Contestants may bring a small toaster or household oven that will connect to a 120v circuit. Contestants must provide their own extension cords for power source.
- Contestants must provide their own **INDUCTION** cookware
- The Mushroom Mardi Gras Festival will supply a worktable for each contestant.
- Local Mushroom Farms will provide the following mushrooms: White, Cremini & Portabella.
- The Santa Clara County Cattlewomen's will provide 2 lbs of ground beef to all finalists at the cook-off.
- The Morgan Hill Mushroom Mardi Gras & sponsors will provide a mini food processor for finalists to create the perfect blend. Each finalist can take it home after the cook-off.

JUDGING

- Recipes will be judged on Execution, Appearance and Taste.
- All entries will be screened and some will be taste-tested by the Mushroom Mardi Gras Committee to select the cook-off finalists.
- Cook-off finalists will be notified by May 10th. Non-finalists will not be notified.
- In the event that a selected finalist is unable to enter the cook-off, another finalist will be selected in his/her place. You may not have someone else prepare your recipe.
- Final judging will be conducted by a panel of three (3). You must prepare 3 blended burgers for each judge to taste. Panel of judges will not know the names of the finalists until the judging is completed.
- The winners will be announced immediately following the judging.

OTHER DETAILS

- You are required to make your own travel arrangements to the Morgan Hill Mushroom Mardi Gras Festival.
- The Cook-Off will be held at the Morgan Hill Mushroom Mardi Gras Festival on Saturday, May 23 at 11:30am in the Hiram Morgan Hill Room at the Morgan Hill Community & Cultural Center. Here, finalists will prepare their blended mushroom & beef burgers from start to finish.
- Other than the mushrooms and ground beef, the contestants must bring all other ingredients, for at least 3 servings, preparation and cooking utensils (**INDUCTION**) as well as the dishes for presenting the finished dish to the judges.
- Ingredients may not be prepped ahead of time and brought to the Cook-Off.
- Contestants are encouraged to post their entries on Facebook using <https://www.facebook.com/morganhillmushroommardigras/>, <https://www.facebook.com/CaliBeefCouncil/> and <https://www.facebook.com/MushroomCouncil/>. <https://www.facebook.com/blenditarian/#blenditarian>

HOW TO ENTER

- Fill out the online entry form (below) or download the entry form and return by email or mail.
- All recipes must be clearly printed and typed
- Only one (1) recipe may be submitted per person, so send in your best!
- List each ingredient in order of use with the amount needed and clear directions for preparing the dish.
- Include your name, address and phone number at the top of the recipe you enter.
- A photograph of the finished dish must be included with the application.
- You may submit your application by:

Email to:

info@mhmmg.com. Place “Mushroom Cook-Off” in the subject line.

Mail to:

Morgan Hill MMG
c/o Mushroom Cook-Off
409 Tennant Station #150, Morgan Hill, CA 95037

REGULATIONS:

- The Mushroom Mardi Gras Festival is not responsible for late, lost or illegible entries.
- Liability for applicable federal, state or other taxes will be the sole responsibility of the individual winners.
- Contestants are responsible for all travel expenses to and from the Amateur Mushroom Cook-Off at the Morgan Hill Mushroom Mardi Gras Festival and the Word Food Championship in October.
- The contest is void where prohibited by law and is subject to all federal, state and local laws & regulations.
- Entries become the property of the Morgan Hill Mushroom Mardi Gras, Inc. and cannot be returned.
- By entering the contest, all participants consent to the commercial use of their name, picture and recipe without additional compensation.
- Contestants agree to be bound to these official rules and the decisions of the judges.





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APPLICATION

Deadline May 1, 2020

All applications MUST be received by May 1, 2020 to be considered for a finalist position – no exceptions!

FIRST NAME _____ LAST NAME _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ CELL _____

EMAIL _____

RECIPE TITLE _____

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SIGNATURE: _____