



2023 HADJI SHRINE GUMBO SHOOTOUT TEAM RULES AND REGULATIONS

Event Location and Team Spaces:

The event is located at Hadji Shrine Center, 800 West Nine Mile Rd., Pensacola, Florida. Each team will have a 15 x 15 space. If you need a larger space, please let us know and we will endeavor to accommodate. Teams are encouraged to decorate their area with a theme to attract “**Best Booth**” and “**Team Spirit**” nominations. Teams must furnish their own cooking equipment, including gas for cookers and fire extinguishers.

Supplied Items:

HSC will provide sampling cups, and tasting utensils. HSC will not provide rice. All supplies will be available in the Director’s Staff Warehouse (Bldg. in N/W corner of property) and volunteers will be around to provide supplies.

Gumbo:

Gumbo must be prepared on-site. There will be 2 categories for judging: Seafood (anything containing seafood of any sort), and Non-Seafood (Turkey, sausage, chicken, anything not containing seafood). **Going by the SCA Rules this year, the Roux CAN BE MADE OFF-SITE, but all needs to be assembled on site.** Other ingredients, such as protein, veggies and stock may be prepared in advance. Spices and secret ingredients may be used for seasoning purposes.

Teams must prepare a **minimum of 5 gallons of gumbo** and provide their own rice if wanted. Please remember that the People’s Choice award is determined by sampling by the public, the more sampling the better the chance to win. Teams must bring their own ladles for serving gumbo. Teams are required to provide samples (approx. ¼ cup) of their gumbo to the public (in the provided cups). Wristbands will be on sale for \$20.00 and are required for Gumbo sampling.

Team Captains:

Each team will designate a team captain, who is responsible for seeing that each assigned area is kept clean and that the judging sample is taken to the appropriate area. Teams are responsible for their own garbage and should dispose of the garbage in the designated cans in the cook-off area. Team Captain is required to attend the Mandatory meeting at 8:00 am the morning of the event. Cooking conditions are subject to inspection.

Check-In:

Set up can begin as early as 6:00 a.m. Please check with Gumbo Volunteer if you did NOT check in on Friday, then proceed to your spot. **There will be a mandatory team meeting at 9:30 am in the Director’s Staff Warehouse.** The team captain **MUST** attend this meeting and supplies will be handed out at this time. Teams must have their areas ready to go by 11:00AM. Gumbo sampling will begin at 11:30 AM.

Judging Process:

For the judging this year, we will be going by SCA Ancillary Rules. The ancillary Rules are as follows:

GENERAL ANCILLARY RULES

- Ancillaries may be cooked on any fire or heat source.
- Elements of the ancillary item may be pre-cooked, but the turn in must be assembled onsite
- Must use provided turn in box, the lid must be closed to turn in. No serving trays
- Only 1 type of ancillary item per turn in box and same recipe. Example: you could not turn in two different flavors of chicken wings, or two different kinds of bacon wrapped jalapenos.
- If the promoter provides a serving vessel, that serving vessel must be used. Example: Mason Jar for Bloody Mary, small cups for chili, beans, or soup, etc.
 - Hadji Shrine will provide SIX 3.5 oz foam bowls to serve your gumbo in. These will fit inside of the to-go container.
- All ancillary proteins are to be provided by the cooks unless stated on the event flier.
- Turn in boxes may not be turned upside down to allow items to fit better. (Stickers are placed on the top of the boxes)

REASONS FOR AN ANCILLARY DQ

- A marked box
- Entry turned in after the turn-in window has expired.
- Not meeting the required number of pieces or portions.
- Any turn-in determined to be raw. Example raw chicken or pork. (If we can't get 5 judges to eat it is a DQ)
- A foreign object found in the box.

CELEBRITY JUDGING CRITERIA:

- Appearance: has a good gumbo roux color appropriate to the category of gumbo
- Aroma: should smell appetizing
- Consistency: stirs like a good gumbo (thickness of base, etc.)
- Texture: balanced quantity of ingredients.
- Flavor: tastes like a well-balanced gumbo, pleasing to the palate

Celebrity judges will be making their rounds to the teams! Make sure to talk yourself up, shmooze them and try to get them to pick you for the best gumbo!!! Have fun with it.

The Best Booth and Team Spirit awards will be chosen by judges influenced by team attitude (HAVE FUN!), space decoration, team costumes or any other form of team flair you can imagine. Teams may offer sides to accompany their gumbo, **but they may not be for sale.**

People's Choice is voted on with tokens. Each person purchasing a Wrist Band will be given one token for voting. ***THE PUBLIC CAN ALSO PUT CASH IN YOUR BUCKETS AND EACH DOLLAR COUNTS AS ONE POINT!!! GET THOSE PEOPLE TO COME OFF SOME OF THAT MONEY FOR YOUR PEOPLE'S CHOICE!!!!*** (Remember this is a fundraiser for HSC!)

Failure to follow these rules will be grounds for disqualification. The Hadji Shrine Gumbo Shootout Planning Committee (Hadji Shrine Center) reserves the right to make additional regulations as situations warrant. All times stated in these regulations are subject to change. Gumbo Teams will be notified if changes are made. Decisions of the committee and judges are final.

