

***RULES & REGULATIONS FOR COOKING CONTESTANTS
15TH ANNUAL WORLD'S CHAMPIONSHIP SHRIMP COOKOFF***

1. Date: Sunday, November 2, 2008. All shrimp contestant entry administration fees: \$150.00 Entry forms must be received by **October 28, 2008**

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| Schedule: | 8-10 a.m. | Booth set up and decorating. |
| | 10:00 a.m. | All contestant & vendor vehicles <u>MUST</u> be moved out of the fenced area. |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Gates open to the public |
| | 1:00 p.m. | Showmanship judging |
| | 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. | Professional contestant entry pick-up. |
| | 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. | Amateur contestant entry pick-up. |
| | 4:30 p.m. | Awards presentation |
| | | <u>Contestants should be prepared to serve until 5 p.m.</u> |
| | 5:30 p.m. | Begin close down. |

2. Prizes: Trophies awarded to the 1st – 3rd place finishers in both amateur and professional divisions. Fourth through 10th place winners in both divisions will also be recognized. Showmanship: Trophy for the best booth decorations, costumes and presentation of their shrimp recipe.

3. Entrants will be supplied one (1) booth (8x8'). Electricity will be provided if requested. Booth decorating will begin at 8 a.m. **ALL CONTESTANTS MUST USE the standard booth supplied by the cook-off committee. Tables, chairs, extension cords and any other needs are the responsibility of the contestant. All contestant vehicles **MUST** be out of and away from the fenced area by 10:00 a.m. Initial set-up must be completed by 10:00 a.m. Four (4) persons are allowed in each cooking booth location. Two (2) additional persons will be allowed in the cooking area at \$3.00 per person. No replacement or additional wrist bands will be allowed except with the extra charge. **CONTESTANT BAGS AND WRIST BANDS FOR THE 4 ALLOWED PERSONS TO BE IN YOUR BOOTH WILL BE AVAILABLE AND MUST BE PICKED UP FIRST AND BY 9 A.M. AT THE CONTESTANT GATE. No one, without exception, will be allowed in the fenced area at event time without a wrist band.****

4. Both amateur and professional contestants will be allowed to sell the shrimp they cook. Sales will be made by ticket only. Tickets will be sold by the Port Isabel Chamber of Commerce at one central located ticket booth. Each ticket will be valued at \$1.00. Contestants will set their own prices and collect tickets for their sales with a minimum charge of two (2) tickets or \$2.00. At the end of the day, contestants will turn their tickets in to the information booth, bundled in quantities of 150 each, bagged and identified in the bags provided in their contestant materials. **All booth proceeds will go to the contestant. Checks for the booth's proceeds will be made at the chamber office and will be available to the contestant during the week following the event.** Expect to sell upwards of 100 pounds plus of shrimp.
5. Contestants must supply their own utensils for cooking and serving their customers and **all entries must be cooked from scratch at the booth site. Only Gulf shrimp may be used in contestant recipes.**
6. Entries must be received by October 28th. Entries received after that date will increase by \$25.00 per entry or from \$150.00 to \$175.00. Booth locations will be assigned on a first come first serve basis. Thirty (30) contestant booths will initially be available. This may be expanded if necessary.
7. A sign will be provided to be used at your booth to indicate the public's cost of your shrimp entry. The price will be marked in number of tickets. Example: you wish to sell your dish for \$2.00. Your sign will read "2 tickets" or if your entry is \$3.00, your sign will say "3 tickets". This sign will be available at the information booth.
8. Custom booth signs may be placed on the interior wall of the booth or over or under the counter at the front of the booth. These would be considered as part of your decorating scheme.
9. **It is necessary for participants to prepare and serve their shrimp contest entry to the general public. Only one recipe is to be prepared and served at each contestant location. Cooking and serving a different recipe to the general public than is served to the judges will result in being disqualified from the competition. Judges helpers will pick up your judging container anytime during the stated time frame for your category. If you are unable to give the judges helpers your container when they approach your booth, you will automatically be disqualified.**

All contestants are expected to have sufficient product to stay open until 5:00p.m.

10. In consideration of the use of one or more spaces, the participating contestant agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the Port Isabel Chamber of Commerce, its officers, members and employees from and against all liabilities, claims, suits, or demands for injuries to any person and/or property arising out of the injuries to persons he or she may cause by participating in such activities.
11. No sale of soft drinks, water or other beverages is allowed. No **PETS** are allowed in the cooking booth or in the fenced area. Do not run fans, heaters or other personal conveniences. **PAYMENT FOR BOOTH SPACE IS NOT REFUNDABLE.**
12. Upon leaving your booth at the event's conclusion, please clear your area being careful not to leave behind pots, pans, utensils, grease, etc. We appreciate your help. There will be a \$50.00 clean up fee deducted from your proceeds if your booth is not left clean.

Should you have questions during the event, please come to the information booth and we will try to solve the problem as quickly as possible.

HAVE A GREAT TIME AND THE BEST OF LUCK TO YOU!