



SALSA CONTEST RULES

1. The California Mid-Winter Fair & Fiesta Salsa Contest is not associated with any other Salsa contest, and any other rules “DO NOT APPLY”.
2. The grounds will be open on Tuesday, March 2 at 4:00 p.m.; however, contestants will be able to enter and set up their equipment, decorations, etc. at 2:30 p.m. Entry instructions for contestants will be determined and communicated to the contestants by Saturday, February 27.
3. The chairperson will hold a meeting at 3:30 p.m. to give final instructions and answer questions – all team captains must be present. Prep work may start at 3 p.m.
4. Be sure to supply ice chests and ice to keep Salsa at appropriate temperature, and all preparation must be made and stored according to Imperial County health standards.
5. All ingredients must be edible. Ingredients may be canned or fresh. All Salsas must be “homemade,” not store bought.
6. No glass will be allowed in the cooking area.
7. Each contestant must make a minimum of one (1) gallon of Salsa. Each contestant must submit one (1) pint container for judging, which will be provided at check-in time. The rest of the Salsa will be used for the People’s Choice competition which will begin at 5:30 p.m.
8. Each contestant will be allowed three (3) additional team members in their booth.
9. Each contestant will be assigned a number by the Chief Scorekeeper and will be given one pint container for the judging. The Chief Scorekeeper will collect these containers at 6:30 p.m. It is the contestant’s responsibility to make certain that the number on the container is the same as the contestant’s assigned number.
10. No beer or other alcoholic beverages will be permitted on the fairgrounds. Any person or team violating this rule will be disqualified from the event. Beer and alcoholic beverages may be purchased at the event.
11. The Fairgrounds staff will provide one table and two chairs for contestants.
12. Contestants will be responsible for supplying their own cooking utensils, ice chests, decorations, etc. A numbered area will be provided for each contestant.
13. *All AMATEUR Salsa must be prepared on site. All PROFESSIONAL Salsa must be prepared in commercial kitchen offsite, with final finished product brought to Fair.*
14. All ties will be resolved by the re-testing of the Salsa recipe. Do not give all your Salsa away, as you need to reserve a pint for judging.
15. Salsa will be judged on appearance, aroma, taste, texture, originality/recipe – each in equal parts. **Recipe must be submitted with application.**
16. All ballots and tally sheets will be turned over to the Salsa Contest staff after the judging has been completed.
17. Prizes will be offered for 1st through 3rd place, as well as “Best Salsa Booth” and “People’s Choice Salsa”.
18. Entries must be received in the fair office by Friday, **February 26, 2010 at 4 p.m.**
19. Prizes and Awards:
1st Place – **\$500** 2nd Place – **\$250** 3rd Place - **\$100**
People’s Choice – Award **Best Booth Award – Trophy**