

Official Rules & Regulations



Hushpuppy: A small, round or slightly oblong cake of cornmeal fried in deep fat.

Garnish: To enhance in appearance by adding decorative touches.

Pre-mixing: To combine, add, join, blend, create, or form ingredients into one mass or mixture.

- 1) Contestants will compete in only one of the assigned 30-minute preliminary heats.
- 2) First, second, and third place will be awarded in each preliminary heat. **The top eight (8) overall scores in all heats combined will advance to the Championship heat to compete.**
- 3) Each contestant will cook a **minimum of twelve (12) hushpuppies. Six (6) samples** must be sent to the judges' stand upon signal.
- 4) A time limit of 30 minutes per heat will be allowed. A signal will begin and end each heat. You may not heat your oil or begin mixing ingredients until the signal is given.
- 5) Contestants will be provided cornmeal, oil, and paper towels, but are not required to use them.
- 6) Only **four (4) team members will be allowed to cook.** Anyone who is not competing will not be allowed in the cooking area. If you have more than four team members, they must stay in the audience or you will be disqualified. Only one Hushpuppy Apron will be issued per team.
- 7) Each contestant will have a special nametag displaying his/her team number that the judges will use to identify your hushpuppy. Your organization or company name will not be given to the judges.
- 8) Contestants are allowed to chop, cook, grate, etc., any ingredient needed for preparation of hush-puppies prior to their heat. No premixing (see definitions to know) of any type will be allowed.
- 9) Contestants will be responsible for placing their hushpuppy samples on a tray provided by an official Hushpuppy Hostess. The hostess will take the hushpuppy samples to the judges...**NOT THE CONTESTANT!**
- 10) Contestants may occupy designated cooking areas 5 minutes prior to beginning of heat and must remove their ingredients, utensils, etc., immediately following their heat.
- 11) Teams will be allowed to receive a copy of their score sheets, upon the request of the contact person, after the Texas State Forest Festival.
- 12) In the event of a tie, the team with the most points in the uniqueness category will break the tie. If the tie is still unresolved, the teams will split the prize.

All decisions of the judges are final.

Any questions regarding the rules & regulations of the Southern Hushpuppy Championships may contact:
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