

Margarita Making Contest Rules and Regulations

- Participants must be at least 21 years of age and must have proper identification available at check-in.
- Participants must be entered in the HOT Chili Fest as a Chili Cook Team.
- Teams can use the tequila of their choice.
- Teams will receive a 3-foot space to prepare and present their margarita.
- A ticket will be assigned to each space for judging purposes.
- Check-in time and set-up is 12:00 Noon on Saturday, February 28, 2015.
- Beverage entries may not be pre-mixed. All ingredients will be inspected by the committee prior to competition.
- Only 2 members of the team are allowed to make the margarita.
- All recipes must be original.
- Fire is absolutely not allowed as a special effect during the making of the margarita.
- Any type of glassware is allowed for final presentation but no logos or distinguishable markings are permitted.
- Frozen margaritas are not allowed.
- Judging begins promptly at 12:30 p.m. No entries will be accepted once the contest begins.
- Contestants are allowed 2-1/2 minutes of preparation time. This only includes setting up of equipment and materials. No juicing, slicing or cutting.
- Contestants are allowed 5 minutes to complete the drink.
- Garbage receptacles will be provided and it is the participant's responsibility to clean and dispose of their area after judging has ended.

JUDGING CRITERIA (voting on a scale of 1-5 with 5 being the highest score)

Flavor (60%)

Strength of margarita (relating to alcoholic content) – not too strong; not too weak

Level of acidity

Smoothness factor

Showmanship/Technique (10%)

Bartending skills and flare displayed while mixing beverage

Final Presentation (30%)

Appearance of drink

Appropriate glassware for drink

Refreshing look

AWARDS

First Place - \$200 Cash

Second Place - Trophy

