



# RULES & REGULATIONS FOR COOKING CONTESTANTS

## SHRIMP COOKOFF & SEAFOOD FESTIVAL



Date: Saturday, November 4, 2023. All shrimp contestant entry administration fees: \$200.00 Entry forms must be received by October 24, 2023

### 1. Schedule: 8:00a.m -10:00 a.m. Booth set up and decorating.

10:00 a.m.	All contestant & vendor vehicles MUST be moved out of the fenced area.
10:00 a.m.	Gates open to the public
12:00-12:30 p.m.	Amateur contestant entry delivery.
1:00-1:30 p.m.	Professional contestant entry delivery.
2:30-3:00 p.m.	Showmanship judging
4:00 p.m.	Awards presentation
4:00 p.m.	Begin close down.

(Contestants should be prepared to serve until 4 p.m.)

### 2. Prizes:

**Trophies awarded to the 1st – 3rd place finishers in both amateur and professional divisions. Showmanship: Trophy for the best booth decorations, costumes and presentation of their shrimp recipe.**

**3. Need to Know:** Entrants will be supplied one (1) booth (8x8'). Electricity will be provided if requested. 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. Each contestant may set up one additional table and up to four chairs for dining.

**4.** Both amateur and professional contestants will be allowed to sell the shrimp they cook. In addition, contestants may prepare and serve a second dish with seafood of your choice that may be sold to the public but will not be judged. Sales will be made by cash only. Contestants will set their own prices and collect payment for their sales with a minimum charge of \$2.00. All booth proceeds will go to the contestant. 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 24th. Entries received after that date will increase by \$25.00 per entry or from \$200.00 to \$225.00. 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 dollars. Example: you wish to sell your dish for \$2.00. Your sign will read "\$2" or if your entry is \$3.00, your sign will say "\$3". 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. Two recipes may be prepared and served at each contestant location. One must be a shrimp recipe and will be judged. The second may be a seafood dish of your choice that may be sold but will not be judged. Cooking and serving more than two recipes to the general public will result in being disqualified from the competition. You must deliver your judging container to the judges' station during the stated time frame for your category. If you are unable to deliver your container within the specified time you will automatically be disqualified.

All contestants are expected to have sufficient product to stay open until 4:00p.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.

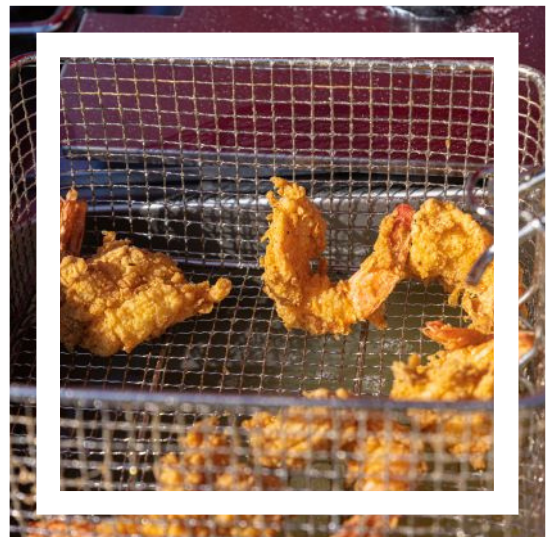
**11. No sale of soft drinks, water or other beverages is allowed. No PETS are allowed in the cooking booth or in the fenced area. PAYMENT FOR BOOTH SPACE IS NOT REFUNDABLE.**

**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!**

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PORT ISABEL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2023  
CONTESTANT ENTRY FORM

**Shrimp Cookoff & Seafood Festival Designer Awards in Each Division**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ (work) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Category (check one): Amateur \_\_\_\_\_ or Professional \_\_\_\_\_

Electricity: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Paid: \$100.00 Amateurs; \$200 Professionals

Check No. \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

(Visa/MasterCard/Discover) Card# \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Return entry to: Port Isabel Chamber of Commerce, 421 Queen Isabella Blvd.,

Port Isabel, TX 78578.

Phone: (956)943-2262

Fax: 956-943-4001.

Email: [director@portisabel.org](mailto:director@portisabel.org).

Entry forms must be received by Tuesday, October 24, 2023. Please read enclosed Rules & Regulations carefully. **Entry fees are not refundable.**

For more information, call above number.