

# Bloody Mary Contest Rules

## Participant Eligibility:

- Participants must be at least 21 years old to enter the contest.
- Contestants must register in advance of the event to secure their participation.

## Registration:

- Participants must complete a registration form.

## Ingredients Limitations:

- Contestants must use a base spirit of vodka and tomato juice in their Bloody Mary recipe.
- Additional ingredients such as hot sauce, Worcestershire sauce, horseradish, spices, and garnishes are allowed.

## Presentation:

- Bloody Marys must be presented in a ½ gallon jug
- Also Present 1 dressed Bloody Mary to be judged on presentation
- Garnishes and presentation elements should be visually appealing and enhance the overall presentation of the cocktail.

## Judging Criteria:

- **Taste:** This category focuses on the flavor profile of the Bloody Mary. Judges should assess the balance of ingredients, the intensity of flavors, and overall palatability. Key elements to consider include the balance of sweet, savory, sour, and spicy flavors.
- **Creativity:** Judges should evaluate the originality and creativity of each Bloody Mary. This includes considering unique ingredient combinations, innovative garnishes, and creative presentation techniques. Contestants who demonstrate creativity in reinterpreting the classic Bloody Mary while maintaining its essence should be recognized in this category.
- **Balance:** This category evaluates the overall balance of flavors in the Bloody Mary. Judges should consider whether the cocktail achieves a harmonious blend of sweet, savory, sour, and spicy elements. A well-balanced Bloody Mary should have depth and complexity without any single flavor overpowering the others.
- **Overall Impression:** This category allows judges to consider the overall impact and enjoyment of each Bloody Mary. Judges should assess how well the cocktail engages the senses, its overall drinkability, and its ability to leave a lasting impression. Contestants who excel in creating a memorable and enjoyable drinking experience should score highly in this category.

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## Judges:

- A panel of qualified judges will be selected by the organizers to evaluate the Bloody Marys.
- Judges will be provided with scorecards or evaluation sheets to record their assessments.

## Scoring System:

- Judges will score each Bloody Mary based on the established criteria on a scale of 1 to 10, with 10 being the highest.
- The total scores for each contestant will be calculated to determine the winners.

## Prizes:

- 50/50 cash prize will be awarded for Best in Show. This is the highest ranked Bloody Mary Over All and will be awarded 50% of the total collected for entering the contest.
- One additional award for "Best Presentation."

## Safety and Responsibility:

- The organizers will promote responsible drinking throughout the event.
- Contestants are responsible for ensuring the safe handling and consumption of alcohol in their cocktails.
- Be prepared to sample your own Bloody Mary upon turn in. If it is too spicy or strong for you, you will be disqualified.

## Turn in Time and Place:

- 9am Saturday in the VIP area.

## Disqualification Criteria:

- Contestants may be disqualified for violations of the rules, failure to comply with judging instructions, or any inappropriate behavior.
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