



2019 HOUSTON JERK FEST COOKING COMPETITION GUIDELINES

The HJF Cooking Competition is open to all professional or amateur chefs.

All participants must complete the attached application form, along with a certified check or Money Order in the amount of \$100.00 payable to:

**The Social
Warriors**

**Attn: Jerk
Competition**

**850 Turtle Creek
Drive Missouri City,
TX 77489**

For more information please call (713)-252-9066.

1. Participants will provide all ingredients, grills and cooking utensils necessary to prepare and cook their entries in the presence of the Judges. Participant set up should be completed by 1:00 pm. Contestants must adhere to all health, electrical, fire and other codes whether city, county, state or federal.

2. Chef's meeting at 1:15pm in the judging area. Cooking will be from 2:00pm – 5:00pm.

Judging will be from 5:00pm - 6:00pm. Winners announced at approximately at 6:30pm.

3. Each entrée may be presented with an appropriate side dish of your choice.

4. A maximum of **TWO** main dishes may be entered by each competitor from the following categories: **(a)** Jerked Pork **(b)** Jerked Chicken **(c)** Jerked Fish **(d)** Other



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meat or vegetarian dish.

5. No cooking of any kind may begin until meat has been inspected by the authorized Inspector or Judge.

6. A dress code of black pants, white/team shirt and a chef's cap/head cover will be mandatory for all participants. Aprons will be provided to participants by contest organizer.

7. Each participant will be allowed a maximum of 2 assistants.

8. Food must be displayed in an approved container provided by the participants, then numbered by judging officials.

Presentation options for judging. Please note:

- A. Condiments must be presented in separate bowls with spoon for tasting.
- B. All garnishes must be edible.
- C. Please avoid over garnishing.
- D. Please avoid using plastic utensils
- E. ANY display presented in aluminum foil containers will NOT be judged.

Judging will be scored accordingly in the following categories:

Presentation of Dish.....25 points (ranging from 1-25)

Texture/Tenderness.....30 points (ranging from 1-30)

Taste.....30 points (ranging from 1-30) Chef's

Appearance/Work Area15 points (ranging from 1-15)



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There will be no refund of entry fees for any reason.

The decision and interpretations of the Houston Jerk Festival rules and regulations are at the discretion and decision of the judges at the contest. Their interpretations and decisions are final.

**PARTICIPANTS ARE REQUIRED TO BE EIGHTEEN
YEARS OR OLDER.**

**ABSOLUTELY NO VENDING
ALLOWED**

PRIZES:

1st Place - \$1000