



MICHIGAN RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION

Pizza Challenge

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RULES AND PROCEDURES

Entry/Registration Process

- Contest is open to pizzerias operating in Michigan.
- Limit of one contestant per pizzeria concept/franchise.
- The contestant must be 18 years of age.
- Contestant must register using the MRA Pizza Challenge Registration Form by 5 p.m. on Monday, September 25. Space is limited.
- Contestant are limited to preparing a pizza that is on the restaurant menu, and a copy of the menu must be submitted with the **registration form**.

Rules of the Competition

- Contestants are required to attend a 9:00 a.m. orientation meeting on the day of competition (October 18, 2017). Contestants who are late will receive a deduction from their score of 1 point for each 5 minutes tardy.
- Contestants will be notified of their bake order on Wednesday, October 11.
- Six (6) contestants will compete per round; three cooking in a deck oven and three cooking in a conveyer oven. A winner from each round will advance to the championship round.
- Contestants are limited to preparing a pizza that is on the restaurant menu, and a copy of the menu must be submitted with the **registration form**.
- Each contestant will have 30 minutes to prepare their pizza.
- Show management will provide the following: prep tables, refrigeration for contest products, one conveyer oven, and one deck oven. Pizzas must be prepared and baked only in the competition area with the supplied ovens.
- Contestants must bring enough supplies (pre-made dough, sauce, cheese, and toppings) for four pizzas.

- Contestants must bring their own work utensils (ladles, pans, screens, rollers, etc.), and must transport those utensils in plastic containers only—no glass!
- Pizza size must be a minimum of 12” and a maximum of 16”.
- Participants must prepare two pizzas per round – one for the judges to sample and one for Show attendees to sample. Participants may not make more than two pizzas per round.
- Pizzas will be presented to the judges in their entirety. Event staff will cut into sample sizes in the judging area.
- Only registered contestants are allowed in the competition area (assistants are not permitted in the competition area). Once contestants have submitted their pizzas, they must clean and sanitize their prep areas. Contestants are not permitted in the judging area.
- Tasting judges will be sequestered, and a competition number will be assigned to each contestant and the final product.
- There will be one floor judge to ensure proper sanitation.
- The findings of the judges are final.
- MRA reserves the right to limit participation.

Prize Package

- 1st place winner will receive:
 - Entry into the International Pizza Challenge, (Date TBD) at the Las Vegas Convention Center provide by Pizza Today
 - Airfare to Las Vegas provided by the Michigan Restaurant Association
- Trophies, press release, and professional photos of the winner will also be provided for the top three places.

REGISTRATION FORM

Contestant Name: _____
Date of Birth: _____
Restaurant /Pizzeria Name: _____

Address: _____
City: _____
State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____
Cell: _____
E-mail: _____

Select One: Cooking in Deck Oven
 Cooking in Conveyer Oven



Return this
form to:

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For any questions about the MRA Pizza Challenge, call 800-968-9668.