

## **Margarita Competition Rules & Guidelines**

1. The competition is open to all persons (age 21+) who wish to compete
2. Contestants will pay \$10 entry fee (to be used as prizes)
3. No artificial colorants or flavorings may be used in the margarita recipe
4. Garnishes may not alter the taste or aroma of the cocktail (Those that are ingredients are allowed – such as a lime wedge (there is lime juice in the margarita)).
5. Drink must include at least 1.5 ounces of the main ingredient – Tequila
6. Each competitor is limited to five minutes for mixing their cocktail for the judges. The timekeeper will notify competitor at the 30-second mark.
7. Glassware will be provided by competitor for presentation purposes
8. Judging will be based on both presentation and taste (see details below)
9. All margaritas must be served on the rocks or strained – not frozen please.
10. Salts and flavored salts are allowed and recommended.

### **WHAT YOU NEED TO DO:**

- Set up a folding table at the front of your site
- We will text you the order of judging and an approximate time we anticipate hitting your site
- Please have plastic cups available to pour the judges drinks for tasting – they will see your original drink to judge for presentation. (This will allow us to safely social distance and be able to throw away taste cups).
- To sign up – text Rae (860-268-1825) Name & Site #
- Please honor social distancing and gathering guidelines. Please have contestant and one assistant only near table. Other observers on your site are asked to maintain a safe distance behind your table to the back side of your site.

**WHAT WE PROVIDE:**

- Each contestant will get a bag of ice from us
- We will also provide each contestant with plastic cups if needed
- Panel of three judges consisting of people with possibly no experience at all with bartending, tasting, or mixing margaritas.
- Judging is based on presentation skills, cocktail presentation, glassware, taste, balance, nose, smell, and finish.
- Winners will be chosen by panel of judges
- Proceeds of entry fees will be given back as prizes.