

## **Margarita Contest Category**

Participation in the Margarita Contest is optional

Entry into the Margarita Contest is a \$25 Buy-in. (Must notify and pay Officials at check-in if they wish to participate) Payout for Margarita Contest will be paid out 50/50. 50 to HOT Fair and Rodeo Scholarship Fund and 50 towards payout to 1st and 2nd place teams in a 60/40 split cash money payout.

-Will be held Friday, September 19th at 7:20pm. Setup will begin in authorized area at 7:00pm. Contestants will have 15 minutes to mix drinks and get them ready for presentation. Contestants must exit judging area at 7:15pm.

1. Due to space restrictions only 2 members of team allowed in setup area.
2. Contestants must be at least 21 years old to participate and must have a valid state issued ID at check in
3. Contestants will receive a 3-foot space to prepare margaritas and set up for presentation. a. Presentation cannot include anything that will give away identity of contestant.
4. A random number will be assigned to each space for judging purposes.
5. Beverage entries may not be pre-mixed. All ingredients will be inspected by the committee prior to competition, NO frozen drinks allowed.
6. All recipes must be original and include alcohol.
7. Any flaming drinks or use of fire as a special effect is prohibited.
8. Area must be cleaned up after preparation and before presentation begins.

### Judging Criteria

- Strength of drink
- Smoothness of flavor
- Appearance of drink
- Appropriate glassware
- Creativity of name

Finalist will be announced when judging is finished Friday night. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion will be announced during awards ceremony Saturday evening