



Contest Rules

BASIC RULES

1. Competitors choose their own noodles, cheese, special ingredients
2. Toppings and decorations in the judges' turn-in box are allowed: lettuce, breadcrumbs, decoration, etc.
3. Must keep food temp maintained at a minimum of 135 degrees (this will be checked)
4. Must not approach judges
5. Must bring the assigned amount of Mac & Cheese
6. Must serve the public

WHAT TEAMS RECEIVE

1. 2 tickets to the event
1. 10 x 10 tent
2. 6-foot table
3. 1 oz ramekins to serve the public
4. Napkins for the public
5. Numbered clam shell/s for the competition
6. Booth sign with team name and any special ingredients
7. One roll of paper towels
8. Large plastic serving spoons and tongs

WHAT TEAMS MUST BRING

1. **Pro Teams:** 24 Quarts of **each style** of Mac & Cheese equal to 3 full-size hotel pans.
2. **Amateur/Kids Teams:** 16 Quarts of **each style** of Mac & Cheese equal to 2 full-size hotel pans. *Chafing dishes are preferred, but crockpots and other electric food warmers are acceptable. Limited power will be available to competitors.*
3. Cooking Thermometer
1. Disposable gloves
2. Booth decorations and fun energy (helps with people's choice)

3. Great attitudes

CATEGORIES

Pro Championship Teams

The Pro Championship Teams will consist of Restaurants, Bars, Diners, Cafes, Bistros, Grills, Caterers, Greasy Spoons, and Eating Places. Pro Teams will have two members and the entry fee is \$50 per team. Pro Teams must compete in both the Classic Homestyle and Cook's Choice Divisions. Winning the first annual Mac & Cheese Pro Championship will bring your establishment prestige, glory, and a boost in business. Sign up today!

Amateur Competition Teams

The Amateur Competition Teams will consist of Community Organizations, Churches, Schools, Lodges, Offices, and any Individual who believes that they make the best Mac & Cheese in the South. Amateur Teams will have two members and the entry fee is \$25 per team. Amateur Teams compete in the Amateur Classic Homestyle Division and have the option to also compete in the Cook's Choice Division. Winning the first annual Mac & Cheese Amateur Competition will bring you prestige, glory, and bragging rights. Sign up today!

Kids Contest Teams

The Kids Contest Teams will consist of one or two kids 12 years of age or under and one or two adults. Kids Teams will have two to four members and the entry fee is \$10. Kid's teams will compete in the Kids Cook's Choice Division. Winning the first annual Mac & Cheese Kids Contest will bring you prestige, glory, and ultimate cheese cred.

DIVISIONS

Classic Homestyle

Do you make the best Classic Homestyle Mac & Cheese in the South? This division features Mac & Cheese that you serve your family, friends, or customers at a cookout, potluck, or in your restaurant. The Classic Homestyle Mac & Cheese Division will be judged on presentation, appearance, taste, and texture.

Cook's Choice

Do you make the most Creative and Delicious Mac & Cheese in the South? This division features Mac & Cheese that you cook for yourself. This division will feature both Pro and Amateur teams. Unique cheese blends, veggies, meats, herbs, spices, and sauces can all be used. It's your choice. The Cook's Choice Division will be judged on presentation, appearance, taste, and innovation.

PRIZES

Winning Categories and Prizes

Pro Champion Classic Homestyle \$400 and Trophy
Pro Runner-Up Classic Homestyle \$200 and Trophy
Amateur Champion Classic Homestyle \$300 and Trophy
Amateur Runner-Up Classic Homestyle \$150 and Trophy
Cook's Choice Champion \$300 and Trophy
Cook's Choice Runner-Up \$150 and Trophy
Kids Champion \$100 and Trophy
Kids Runner-Up \$50 and Trophy
People's Choice \$100 and Trophy

JUDGING

Blind Judging

Each category will be scored using a blind judging system. Blind judging ensures a fair competition with accurate results. Teams will be given a numbered 6 x 6 Clam Shell that will be picked up and turned into the judges at an assigned time. Turn in times will be staggered to ensure that each team can serve a quality sample to the judges. The turn in size should be approximately eight ounces of Mac & Cheese.

People's Choice Judging

There will be a single People's Choice judging area located away from the tent section. Attendees will receive a wooden coin to vote for their favorite team.

