



2023 Battle of the Paddle
Crawfish Cook-Off
Saturday April 29, 2023
RULES

PLEASE READ IN ITS ENTIRETY.

These rules must be understood and followed by all participants.

- 1) The Cook-Off is open to amateurs and professionals, but there will be no division of these categories in judging.
- 2) A total of **30 teams** will be accepted for the competition. Entry is based on a first-paid, first entered basis.
- 3) The entry fee is \$500.00 per team (non-refundable, and payable with entry form). Make checks payable to LMTA TruckPac. Drop off or mail entry form and fee to: LMTA TruckPac- 4838 Bennington Ave, Baton Rouge, La 70808.
The entry fee includes:
space for each team and serving plates for the People's Tasting, water & drains (shared), and limited electricity (if requested), and **2 sacks of crawfish.**
- 4) Teams must furnish their own cooking utensils, ice, equipment, tent (if desired) and decorations for their booth. Teams may supply their own decorated bowls to serve their crawfish to the public if they wish. Note: The LMTA TruckPac will supply the container for presentation to the judges.
- 5) Each team may consist of up to four (4) members. The team captain will receive four general admission passes for entry into the festival, and four wristbands for entry into the competition area.
- 6) Team guests may be permitted into the Cook-Off area throughout the day provided they purchase guest wristbands ahead of time. You can do this on the separate team guest form, attached. Guest wristbands are \$25 for adults and \$10 for children ages 6 to 12. Children under 5 are free but must be accompanied by a wrist banded adult. Guest wristbands may be available for purchase from 8:00 am until 12:00 pm on the day of the event. Guests must be presented to purchase the wristbands on the day of the event.
- 7) Teams will be allowed to set up beginning at 8:00 am on Saturday, April 29th. Vehicles will be allowed on the cooking grounds for unloading but must be moved into the general parking lot by 10:00am.
- 8) The competition area will be roped off. Team members and team guests must wear a wristband for entry. The public will purchase tasting tickets outside the competition area the day of the event and will allow the bearer to view the contestant's booth, receive one "plate" from each team to sample their recipe, and then cast their vote on the people's choice award.

- 9) Teams are allowed to add corn, potatoes, and other lagniappe for cooking, and for serving to the public and the judges.
- 10) The judges' scoring will be based on the crawfish only – appearance, firmness/ease of peeling, and taste. Scoring is on a scale of 1-10, but is weighted as follows: Appearance of crawfish (.25); Firmness/Ease of Peeling (1.3); Taste (2.45).
- 11) Teams are responsible for maintaining clean and safe boiling and serving areas. Propane tanks must be in good working order and within code. Team PA systems, loudspeakers, or other audio equipment capable of broadcasting speech are not permitted. Music players are permitted, but must be managed in compliance with cook-off officials' instructions. A DJ will be provided by LMTA TruckPac.
- 12) Contestants may bring coolers with alcoholic beverages for their team's consumption only (ages 21 and older). Coolers will be allowed in the boiling area only. When the competition is over, coolers must be returned to team members' vehicles. Teams are prohibited from distributing beer or other alcoholic beverages to the public. Violation of this policy will result in immediate disqualification from the competition.
- 13) Teams will be randomly assigned a time for their plate to be judged and must have their plate to the designated spot at that time or face disqualification. Any issues with meeting the assigned time must be brought to the attention of the Cook-Off Manager prior to the assigned time. All decisions of the judges are final.
- 14) Judging will begin at a time determined by the Cook-Off manager on the day of the competition based on the number of teams entered. The last pot of crawfish should be done at 3:30pm. No crawfish shall be cooked later than 3:30pm.
- 15) Prizes will be given as follows:
1st Place- LMTA TruckPac Etched Boiling Pot & Burner, LMTA TruckPac Etched Paddle, and 4 Plaques
2nd Place- LMTA TruckPac Etched Paddle & 4 Plaques
3rd Place- LMTA TruckPac Etched Paddle & 4 Plaques
People's Choice- LMTA TruckPac Etched Paddle, 4 Plaques,
And FREE entry into the 2024 LMTA TruckPac Battle for the Paddle
- 16) There will be a Spirit Award presented to the team with the best booth design, cooking team attire, and team spirit, as determined by the Cook-Off sponsors. Award will be 4 Plaques
- 17) LMTA TruckPac will make a standard sign identifying the team name, but teams may also display banners at their booth identifying their team or sponsors. Getting a corporate sponsor is a great way to offset some costs and provide valuable exposure for the sponsor.

18) Teams may put sponsor materials out on the tables or at their booth for the public to view; discuss this with Cook-Off Manager prior to event date so that it is not perceived as an inducement. No couponing allowed. Teams may NOT sell any items to the public.

19) The LMTA TruckPac reserves the right to amend these rules without notice.

Verification

I, _____, team captain for _____
Verify that I have read the rules and procedures for the 2023 Battle for the Paddle Crawfish Cook-Off and agree to abide by them.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

PLEASE NOTE: Donations will directly benefit TruckPAC, the Political Action Committee of the LMTA. Contributions to TruckPAC are not tax-deductible and information on the contributor will be reported to the Louisiana Board of Ethics. Please complete name and address section for proper record keeping.



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TEAM ENTRY FORM

TEAM NAME: _____

TEAM SPONSOR(S) if applicable: _____

TEAM CAPTAIN'S NAME: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

MAILING ADDRESS:

PRE-PURCHASE TEAM GUEST TICKETS

All Cook-Off teams are welcome to have team guests with them during the Cook-Off competition. Each guest needs to wear a purchased Team Guest wristband at all times while inside the cooking area. Wristbands may be purchased by visiting www.lmta.la at any time before April 29th or on-site the day of the Cook-Off from 8:00 am until 12:00 pm. If purchasing wristbands on the day of the event, guests must be present.

Children 5 and under free but must always be accompanied by a wrist banded adult.

- Children 6-12 are \$10 each.
- Ages 13 and up are \$25 each.

Guests must exit the competition area prior to gates. Guests will receive voting ballots and may re-enter as soon as gates open, before public.

I hereby purchase Team Guest wristbands for:

Team:

Number of Adult tickets (\$25) _____

Number of Child tickets (ages 6-12, \$11) _____

Non Tasting ticket (can not participate in food tasting, \$10) _____

Non tasting tickets can be purchased on day of event (April 29th) for \$10.

Total: _____