

## **RULES TO THE MOBILE GRILLED CHEESE MELTDOWN**

Teams will be competing to create the yummiest grilled cheese sandwich in the inaugural Mobile Grilled Cheese Meltdown.

Two categories, twenty teams, - 40 delicious sandwiches to sample.....

- \$25 to enter a team;
- \$5 to enter cheesy paradise!

The following explains the official rules and regulations for competing in the Mobile Grilled Cheese (MOBC) Meltdown. The MOBC retains the right to amend, modify, or terminate the rules at any time and at our sole discretion. Any questions regarding the rules may be sent to [chunter@downtownmobile.org](mailto:chunter@downtownmobile.org).

It is the responsibility of the competitor to be familiar with the rules of competing in the event. A copy of the rules will be made available to any competitor on the day of the event, should you have any questions regarding the rules.

### **REGISTRATION**

#### **For Competitors**

All competitors must [register on-line in advance of the competition](#). **There will be NO ON-SITE REGISTRATION ALLOWED.**

There will be a maximum of 20 teams for this event. Once we have reached capacity for competitors, we will start a waiting list for people to compete. There will be no guarantee of competition implied with the waiting list.

Before registration, all competitors **MUST** familiarize themselves with the rules as well as educate themselves as to safe and sanitary cooking and handling of food.

For the purposes of fairness, each team will only be allowed to enter ONE (1) sandwich per category.

There is a NON-REFUNDABLE competition fee of \$25 per entry. Your competition fee gets free admission for you and up to **TWO (2)** assistants to the event.

## COMPETITOR RULES

### What Will Be Provided to You

Each competitor will receive one kit per entry that contains the following:

**An electric griddle to cook your sandwiches, and hand washing stations with soap and paper towels.**

For the **"BASIC"** grilled cheese: (this will cover your judging samples - two sandwiches cut into quarters)

- A bag of plain ole white bread
- Two (2) tablespoons of butter
- Two pieces of cheese

For the **"GOURMET"** grilled cheese:

- You decide, and bring your own ingredients!!!
- NO raw meat allowed.

### What You Need to Bring

Please be sure to bring any and all supplies, including two sets of utensils (in case one is dropped) and ingredients necessary to make eight (8) judging samples (two sandwiches cut into quarters) of your Gourmet entry. You will also need to prepare samples of your gourmet sandwich for about 200 attendees (remember, samples are sandwiches cut into quarters or something similar). That means bread, butter, and cheese at the very minimum. See the Sandwich Categories below for more details on what is allowed for each category. Do not take anyone else's supplies to complete your sandwich. You will be shunned for stealing, disqualified from competition, plus, it just ain't nice.

PLEASE NOTE: Any perishable items MUST be wrapped and kept in containers so as not to come in contact with the ice in your cooler, and be stored at safe temperatures (below 41F).

All food and food related items must be stored off of the ground, at least 6". Please be sure to label your ingredients, bags and coolers with your name.

All competitors must wear grilling hats with hair properly restrained, aprons, and food grade gloves. Additionally, at least one team member should possess a food handler card or ServSafe card. When handling food items, all competitors WILL wear sanitary, disposable gloves. If you are grilling in costume, make sure your costume provides an appropriate hat and an apron, and make sure to wear food grade gloves.

Each competitor should have one to two assistants who will help you with cooking. The assistants will also be required to wear food grade gloves and maintain a safe food environment.

### **Time Limits**

Each competitor will have only 30 minutes to complete their grilling for judging purposes. No exceptions! Spatulas down means spatulas down. Go ahead and practice so that you can grill 4 sandwiches (two in each category) in 30 minutes. After your entries have been delivered to the judges, you may begin cooking samples for the attendees.

### **When It's Time For You to Grill**

When you check-in at the event, you will be assigned a numbered cooking station. All supplies should be stored at your cooking station. All stations will be numbered and officially assigned.

### **How Your Sandwich Will Be Judged**

See the Judging Rules below for more information.

### **JUDGING RULES**

Each sandwich will be able to score a maximum of 35 points. Points are awarded as follows:

- Presentation: How does the sandwich look? (Scale of 1 – 10, 10 being highest)
- Taste: How does it taste? (Scale of 1 – 20, 20 being highest)
- Personality: Is this sandwich special? Deliver Style points here (Scale of 1- 5, 5 being highest)

Additionally, attendees will be given a token to vote for their favorite sandwich to determine the **People's Choice** award.

## **Sandwich Categories**

### **DEFINITIONS**

**Bread** – Any leavened or unleavened, flour-based and baked thing that looks like and is considered to be “bread” by any cultural or ethnic interpretation.

**Butter** – For the purposes of simplicity, all sandwich-grilling lubricants will be hereafter referred to as “Butter.” You can use oils or margarines if you prefer, but make sure it fits within the sandwich category you’ve chosen. **FLAVORED BUTTERS AND OILS (OLIVE OIL, INFUSED WITH GARLIC, ETC.) ARE ONLY PERMITTED IN THE GOURMET CATEGORY.**

**Cheese** – Made from milk, be it mother’s, goat, cow, cat, rabbit, soy, or almond-derived.

### **CATEGORIES OF COMPETITION**

There will be two categories of sandwiches in this competition. Each is outlined as follows:

“BASIC” – White bread, butter, orange cheese (American or Cheddar). **NOTHING ELSE!**

“GOURMET” – You decide!

Note: MOBC management reserves the right to re-assign a sandwich to its rightful category or **DISQUALIFY** the entry completely if there is an obvious attempt at cheating.

### **AWARDS**

Once the scores have been received and tallied, the top three scores of each sandwich category will be declared winners. One trophy will be awarded for each category.

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