



VIP Judging Instructions!

Sunday, March 19th, 2023 @Centennial Park in downtown Ft. Myers, FL.
2000 W First St,
Fort Myers, FL 33901

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS.

HOSTED BY: HRFCC

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Click Event Tools: www.CubanSandwichFestival.com

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The festival will be open to the public: 12 NOON.

The VIP area opens from 1:00 PM. Judging check in at: 2:00pm. Judging is from 2:00 Pm – 3:30 PM. VIP Closes at 4:00 PM.

The festival will end at 6:00 PM. Event will go on Rain or Shine

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS for VIP / Celebrity Judges

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When posting pictures via social media please use the following Hashtags:

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CONTESTANTS are NOT ALLOWED in the judging / VIP area until after 5PM.

Judging Times are as follows:

- Traditional “World’s Best” Samples between: 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM
- Non-Traditional Samples between: 2:30 PM – 3:30 PM

The Judging results will be announced between: 5:45-6:00 PM. Please remember to stay hydrated. Additional instructions will be available on the judging form.

Judges will be casting their vote for the top Cuban Sandwiches in the SW Florida in each of the corresponding categories!

Scores are based on TASTE and PRESENTATION!

The Cuban Sandwich will be judged by the following criteria:

Appearance, Presentation, Taste, and Traditional and non-Traditional category.

Cuban Sandwiches will be cut into 1.5-2 inch samples.

There will be no identifying signage on submitted samples, plates, or napkins.

CONTEST RULES:

- (1) Traditional Cuban Sandwich
- (2) Non-Traditional Cuban Sandwich

The Tampa Historic Cuban Sandwich can be pressed or un-pressed. If they are pressing the sandwich, contestants are allowed to lightly coat the bread with butter ONLY. No other ingredients can be used in the Traditional entry. Sandwiches may lose 10 points per rule violation.

Traditional / World's BEST Cuban Sandwich Recipe:

- Cuban Bread
- Sweet ham
- Mojo marinated roast pork
- Swiss cheese
- Kosher pickles
- Mustard
- Genoa salami (Tampa Style - optional on traditional)

The Traditional can be pressed or un-pressed. If they are pressing the sandwich, contestants are allowed to lightly coat the bread with butter ONLY. No other ingredients can be used in the Traditional entry. Sandwiches may lose 10 points per rule violation.

NON-Traditional Entries: Non-Traditional Recipes must still be recognizable as a "Cubano". The NON-Traditional Sandwich allows the chef to get creative but the Cuban Sandwich should still be recognizable in it. Non-traditional sandwiches can have a "twist" inside with Cuban bread on the outside, or a "twist" on the outside with the Cuban Sandwich ingredients on the inside.

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GOOD LUCK: WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THE 2023 SW Florida CUBAN SANDWICH FESTIVAL!