



## 2022 Fiery Food Challenge FAQs

### Who do I call if I have questions?

Please call June DeRousse at 210-882-0952 email at [June@zestfest.net](mailto:June@zestfest.net) . June is the coordinator for the Fiery Food Challenge.

### How do I enter?

We can fax or email a form to you, and you can mail that with your entry fee check or credit card information. Or you can download the form from our website and mail, fax, or email it to June.

### Where do I send the form?

If you choose to mail in the downloadable form, it should be mailed to:

Spicy Food Productions  
21 Cimarron Road  
Putnam Valley, NY 10579  
845-661-3616

### Where do I fax the form?

Fax it to 352-753-1171

### When do I ship my products?

Please arrange to ship your **products for delivery between March 21, 2022, and September 9, 2022.**

Your products will be shipped to:

- ❖ Fiery Food Challenge
- ❖ GEMS Warehouse
- ❖ c/o Tonya July
- ❖ 12684 International Pkwy, Dallas, TX 75228
- ❖ 214-388-57229
- ❖ **Please ship with ample packaging, Styrofoam, etc. Remember, your box is likely to be tossed or crushed during shipment. Mark FRAGILE on your box for added safety.**

### Will I get confirmation that my products have arrived?

If you include an email address on your entry form, you will receive confirmation that your product has arrived in good condition. If breakage occurred during shipment, you would receive digital photos and a deadline to receive replacement products.

### Can I go to the judging?

No. Judging is closed for this event.

### **How many samples do I need to send?**

You need to send 3 samples for every product entered in each category.

*There are 6 Categories:*

Consumer Ready – 7 sub-categories

Cook-off - Food

Cook-off - Beverage

Best New Product Consumer Ready

Best New Product Cook-off

Marketing

*Only 1 sample of each product is needed for the Merchandise and Marketing Categories.*

### **Who is judging the contest?**

That list is confidential until after the judging. However, in the past, we have had almost 100 judges participating in the three-day event.

### **What if my product needs to be refrigerated?**

Please mark that refrigeration is needed on the outside of your package. The week prior to the judging is when your perishable products must be received. This is to ensure your product will be at its optimum flavor during the Challenge. **Perishable products should arrive no sooner than September 12th, and no later than September 16th.**

### **How big is a “sample”?**

Depends on the product: Hot Sauce products typically run around 5 to 6 ounces per bottle. Salsas, Barbeque Sauces, etc., are generally in 16-ounce jars. If your product is packaged smaller, please send more than 3 samples of each. Remember, we have around 100 judges sampling your product. Also, we keep one unopened jar/bottle for photo shoots.

### **Will I get labels to use?**

Your product **MUST** be labeled properly and packaged for resale (all nutritional information, ingredients, etc.) to be entered in the contest.

### **Will my name appear on the website or magazine?**

If you place in any of the categories, your product and company name will be published on our website.

### **I can't make it to Texas to Zestfest, can I still enter my products in the FFC?**

We'd love to have you there, but if you can't make it, you are still more than welcome to participate in the Fiery Food Challenge.

### **How do I get my tickets to the Awards Banquet?**

Your tickets will be available for pick-up at the ticket booth outside the main entrance to the show.

### **How many people can I bring to the Awards Banquet?**

We will provide two tickets for you, and additional tickets are available for purchase.