

Kendall County Fair Association, Inc.
7th Annual Homemade Sauce/ Salsa Contest
Friday-September 4, 2026
Sponsored By



OFFICIAL RULES, REGULATIONS AND GUIDELINES:

Green, Red, Hot Or Mild It's Up To You!

Please Remember Judges Taste Your Hot Sauce/ Salsa, So Don't Make Your Hot Sauce/ Salsa So HOT The Judges Can't Taste The Hot Sauce/ Salsa.

1. Contest is open to all residents of Kendall County and must be prepared by exhibitor as entered.
2. A \$5.00 Entry Fee Per Exhibitor. (Non-Refundable)
3. The First (20) Twenty Entries Will Only Be Accepted For Judging.
4. Hot Sauce/Salsa must be Homemade from scratch. All entries will be refrigerated until Judging and People's Choice Judging.
5. Can enter more than one hot sauce/ salsa into contest as long as a different recipe.
6. All Hot Sauce/ Salsa entered must submit the recipe used for the entered Hot Sauce/ Salsa. Recipe must be Typed or Legible Hand Written or Printed on Ingredient List Form.
Entrants name must not be listed on Ingredient List Form.
7. All entered Hot Sauce/ Salsa must be in clean **PINT MASON JARS**. Lids must be rust free.
8. Applicant is required to bring **TWO (2) PINT MASON JARS** Of Hot Sauce/Salsa.
(Hot Sauce/Salsa Entered Must Be In a **MASON JAR**).
- (1) One Pint for Main Judging and (1) One Pint for People's Choice Judging.
All Mason Jars will be returned to competitor after close of contest judging.
For food safety reasons, all entries not consumed by spectators during the People's Choice Judging will be disposed of. Only the mason jars will be returned to the competitor(s).
9. All Hot Sauce/Salsa entered for judging Main or People's Choice will be labeled with entry number only.

ENTRY CHECKS IN DATE, TIME AND PLACE:

1. **Friday-September 4, 2026**
2. Check In From 8:00 A.M. till 12:00 Noon. (No Entries after 12 Noon Will Be Accepted)
3. Entry Check In the Homestead Heritage Exhibit Hall at the fairgrounds.

MAIN JUDGING AND AWARDS:

1. Judging will be closed judging. Closed judging is done in a private area, where only the judges are allowed. Judging will begin at 6:00 P.M. on Friday-September 4, 2026. Winners will be announced immediately after judging. The Kendall County Fair Association will select a panel of judges will judge entries equally based on the following criteria. Aroma, Color, Flavor, Heat and Texture. Judges will use the scoring scale point system of 1-5 (With 5 being the highest point) to assess entries with a perfect score of 25 points. Scoring will be the sole responsibility of the judges and the judge's results will be final. Judges score sheets will be available to all competitors upon request after contest is over and winners have been announced.

2. All Winners are required to attend a photo shoot after the contest.

3. Placement Awards:

First Place-\$75.00 Plus Rosette Ribbon.

Second Place-\$50.00 Plus Rosette Ribbon.

Third Place-\$25.00 Plus Rosette Ribbon.

4. All Competitors not placing will be awarded a Participate ribbon.

5. Decision of Judges winning entries are Final.

PEOPLE'S CHOICE JUDGING AND AWARDS:

Tasting Chips Will Be Provided To Individual's Participating In The People's Choice Judging.

1. People's Choice judging will begin at 6:00 P.M. on Friday-September 4, 2026 and is open to the public.

(Will be held in the Homestead Heritage Exhibit Hall).

2. One ticket will be passed out to Individual's participating in the People's Choice Judging to be able to cast a vote.

3. Tickets will be counted at the end of allotted time of judging and winner will be announced.

4. Winner will receive a Rosette and a \$25.00 Cash Award.

5. In case of a tie. Individual's will be presented another ticket for another round of voting between the tied entries. Tied entries only qualify for another round of judging.

6. Decision Of People's Choice winning entry is Final after tabulation of counted tickets by the panel of judges.

7. Winner is required to attend a photo shoot after judging is completed.

8. Award:

\$25.00 Cash Plus A Rosette Ribbon.