



CONTESTANT REGISTRATION FORM
19th Annual National Indian Taco Championships
October 7th, 2023

*New contestant locations, plenty of room. Enough room to set up your own
“little sidewalk café”!*

Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: (____) _____ Alternate Phone (____) _____

Email _____

If any, what is your tribal affiliation? _____

Shirt Size? _____ One free shirt with paid application. Additional \$20 after. They can be purchased day of the event.

Registration Fee: \$75

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: PAWHUSKA CHAMBER/NITC.

Any contestant may sell food items (i.e. Indian Tacos, Meat Pies – **NO BEVERAGES**) from your booth provided Oklahoma health regulations are adhered to. There will be **NO REFUND** of payment.

Please **check one**:

- I wish to register for the Traditional Indian Taco Contest.
(Fee \$75)

Please **check one**:

- I request a booth with electrical service (\$15 surcharge).
- I don't need a booth with electrical service, I'm using propane.

Note: There are a limited number of electrical booths for a surcharge of \$15. These will be reserved according to the date your registration is received. Once we sell out, it is propane only. Contestants may bring their own individual generators upon discussing with NITC Committee.

NO OPEN FIRES/WOOD FIRES ALLOWED.

SPACE IS LIMITED. All registration forms must be received by 5:00 PM, **September 29th, 2023.** Those submitting registrations this year, whether accepted or not, will be given priority consideration next year as the contest continues to expand. Delaying registration could easily result in potential contestants missing out, **SO PLEASE REGISTER EARLY.** Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Event Coordinator if space is still available.

Method of Payment – We accept personal and business checks and money orders. **DO NOT SEND CASH.** We accept cards over the phone. Please make checks or money orders payable to: **PAWHUSKA CHAMBER.** Payment must be received BEFORE September 29th, 2023 Mail to: National Indian Taco Championship, c/o Pawhuska Chamber of Commerce, P O. Box 5, Pawhuska, OK 74056 .

I hereby submit my registration and fee. I understand that space may be limited and that my registration fee will be promptly returned if the 2023 registration is full. I also agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the event.

Signature of Contestant

For additional information contact or Questions?

National Indian Taco Championship Committee
c/o Pawhuska Chamber of Commerce
P. O. Box 5
Pawhuska, OK 74056
918/287-1208 www.facebook.com/nitcpawhuska
Hours: 9AM – 5PM Monday thru Friday
Reba@pawhuskachamber.com

2023 National Indian Taco Championships

Pawhuska, Oklahoma

Rules and Conditions

Location: TBA.

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Main Event

1. All entries must be prepared on site. Chili/Protein may be prepared ahead of time.
2. **Mandatory Contestants meeting Saturday morning, October 7th @ 9:00a.m.at the Judging booth. If you do not attend the meeting you, Contestant will be disqualified.** We will let you know the judging booth location the week of the event.
3. The Indian Tacos being entered into the contest must include the following ingredients: Fry bread and Meat (also accepted Buffalo, Vegan option, lamb, Chicken, venison or pork). All other items at the discretion of the contestant. (i.e., Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese, and Sour Cream, Salsa, and Pico.) **NO IDENTIFIED MARKINGS.** See #21
4. No open fires (wood fires or fires on the ground) allowed.
5. **Food Handlers Permit can be obtained through your local health department.**
6. Sales tax collection will not be required by contestants during this event.
7. Contestant will be assigned specific times to submit samples to the Judging Station. Entries not ready at the appointed time will **NOT** be allowed to participate in a later assigned time slot.
8. The Preliminary Round will begin at 11 A.M., consecutive rounds will be determined by number of contestants entered.
9. Trays and bowls for preliminary and final rounds will be provided to each contestant.
10. Each contestant must provide Indian Taco samples that fit into the bowls provided for the Preliminary Round. Same for the Final Round.
11. Booth spaces will be assigned as you signed up for event.
12. **Set-up times are 7 AM to 9 AM on Saturday, October 7th. NO SETTING UP ON FRIDAY.** Contestants may UNLOAD (no parking) in the Headquarters Area adjacent to the booth spaces during these times. PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE YOUR VEHICLE ANY LONGER THAN NECESSARY in the unloading area. All vehicles must be removed by 9 AM. No vehicles will be permitted into the exhibit area after 9 AM This will help everyone get in and out quickly. There will be a short distance from the unloading area to your booth space. A two-wheeler or cart is strongly recommended if you have lots of equipment or shelter to carry.
13. Entries will be judged on a scale of 1-10 for overall taco quality.
14. The Top Ten Finalists will be those contestants whose entries earned the highest average points in the Preliminary Round.
15. The 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishers will be the Finalists with the most cumulative points in the Finals Round.
16. In the event of a tie score in the Preliminary Round, competitors tied, shall be allowed to compete in the Finals Round.
17. In the event of a tie among the top finishers, a coin flip shall break the tie.
18. Any dispute shall be resolved solely by consensus of the Event Coordinator(s) and the Judging Director(s), and their decision shall be final.
19. **Absolutely no Beverage or Water sales will be allowed by contestants or their guests at any time or place during the contest.** Contestants or their guests found to be providing Beverages or Water to the public will be immediately disqualified. Only vendors other than Taco competitors will be allowed to sell Beverages and/or Water; as they are doing so to raise funds for their organization. YOUR COOPERATION IN THIS MATTER IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.
20. **Any contestant found 'marking' samples in any way or attempting to influence a judges' opinion by any method other than the quality of their**

samples will be disqualified. No identifying toppings are allowed.
(example: patterns, initials or specific identified markings of food items.

21. Individual contestants are responsible for their own shelter, tables, and equipment. Spaces provided will be at least 12' x 12'. There are three local bulk propane dealers located a few blocks from the event site.
22. **WE CANNOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE IF YOUR ELECTRICAL COOKING EQUIPMENT OVERLOADS THE CIRCUIT PROVIDED FOR YOU.** If you are unsure, we suggest you consider cooking with propane.
23. Prizes will be awarded as follows: 1st Place –\$1,500, 2nd Place –\$1000, 3rd Place – 500.00
24. Every effort will be made to assure fair and open competition. Upon check-in you will receive an ID tag and assigned times to present your entry. You may cover your entry with foil or plastic to keep it fresh and warm if you so desire.

\$1,000 People's Choice Award

We have a new category called the People's Choice Award – any contestant can option to be included in this new event – in addition to the rules listed above, the following will apply.

1. This is a choice to contestant and not required to be a part of the Main Event awards.
2. The same rules apply to the main event with the addition of the following:
3. Contestants will be identified as participating in the People's Choice and be given a flag to identify their booth.
4. Contestants will sell samples of their tacos by dividing a piece of fry bread in ¼ size pieces and toppings and sell them for \$2 each.
5. The NITC will provide the sample bowls to participants in this event.
6. Contestants will provide the napkin and fork for these sales.
7. Voting participants will be identified by a "People's Choice Judge" badge. And you are only obligated to sell only 1 taco per badge for the sample price.
8. Judges will be allowed one 5 votes per purchase of a badge.
9. Judges will have the ability to vote from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
10. The winner of this category will be announced at the same time the Championship Winner is.