



Isle of Eight Flags Shrimp Festival, Inc.

2026 Shrimp Eating Contest Application

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It's time for the Shrimp Eating Contest Sponsored by H&S Shrimp. It will be held during the 60th Isle of Eight Flags Shrimp Festival, **Saturday, May 2nd, 2026**, at 4:30 pm. Space in this contest is limited! All registrants will be entered into a drawing and 6-10 contestants will be selected at random 30 minutes prior to this event. **Registration begins at 3:30 pm** under the tent by the Pirate Ship Stage. Registration ends promptly at 4:00 pm. (Times are subject to change)



Contestant Name: _____

Contestant Age: _____

Contestant Phone Number: _____

Contestant Mailing Address: _____

Contestant Email Address: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Emergency Contact Relationship: _____

Emergency Contact Phone Number: _____

Rules & Regulations

1. The winning prize and title of "Shrimp Eating Champion of the Isle of Eight Flags Shrimp Festival" will be awarded to the "First Place" largest total consumption of cooked, peeled shrimp winner.
2. The contest will consist of a minimum of six (6) and a maximum of ten (10) contestants which will be randomly selected 30 minutes prior to the contest the day of the event.
3. Contestants must be at least 18 years old at the time of the contest and must provide official photo identification to be eligible to participate.
4. Contestants must confirm they do not have a shellfish allergy.
5. Contestants will consume (and keep down) as much of the 3 pounds total allotted shrimp as they can within an eight-minute time period.
6. Shrimp will be distributed by "monitors" in ½ pound increments.
7. Cocktail sauce and bottled water will be provided and are the only additional items contestants can consume during the contest.
8. The contest will begin when all contestants are seated and introduced. Table monitors will be stationed at the head of each table to provide shrimp and record consumption weights. After consuming an entire bag of shrimp, contestants shall signal the monitor by waving their empty bag above their head to receive the next bag of shrimp. Each contestant must place each empty bag under their assigned plate and retain it for verification of final consumption.
9. Each contestant must remain seated during the entire contest and have the final consumption weight recorded by the table monitor. Any contestant who leaves their seat prior to having the total consumption weight verified or failure to keep down the shrimp will be disqualified.
10. When the official announces the contest is over, no additional shrimp may be put in your mouth or consumed by the contestant. Contestants may chew and swallow any shrimp already in their mouth. If no contestant has finished all 3 pounds, final consumption weights will be verified and a winner will be announced. In the event of a tie, winners will be determined by an "overtime" contest. The "overtime" contest will be one minute in length (60 seconds) and will require those who tied to eat as much shrimp within the one-minute (60 seconds) time period. The "overtime" contest will continue until the tie is broken, or until one contestant concedes.

I understand that I am entering this Shrimp Eating Contest at my own risk and have read the Official Rules and Regulations.

Signature: _____



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Photo and Liability Release

In consideration of being allowed to participate in the Shrimp Eating Contest, I, the undersigned, on behalf of myself and my heirs, assigns, personal representatives, administrators, estate and next of kin, HEREBY VOLUNTARILY, IRREVOCABLY AND FOREVER: (i) RELEASE ISLE OF EIGHT FLAGS SHRIMP FESTIVAL, INC., each of its sponsors, each owner and or/lessor of any premises, property or piece of equipment used to conduct the Shrimp Eating Contest, each of the foregoing parties' respective affiliates, and each of the foregoing parties' respective current and former owners, partners, members, officers, directors, trustees, advisors, consultants, employees, agents, volunteers, officials, representatives, successors, assigns and other participants (collectively "RELEASEES"), FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY WHATSOEVER, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION, LIABILITY FOR ANY AND ALL INJURIES, DISABILITIES, DEATH, LOSSES OR DAMAGES TO PERSON OR PROPERTY, ARISING DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY IN CONNECTION WITH MY PARTICIPATION IN THE SHRIMP EATING CONTEST, WHETHER OR NOT CAUSED BY THE INTENTIONAL CONDUCT, ACTIVE OR PASSIVE NEGLIGENCE OR OTHER FAULT OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE, to the fullest extent permitted by law; (ii) WAIVE MY RIGHT TO SUE OR MAKE ANY DEMAND WHATSOEVER against any RELEASEE for any damages or losses arising, directly or indirectly, in connection with my participation in the Shrimp Eating Contest; (iii) AGREE NEVER TO SUE ANY RELEASEE asserting any claim for damages or losses suffered, directly or indirectly, in connection with my participation in the Shrimp Eating Contest; and (iv) AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD EACH RELEASEE HARMLESS from any and all claims, demands, suits, damages, expenses, costs, liabilities, judgments, settlements and losses of any and every kind suffered or incurred by any RELEASEE and arising directly or indirectly, in connection with my participation in the Shrimp Eating Contest. Participant represents and warrants that he/she is in good physical condition and is able to safely participate in the Shrimp Eating Contest. Participant is fully aware of the risks and hazards inherent with participation in the Shrimp Eating Contest and hereby elects to voluntarily participate knowing the risks associated with the Shrimp Eating Contest. Participant hereby assumes all risks of loss(es), damage(s), or injury(ies) that may be sustained by him/her while participating in the Shrimp Eating Contest. Participant agrees to the use of his/her name and photograph in broadcasts, newspapers, brochures and other media without compensation. Participant acknowledges and agrees that the Shrimp Eating Contest organizer, in their sole discretion may delay or cancel the Shrimp Eating Contest if it believes the conditions on the day of the events are unsafe. If the Shrimp Eating Contest is delayed or cancelled for any reason, including but not limited to: fire, threatened or actual strike, labor difficulty, work stoppage, insurrecting war, public disaster, flood, unavoidable causality, acts of God or the elements (including without limitation rain, hail, lightening, hurricane, tornado, earthquake) or any other cause beyond the control of the ISLE OF EIGHT FLAGS SHRIMP FESTIVAL, INC. there shall be no refund of the registration fee, fundraising or any other costs of the Participant in connection with the Shrimp Eating Contest. Participant willingly agrees to read all of the ISLE OF EIGHT FLAGS SHRIMP FESTIVAL, INC.'s rules of participation and all safety materials provided by ISLE OF EIGHT FLAGS SHRIMP FESTIVAL, INC. At all times while participating in the Shrimp Eating Contest, Participant willingly agrees to abide by all rules and regulations established the organizer, staff and support personnel. It is understood and agreed that Participant hereby assumes liability for any and all medical expenses incurred as a result of training for and/or participation in the Shrimp Eating Contest, including but not limited to ambulance transport, hospital stays, physician and pharmaceutical goods and services. In the event a dispute arises from the undersigned's participation in the Shrimp Eating Contest and either party brings suit, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover their attorney's fees and legal costs. Further, proper venue shall lie in Nassau County, Florida, and the laws of the State of Florida shall apply. Participant warrants that all statements made herein are true and correct and understands that RELEASEES have relied on them in allowing Participant to participate in the Shrimp Eating Contest.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ AND AGREE TO THE WAIVER, RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT AND THE FUNDRAISING AND PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT, IN ITS ENTIRETY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.

Participant Signature

Date

**Isle of Eight Flags Shrimp Festival, Inc.
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