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#### **REGULATIONS OF THE IFSA AFRICA CHAMPIONSHIP**

CARTHAGE AFRICA PIZZA CUP FROM JULY 9 TO 11, 2025



## **Article 1 - Organization**

a) The competition is organized by IFSA Africa - International Food Show Africa. b) The Championship will take place on July 11, 2025, at Expo IFSA Tunis, starting at 9:30 AM. c) Candidates must register at least 15 days before the start of the competition.

### Article 2 - Candidates / Registration / Fees

- a) Candidates The Carthage Africa Pizza Cup is open to all professional pizza makers representing the establishment where they work.
- b) Registration Registration is done on the IFSA website www.ifsaafrica.com
- c) Fees / Billing The cost of the Pizza Quality (Classic) competition is **1,000 dt**. The establishment will be treated as a sponsor, with its name and logo displayed at the competition venue and on the IFSA website under the Pizza Competition section, along with the opportunity to meet Italian chefs for photos.

### **Article 3 - Participants' Obligations**

- All candidates must report to the designated reception area at least 1 hour before the competition starts (or face penalties), to participate in the draw determining the order of passage, complete their recipe sheet, and collect their numbered bib.
- To participate, candidates must be officially registered and wear the mandatory IFSA uniform (jacket and cap), black pants, black sports shoes, have tied-back hair, and wear gloves. Failure to comply with this dress code will result in immediate disqualification.
- Strict hygiene regulations will be enforced in the preparation room and throughout the three-day event, with penalties for non-compliance.

# **Article 4 - Competition Process**

Each candidate will be called by the host 30 minutes before their scheduled time in the preparation room. All setup, cutting, slicing, or other preparations must be done in the designated preparation area.

- Preparation time is limited to 15 minutes.
- If ingredients require cooking on-site, two options are available:
- Induction plate cooking in the preparation room within the allocated 15 minutes, at the candidate's expense.
- Oven cooking during the competition, limited to 12 minutes.

At the call of their name, the candidate must report alone to the competition area with their completed registration form, which will be submitted to the preparation judge. Candidates must present themselves in professional attire in the preparation area. Additional decorative ingredients, besides those provided by the organizers, must be stored in a cooler at the required temperatures with appropriate DLC and DDM labels. Once authorized by the judge to enter the competition area, the candidate will have 3 minutes to place their tray, prepared dough ball on the workstation, and check the oven and equipment. The judge will then give the order to start stretching the dough and will start the 12-minute timer. During this time, the candidate is not allowed to receive any external assistance or advice. During baking, the candidate must clean their workspace and organize their ingredients and tools in a food container to leave a clean area for the next competitor. Once the pizza is removed from the oven and placed on a tray, and the candidate considers their work complete, the judge will stop the timer. The candidate will present their pizza to the jury, explain the dough preparation and ingredient choices, and answer judges' questions. At the end of the presentation, they will exit through the preparation room to empty their container.

# **Article 5 - Scoring**

Points:

Oven Judge:

Preparation: Total of 100 points, including:

- 1. Attire (complete, clean, and ironed professional attire: shoes, pants, jacket or t-shirt, apron, and head covering) and hygiene 40/100.
- 2. Performance at the oven, including skill, speed, dough stretching, and hygiene 60/100.

# Table Judges:

- For baking: Each table judge will award a score between 10 and 100 points.
- For taste: Each table judge will award a score between 10 and 100 points.
- Decimal points will be used for scoring (e.g., 80.6, 92.3, etc.).

Note: External decorations on the pizza are not considered in the score but may be appreciated by the public and for photos. Candidates may not contest the judges' scoring.

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#### Penalties:

- 1. Candidates arriving late to the Championship will be penalized 20 points.
- 2. The classic pizza must be round with a minimum diameter of 29 cm. A penalty of 20 points will apply if it is smaller.
- 3. Pizza preparation time is strictly 12 minutes from dough stretching to final decoration. Exceeding this time results in a 20-point penalty.
- 4. The dough ball weight must not exceed 280 grams. If it does, the candidate must adjust it. The dough ball must be prepared solely by the candidate.

# **Article 6 - Communication and Advertising**

The organization retains all advertising rights related to the winners and the use of photographic and video materials without prior approval from participants. Respect for sponsoring brands is expected. No personal product promotions will be allowed at the competition venue.

# **Article 7 - Award Ceremony**

The award ceremony will take place at the end of the competition on July 11, with a group photo of the top 10 competitors in their professional attire. All participants will receive a participation certificate and a medal. The top three winners will receive:

- First Place: 2,000 dt + Trophy + Participation in an international/world championship in Italy (subject to proper documentation and employer approval) + A visit from Italian chefs to the winner's workplace for a photo session.
- Second Place: 1,500 dt + Trophy.Third Place: 1,000 dt + Trophy.

# **Article 8 - Regulation Consultation**

By registering, candidates accept the regulations. The rules will be available at the competition venue. Participants must strictly adhere to the competition rules. No exceptions or negotiations will be made regarding rule violations. Any candidate failing to meet the conditions outlined in this document will be disqualified or penalized.







