

2024 CHS “Grand Slam Gumbo Jam” Gumbo Cookoff

January 25, 2025

Rules

1. All teams must register online at [CHS Grand Slam Gumbo Jam - Catholic High School](#) before January 17th. Teams must be checked in by 11:00am on January 25th. Samples must be turned in at the judging tent at 5:00pm. Samples turned in after 5:10pm will be disqualified.
2. Each team must cook a minimum of 5 gallons (75-100 servings). Sample serving bowls will be supplied by CHS. Each team will supply their own rice for servings to the public.
3. Each team will have a designated team captain. The team captain is responsible for:
 - Submitting a gumbo sample in the specified container.
 - Ensuring team compliance with all the rules.
 - Ensuring safe food handling.
 - Ensuring that all team members conduct themselves in a manner that promotes a safe, fun, and appropriate environment.
4. Only 1 gumbo entry per team registration is allowed. Gumbo **must** be cooked on site. Preparing the roux/broth and cutting of ingredients may be done offsite. All ingredients will be inspected by the designated Gumbo Coordinator. Inspections must be done before cooking begins.
5. There is one Gumbo-Cook off category: **Chicken and Sausage Gumbo**
 - **At least 75% of the meat must be chicken and sausage, no seafood is permitted.**
 - **The Judges’ sample must consist of juice and meat Only, No rice.**
 - **Each team will be assigned a team number for sample submission. The team captain will verify the team number is on their sample container. No other markings or text can be placed on the sample submittal.**
6. Containers will be provided for samples to be judged. Each must be filled $\frac{3}{4}$ with juice and meat, as intended for judging. Samples **must** be given in the containers provided by judges only! No Exceptions. Samples given in any other container will not be judged.
7. Each gumbo will be judged on:
 - a. Aroma (5 pts)
 - b. Consistency (10pts)
 - c. Color (5 pts)
 - d. Taste (10pts)
 - e. Overall (20pts)
8. Cooking teams must provide all necessary utensils, tables, pots, burner, fuel, and any other items needed to complete the gumbo. A tent (10 x 10) is recommended. **No** trailer or food trucks allowed.
9. Gumbo will be available for tasting in the provided containers to only people with tasting wristbands that has paid for access to participate.

12:00pm	Begin Cooking
5:00pm	Team Captain will submit their gumbo sample for judging
5:15pm	Serving opens to the public.
5:45pm	People's Choice judging begins, all attendees with taste wristbands are allowed to vote.
6:00pm	Live Music Begins- Southside Roosters
6:15pm	People's Choice judging ends
7:00pm	All judging is completed, and winners are announced.
9:00pm	Grand Slam Gumbo Jam ends