



# TOP LATINO LIDERES AWARDS

## Contestant RULES & Instructions

**TOP Chef: Latino Dish Contest:** Sunday, Oct 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023  
@ Centennial Park: 2000 W. First Street, Ft. Myers, Florida

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS. Vendor Check-in:**  
(SHOW UP ONLY DURING YOUR SCHEDULED TIME)

- **Food Vendors:** 8:00 – 9:00 AM
- **Drink & Cultural Vendors:** 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM
- **Business Vendors:** 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM
- **Contestant ONLY:** 12:30 PM – 3:00 PM – Prep area

All Vendors must be set up by: 11:30 AM. The festival will be open to the public: 12:00 PM. The festival will end at 6:00 PM. (Vendors are not allowed to leave until 6:00 PM)

The registration area will be marked.

**CONTESTANTS are NOT ALLOWED in the judging / VIP area until after 4PM.**

**Our Rep will PICK UP YOUR SAMPLES from your BOOTH between the following times:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TOP Latino Chef Contest Entries: 1:15 PM- 2:15 PM**



The exact pick-up time will be set up that morning with your team.

### Pick YOUR Contest Categories Include:

- Best Rice Dish/Arroz:** Chef Choice of Arroz con Pollo, Paella, Arroz con Gandules, Morro, or Other Rice Dish
- Best Appetizer/Tapas:** To Include Chef Choice of Empanadas, Pastelillos, Burekas, Arepas, Alcapurria, Cuban Sandwich, other sandwich and or Tamales or other.
- Dessert:** Chef choice of Latin Dessert; Flan, Tres Leches, Guava Pastry or other.

**Scores are based on TASTE and PRESENTATION:** Each Contest entry will be judged by the following criteria: Appearance, Presentation, Taste, Texture and Authenticity.

**You need to provide 75 BITE SIZE Samples (see above for pic sample) for each category that you are competing in. There must no identifying signage on submitted samples, plates, or napkins.**

**Event Contacts:** Jolie; [Jolie@HRFCC.org](mailto:Jolie@HRFCC.org) or TEXT: (813) 407-6866 or Victor at [Vpadilla@HRFCC.org](mailto:Vpadilla@HRFCC.org)  
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When posting pictures via social media please use the following Hashtags:

**#ConnectFord #TasteofLatino #BROOKSYMCA #Paella #Empanadas #iLOVECubanSandwiches**

**GOOD LUCK: WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THE 2023 Taste of Latino! FESTIVAL!**