



2020 Jazzin' It Up Mardi Gras Parade & Festival  
Presented by Junior Auxiliary of Ruston



## **Jambalaya Cook Off**

Saturday, February 22, 2020  
Railroad Park – Downtown Ruston

### **Jambalaya Cook Off Rules**

Cooking begins at 7AM and must be ready for judging at 11AM. After the Judges' samples have been collected, contestants will be asked to surrender their remaining product to Junior Auxiliary for sale to the public. Teams must provide their own tents, tables, and chairs. You cannot put stakes in the ground to hold tents down.

#### **Ingredients**

Minimum seven pounds rice

Minimum four pounds sausage

Minimum eight pounds chicken

NO SEAFOOD

Any other ingredients and seasonings may be used (exclusions below)

#### **Rules**

No Pre-mixes

No parboiled rice

No artificial colors

No wood fires will be allowed

Food may be pre-cut before the event

All cooking must take place on the contest grounds

Pre-cooked food will not be allowed

Absolutely no cooking oil to be poured out on the ground or in drains



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## Judging

The Judges' samples will be collected at 11AM. The award presentation will follow at noon. A sample from each pot will be viewed and tasted by all Judges.

Judgement will concern **three following criteria**, earning a possible 1-5 points (low-high) in each:

- Appearance
- Texture
- Taste

## Specifics

**The entry fee is \$50. Deadline to enter is Friday, February 14, 2020.**

Cooking will begin at 7AM.

Each team is responsible for providing their own ingredients (rice provided or you can bring your own) and cooking equipment. Tent set-ups are recommended.

Teams must be ready to submit their product by 11AM. After the Judges' samples have been collected, Junior Auxiliary members will sell tasting rights to the public for \$5 a ticket.

Prizes will be awarded for First, Second, and Third place.

For more information, email [jazzitup@jaofruston.org](mailto:jazzitup@jaofruston.org) or contact Annette Straughter at 318-436-9425.



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**Official Entry Form**

Team Captain: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Captain Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Captain Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Entry Fees are \$50 per team.**

**Entry forms must be received by 5 p.m. on Friday, February 14, 2020.**

Mail to: Junior Auxiliary of Ruston      or      Email to: [jazzitup@jaofruston.org](mailto:jazzitup@jaofruston.org)  
C/O: Jazz It Up  
P.O. Box 1762  
Ruston, LA 71273

Waiver of Liability: It is agreed by the applicants/participants that he/she as the undersigned and representative of the team and guests, intending to be legally bound, hereby, forever release, discharge and hold harmless the 2020 Jazzin' It Up Mardi Gras Parade & Festival, Junior Auxiliary of Ruston and its members, from any all liability for damages, injuries or loss of any type whatsoever which may arise directly or indirectly as the results of the operation of "Jambalaya Cook Off." This includes and is not limited to: transit to and from the event, set up, the event, and take down period. I agree that our participation shall be at our own risk and expense, at my own free will, and that the RELEASE is given of my own free will and accord.

Applicant(s) also understands that NO REFUNDS of participation fees will be issued, including refunds due to bad weather or any other occurrences beyond the control of Junior Auxiliary of Ruston. Further, I hereby grant Junior Auxiliary of Ruston and agents to use any photographs, videos, or recordings for legitimate purposes to promote this and future events. I have read the Hold Harmless agreement and policies and agree to all rules of the event.

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_