



## Old Boney Mtn *Hot Summer Night*

### Preliminary Judging and People's Choice Judging

This document is meant to clarify how 2020 Judging will occur during the COVID 19 era. It is our intent to honor all local governmental guidelines appropriate at the time of the judging as they may change after the posting of these guidelines.

#### Hot Sauce Awards

There will be five (5) divisions of hot sauce: mild, medium, hot, extra hot and fruit based. In addition, there will be one (1) award for "People's Choice Hot Summer Night World's Favorite Hot Sauce" and one (1) award for "People's Choice Hot Summer Night World's Favorite Label". There will be one BBQ sauce division and a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place award for that division as well as one (1) "People's Choice World's Favorite BBQ Sauce" award winner. Winners will be announced after the Old Boney Mtn Hot Summer Night Festival. Voting for the Virtual People's Choice awards will be Conducted between 7-6-2020 and 7-10-2020 and announced at the virtual event on 7-11-2020. Judges Choice Awards for the top three (3) hot sauces in each division and top 3 BBQ sauces will be established by a panel of judges. The top three (3) in each hot sauce division will be entered into the "People's Choice" competition where there will be one grand champion of the 15 hot sauce finalists as well as one grand champion of the 3 BBQ Sauce finalists. There will be 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place awards mailed to the winners of each division judged within 2 months post event.

#### Old Boney Mountain Hot Summer Night - Judging 2020

Judging for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in each division mild, medium, hot, extra hot, fruit based and BBQ sauce will take place *prior* to the Old Boney Mountain Hot Summer Night Festival.

The judging panel can be made up of food industry professionals, including chefs, restaurant owners, culinary instructors, food writers, food manufacturers not entered in the contest, and other industry leaders and professionals. A number of judges may be "Chile Heads" who have served as judges at other hot sauce events.

All product sampling will be conducted under the strictest of standards using fair, impartial and blind judging methods.

Products will be judged on the following criteria: taste, texture, use of heat in category and aroma.

Each hot sauce entry is judged in a blind tasting using a numbered cup to represent each entry. Judges are not allowed to see any indication of the brand, owner, or manufacturer of the product.

Each entry shall be scored on its own merits with a whole number from 1 to 10 with 10 being the highest. No pluses (+), minuses (-), fractions (1/2) or decimals (.5) will be taken into consideration. Each entry in each division must be scored by all judges present. Score sheets are then tabulated by calculating the total score for each entry and then adding all the scores from each judge together for that product. The combined high score wins.

Judging will take place at several locations. Up to 12 judges at each location is optimal. Judging will be conducted in round-table fashion complying with all health standards at the time of the private events.

The decision of the judges is final and may not be contested.

**People’s Choice World’s Best Hot Sauce, BBQ Sauce and Favorite Label Judging Criteria:**

The three (3) winners of each of the five (5) divisions of hot sauce and the 3 winners from the BBQ sauce division selected by the judges pre-event, will be entered in the *People’s Choice Hot Summer Night World’s Favorite Hot Sauce* award category and the *People’s Choice Hot Summer Night World’s Favorite BBQ Sauce* award category. These will be voted on by judges and/or “the people” through appropriate social distancing events. There will only be one (1) “World’s Favorite” Hot Sauce winner and one (1) World’s Favorite BBQ sauce winner.

*The People’s Choice World’s Favorite Label Award* will be voted on electronically by those who attend the virtual live event on Thursday July 11, 2020.

**All decisions by the judges and event coordinators are final and may not be contested.**

**Disclaimer:**

Organizers will not be held responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged entries and reserve the right to refuse any product that, in their judgment, may present a health hazard. In any of the categories that are judged visually, all declared winners are final. No containers or leftover products will be returned. All entry fees are nonrefundable.

The contest rules have been established for the best interests of all concerned. In the event of necessity, any rule may be altered at the discretion of Old Boney Mtn Hot Summer Night. In any event, all interpretation of rules and final decisions will rest with the event coordinators. The decisions of the judges are final, binding, and conclusive in all matters.

By entering your product and/or signing the entry form, you understand these rules and agree to abide by the decisions of the event coordinators.

[www.Oldboneymtnhotsummernight.com](http://www.Oldboneymtnhotsummernight.com)

Questions? [805.807.2600](tel:805.807.2600)