



Competition Events

Competition Guidance

When coordinating an event that includes a competition involving food, it is important to identify the following factors to ensure that all food competitors and vendors are permitted properly:

- Identify who is providing samples to judges only.
- Identify participants providing food to the public (i.e., people's choice or food sales).
- Identify additional food vendors involved in the event.

Competition event coordinators must be aware of the following requirements:

- If samples of food are only provided to judges; no permit is needed.
- If food is provided to the public; each participant providing food will need a permit.
- Competition participants that are selling food are required to obtain permits.
- All vendors are required to be properly setup in booths, all food must be from an approved source, all food must be stored and prepped in a permitted kitchen or commissary, and all food must be cooked onsite in the booth (no food can be stored or prepped in a private residence).
- The event coordinator is responsible for ensuring that the event is properly registered and all necessary permits are obtained prior to the event.
- The event coordinator is responsible for ensuring that all booths are properly equipped and set up before workers handle open foods/beverages.

Resources

1. [Permit exemptions](https://www.maricopa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/6396/Permit-Exemptions-PDF) - <https://www.maricopa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/6396/Permit-Exemptions-PDF>
2. [Promotional Sampling](https://www.maricopa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/5893/Promotional-Sampling-PDF) - <https://www.maricopa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/5893/Promotional-Sampling-PDF>
3. [Special Event Coordinator Event Registration Form](https://www.maricopa.gov/FormCenter/Environmental-Services-16/Special-Event-Coordinator-Event-Registra-187) - <https://www.maricopa.gov/FormCenter/Environmental-Services-16/Special-Event-Coordinator-Event-Registra-187>
4. [Temporary/Seasonal Event Permit Application](https://www.maricopa.gov/FormCenter/Environmental-Services-16/Temporary-Seasonal-Permit-Application-87) - <https://www.maricopa.gov/FormCenter/Environmental-Services-16/Temporary-Seasonal-Permit-Application-87>

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