



## | The Ultimate Pizza Competition

### The Pizza

Pizza is the single most popular food in the world. Wherever you go in America you can find this classic dish. It's a seemingly simple food whose original recipe has been hotly debated since Italian immigrants brought it to America more than a century ago.



There are now many competing "styles" of Pizza. It can be regional; Chicago versus New York or Neapolitan versus Sicilian. It can be specific restaurants; Pepe's versus Sally's in New Haven or Gino's East versus Pizzeria Uno in Chicago. Or it can be cutting-edge with newfangled versions like sushi pizza extending the frontier.

The *Ultimate Pizza Competition* promises a fun Teambonding experience for your group while they enhance their communication skills. The Team Building skills they will learn are easily transferred to the work place on the very next day.

### The Challenge

Turning raw ingredients into savory and delectable Pizza requires expertise, precision and creativity. It's a fascinating process that will require all of your team and leadership skills to be put into action.

The *Ultimate Pizza Competition* combines the knowledge gained from various team exercises with the unique experiential facilitation of our Chef Facilitators to produce an unforgettable and delicious team-building adventure.

### The Program

- The large group will be divided into competitive teams of 4 to 8 participants depending on group size

- Participants will compete for money with which to buy ingredients from our "General Store", by completing certain challenges that will test their knowledge of Pizza, it's history and place in American culture, in addition to their Pizza making skills.
- Teams will then be challenged to bring together their new skills and develop a unique creative and delicious pie you won't see in any Pizzerias.

#### **While the Pizza is in the oven**

- Teams will name their Pizza and work on creating a logo that will adorn their pizza box. Creativity and originality are as important as artistic execution.
- Teams will then create a 30-second commercial.
- Teams must present their new Pizza creation to our panel of judges and perform their Pizza commercial.
- One team will be recognized as the "Pizza Making Champions"
- All participants will be "winners" as they enjoy their tasting all the Pizza's during the awards ceremony



#### **Program Outcomes**

- ✓ Elevating team spirit and morale
- ✓ Finding the winning balance between planning and execution
- ✓ Creating an environment that allows team members to get to know one another better
- ✓ Allowing the team to *play with a purpose*

**Space requirements:** 30 sq. ft. per person. The culinary program director will contact the venue with details regarding the room layout and set-up.

**Program length:** 2-3 hours

**Minimum/Maximum group size:** 15 to 300