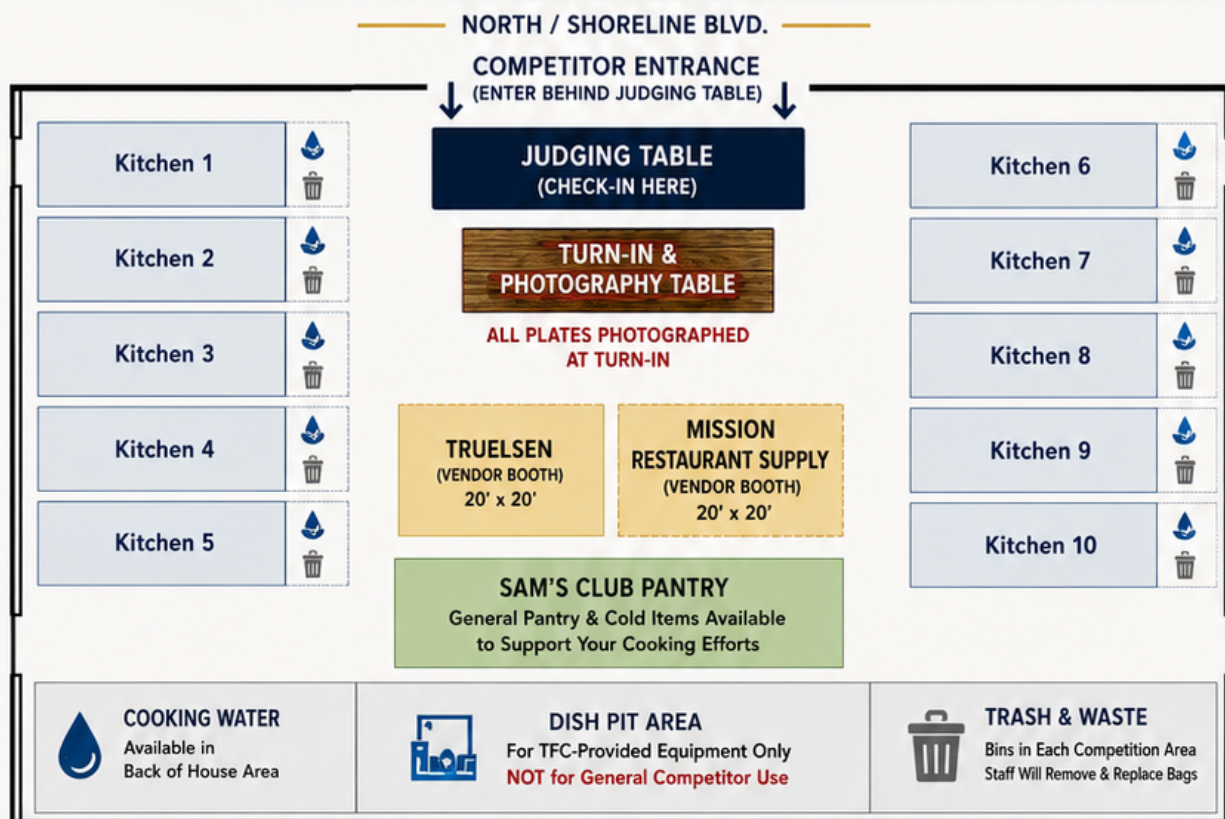


2026 COMPETITION ARENA MAP

KNOW YOUR KITCHEN. KNOW YOUR TURN-IN.

Your Kitchen Arena is the center of competition at TFC. Know where to enter, where to check in, where to turn in and what resources are available before your competition begins.



MAP LEGEND

- Competition Kitchen
- Handwashing Sink (Hands Only)
- Trash / Waste
- Judging Table / Check-In
- Turn-In & Photography Table
- Vendor Booths (Not for Use)
- Sam's Club Pantry
- Back of House Services

★ IMPORTANT

Kitchen assignments will be drawn at the Mandatory Competitor Meeting:

**THURSDAY,
SEPTEMBER 24
7:00 PM**

COMPETITOR ENTRANCE & CHECK-IN

- Enter from the north side of the tent, behind the Judging Table.
- Stop at the Judging Table for Competitor Check-In before proceeding to your assigned kitchen.

**ENTER → CHECK IN →
REPORT TO YOUR KITCHEN**

YOUR KITCHEN ASSIGNMENT

- Kitchen assignments will be drawn at the Mandatory Competitor Meeting:
**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24
7:00 PM**
- Know your kitchen number before arriving for your competition.

KITCHENS 1-10

TURN-IN & PHOTOGRAPHY

- All dishes must be turned in at the wooden Turn-In Table located directly in front of the Judging Table.
- Your plate will be photographed at turn-in before entering the judging process.

**THIS IS WHERE THE
CLOCK MATTERS.**

SAM'S CLUB PANTRY

- Stocked with general pantry and refrigerated items to support you if something goes wrong or you need an additional ingredient.
- The pantry is supplemental. Do NOT rely on it as your primary ingredient source.

VENDOR BOOTHS (NOT RESOURCES)

- Mission Restaurant Supply is a vendor booth. Some smallwares may be available for purchase if needed.
- Truelsen is a vendor booth. Items are for display only and not available for use or borrowing.

HANDWASHING SINKS

- Each kitchen is equipped with a handwashing sink.

**HANDWASHING ONLY –
DO NOT WASH DISHES IN
YOUR KITCHEN SINK.**

WATER

- Cooking water is available in the Back of House area.

DISH PIT

- Dishwashing area near the Sysco trailers is for washing TFC-provided kitchen equipment between competitions.
- NOT for general competitor dishwashing.**

ICE

- Ice is NOT provided to competitors.
- Bring your own if you intend to use it.

TRASH & WASTE

- Trash and waste containers are in each competition area.
- Volunteer staff will remove trash and replace bags.

RESTROOMS

- There are no dedicated competitor restrooms.
- Use general public restrooms and operations restrooms.

ARENA QUICK RULES

- CHECK IN AT JUDGING TABLE
- KNOW YOUR KITCHEN
- HANDWASHING SINKS ARE HANDS ONLY
- BRING YOUR OWN ICE
- TURN IN AT THE WOODEN TABLE

NEED HELP?

Find a TFC Competition Team member or volunteer at the Judging Table.