## *LEADER LETTER: October 20, 2026*

The wait is almost over! We are excited to see you and your teams at the 2026 IFDA National Championship.

Please review the important event information below and share it with your teams.

The **National Championship website** is your resource for the most up-to-date information including:

- **Travel Information**
- **Children's Contests**
- **Technology Policy**

## SCHEDULE

**Click here** to access the schedule of events.

## GROUND TRANSPORTATION SCHEDULE

All competitors, judges, and guests must use the designated shuttle buses to and from Osceola Heritage Park (OHP). Rideshare and taxi services to and from OHP are not permitted. Please find the Ground Transportation schedules below based on your hotel.

For Ground Transportation Information from **Disney's Coronado Springs Resort** **click here**.

For Ground Transportation Information from **Disney's Port Orleans Resort and Hilton Orlando Buena Vista Palace** (Overflow hotels), **click here**.

## REGISTRATION

Registration will be open on Thursday, October 22 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Coronado Ballroom M-N at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort.

## MULTIMEDIA CONSENT AGREEMENT

Bringing a photographer or videographer to the event? If your company plans to have a photographer or videographer onsite at the IFDA National Championship, please complete the IFDA National Championship Multimedia Consent Agreement in advance of the event. Please review, sign and return the completed agreement to Caitlyn Blizzard at **cblizzard@ifdaonline.org**, copying **events@ifdaonline.org**. **Click here** to download the agreement.

## SPREAD THE WORD - THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP WILL BE LIVESTREAMED!

This year, the Warehouse Competition and Awards Banquet will be livestreamed! Colleagues and family members will be able to watch as some of the industry's best professionals showcase their skill, precision and expertise in the warehouse competition. Then, they can tune in to the awards banquet as we recognize the outstanding competitors who have earned top honors.

Share the livestream links with your team, friends and family so everyone can join in the excitement and celebrate the best in foodservice distribution. **Learn More**

## TECHNOLOGY POLICY

To help maintain a fair and secure competition, electronic devices will be restricted during specific parts of the National Championship. Please review the Technology Policy **here**.

## FAST FACTS

Championship Dates: October 22-24, 2026
Location: Osceola Heritage Park, Kissimmee, FL
Hotel: Disney's Coronado Springs Resort
Contact Us: **events@ifdaonline.org**

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