



CALL FOR ENTRIES: TIME TO GET Italian WITH GLOBAL PIZZA CHALLENGE 2026

"I'd rather eat pizza and drink wine than be a size zero" - Sophia Loren

Attention all Pizzaiolo!, flex your culinary muscles at the much anticipated *Global Pizza Challenge 2024* to be hosted at **"The African Food Show 2026 in Cape Town – Cape Town International Convention Centre and live streamed on social media on 10th till 12th June 2026**

With the competition now firmly entrenched on SA's shores, organisers are keen to see passionate, independent pizza makers, pizza lovers and all others demonstrate their gastronomic masterpieces first-hand during the competition's national cook-off.

WHO CAN ENTER?

Endorsed by the South African Chefs' Association (SACA), the local competition is inviting all individual pizza makers - whether representative of a stand-alone pizzeria, restaurant, take-away outlet, hotel, suburban hot spot, pizza maker or home enthusiast – to join in and toss up a cooking sensation!

COMPETITION CRITERIA:

Whether it be an exotic twist on an old favorite, or your very own creation; entrants are encouraged to submit their commercially viable recipes within the following four categories:

- Chicken or meat
- Seafood
- Vegan or Vegetarian
- Speciality or dessert

Remember that the cost of your pizza needs to be low enough to make economically viable to sell it in store after your win

JUDGING:

Under the auspices of the SACA, all recipes will be assessed by a panel of internationally recognized chefs and judged on their originality, balance, creativity, as well as excitement factor. The organisers will select approximately 20 finalists, and invite these pizza makers to recreate their recipes at "The African Food Show 2026 in Cape Town, finalists will be required to compete in cook-off heats, in order to battle it out for the South African Global Pizza Challenge title.

MISSION OF ENTRY / ENTRIES:

To download an entry form with step-by-step instructions on how to complete your submission, please visit: www.globalpizzachallenge.com <https://globalpizzachallenge.com/events-2026/south-africa-2026/enter/> or contact Jeff Schueremans at 082 807 0550 or duveljeff@gmail.com

Entries close on: 01st June 2026

A R100.00 fully refundable deposit is required for each entry as to ensure that the chef chosen shows up on the day. All non-chosen recipes will be refunded as soon as the selection has been done. So please add your banking details for your entry.

Banking details:

Global Pizza Challenge

ABSA Bank

Savings account: 9364 7923 20

Bank code: 334 642

There are also numerous sponsorship packages available, who are keen to partner with and support innovation within the independent pizza sector.