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THE U.S. PIZZA TEAM 2008 Fact Sheet

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WHAT IS IT?

The U.S. Pizza Team is a group of pizza makers and dough acrobats whose goal is to bring the world's attention to the talent and camaraderie of the pizza industry. The team is selected through competitions in a variety of pizza-making skills, and then participates in exhibitions and international medal competitions.

HISTORY

Its inception was in 2000.

AWARDS

The U.S. Pizza Team won the Gold Medal in Team Acrobatics at the 2007 World Championships in Italy.

SELECTION PROCESS

The team is selected at national contests. Participants enter in different categories, and the top finishers are invited to be on the U.S. Pizza Team. Categories are:

- Fastest Pizza Maker - who can slap out 5 dough balls the fastest over a 12 inch screen.
- Largest Dough Stretch - who can stretch 500 grams of dough the largest in 5 minutes.
- Freestyle Dough Tossing - who can do the most tricks with 10 dough balls set to music
- Best Pizza - the tastiest and best-prepared pizza

NY PIZZA SHOW

8th Annual NY Pizza Show & International Restaurant and Foodservice Show
March 9-11
Jacob Javitz Center
New York City, NY

Features:

600 Exhibitors
More than 18,000 attendees from across the U.S.
Tryouts in Freestyle Dough Tossing
Competition for The America's Plate

The 4th Annual AMERICA'S PLATE AWARD

The America's Plate is an international award that will feature national prize winners from around the world.

2007 U.S. PIZZA TEAM MEMBERS

Patt Miller, Flying Pizza, Columbus, OH (Captain)
Chef Santo Bruno, (Culinary Coach)
Michael Amheiser, Pizza Doc, Fredericktown, OH
Chris Balthrop, Lupi's Pizza Pies, Chattanooga, TN
Jason Samosky, Samosky's Homestyle Pizza, Valley
City, OH
Ryan LaRose, Dallis Pizzeria, Lake Mary, FL
Casey Cole, Pisanello's Pizzeria, Franklin, OH
David Smith, Pizza Palace Plus, Emporium, PA
Brian Elder, Domino's Pizza, Findlay, OH
Scott Childers, East Coast Pizza, Riverview, FL
John Howe, Domino's Pizza, Orlando, FL
Chris Green, Oxford, MS (Trainer)
Caroline Felker, U.S. Pizza Team Coordinator
Missy Green, U.S. Pizza Team

NOTABLE APPEARANCES

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