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LOCAL CHEFS FIGHT TO BECOME THEIR CITY'S CULINARY CHAMP IN NEW FOOD NETWORK SERIES *BITE CLUB*

Hosted by Tyler Florence, Six-Episode Series Premieres
Thursday, September 6th at 9pm ET/PT

NEW YORK – August 9, 2018 – This fall, **Tyler Florence** hits some of the country's top food cities and pits local chefs against each other in a fierce fight to become their hometown champ in the new competition series ***Bite Club***. In each location, five chefs arrive prepared to cook in an unknown kitchen, and are greeted with a game of chance that results in two chefs becoming the competition's judges. The three remaining chefs then go head-to-head in two rounds of intense secret ingredient cooking battles, where their peers ultimately decide who becomes the city's *Bite Club* champ. The six-episode series premieres Thursday, September 6th at 9pm ET/PT with Chicago, followed by episodes in Savannah, Indianapolis, Milwaukee, Charleston and Nashville.

"When five of the hottest chefs in the same city go up against each other, the energy is explosive – they are colleagues and rivals, friends and competitors," said Courtney White, General Manager and Executive Vice President, Food Network and HGTV. "Tyler is the perfect host to oversee the top-notch culinary action and rivalry in each town."

In the series premiere, five of Chicago's most talented chefs meet Tyler in an Italian restaurant kitchen they have never cooked in before. Luck determines which two will serve as judges and which three proceed to the kitchen. Round one throws the competitors for a loop when they are presented with alligator meat - but they rally and take advantage of the restaurant's powerful pizza oven in the hopes of cooking it just right. The most successful two chefs move to the next round, but only one is named the Windy City's *Bite Club* champ.

After each city's battle, catch behind-the-scenes photos and fun moments at FoodNetwork.com/BiteClub, as well as Food Network's Facebook and Instagram pages using the hashtag #BiteClub. And don't miss Tyler Florence taking on a few challenges of his own! Plus, get a taste of the food each city has to offer and find out which dishes you need to try on your next visit with the digital companion series *Bite Club: Food Network Finds*.

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