Fried Pizza Balls

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Servings: 32 pizza balls

Amount	Ingredient	Prep Notes
3 cups	flour	
1 cup	water	hot, around 150° F
$1/4 \operatorname{cup}$	olive oil	
1 tsp	salt	
1 lb	mozzarella	block is good
5 oz	mini pepperoni	
2	eggs	beaten
2 cups	bread crumbs	
lots	oil	for frying
	spaghetti sauce	for dipping

- mix flour, water, oil, and salt in a large bowl, knead until smooth and stretchy
- let dough rest for 30 minutes or so
- roll dough out into 20" by 15" rectangle and cut into 32 pieces
- cut mozzarella into 32 chunks, place one chunk on each piece of dough
- place mini pepperoni on each piece of dough
- wrap the dough around the mozzarella and pepperoni and seal off the seam
- fill a pan with 3-4" of oil and heat to ${\sim}300^\circ\mathrm{F}$ over medium heat
- put the breadcrumbs and eggs in shallow dishes and beat the eggs
- roll the dough balls in egg and then in breadcrumbs until they are well coated
- place the dough balls in the oil until they are browned and start to float
- place on a tray to cool, serve with spaghetti sauce
- *note*: leftover pizza balls can be frozen and reheated in a 400° oven for 12 minutes
- *note*: panko bread crumbs make a nice crispy shell, it took a bit less than one box per recipe