

CHILI COOK-OFF

OFFICIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

The following rules are to be adhered to by all cook-off chair persons, cooks, judges and/or assistants:

1. True Chili is defined as any kind of spicy, stew-like dish cooked with chili peppers, meat (optional) and/or beans (optional). Various other spices and ingredients may be added with the exception of rice or pasta.

2. There is no entry fee. Chile Teams may enter no more than 1 batch of chili. There will be a:

\$300 1st cash prize

\$200 2nd cash prize

\$100 3rd cash prize

\$75 4th cash prize

\$50 5th cash prize

2a. In addition, each chili team is required to set up a “decorated” 10x10 tent.

*** A \$100 prize will be given for best booth.**

Chili team members should dress in a team-like manner.

***A \$100 prize will be given for best dressed team.**

Chili teams are encouraged to name their chili something crazy/fun and make a sign.

***A \$100 prize will also be given for best sign.**

Samples of your chili can be purchased by the crowd (to benefit Hospice)...so, the more chili you bring the more people that may vote for you.

***A \$100 prize for the People’s Choice winner will also be given.**

3. Chili Teams may set up and cook their chili the day of the event or they can bring the chili “Ready-to-eat”

4. Chili Teams are responsible for supplying all of their own utensils & products relating to their chili submission and maintenance of its proper temperature for serving by electric crock pots or similar means.

4a. Chili Teams may rent the Chafing Kits from H-D PB for \$15.00 each. While supplies last, two per team. Kits include: one chafing stand, two 6 hour sterno’s, one 12x24 size foil pan (to hold water), one 12x12 foil pan and two foil loaf pans.

4b. If your chili is brought in a stock pot: we will have available ONLY 2 gas burners (Turkey fryer), for Chili Teams to reheat their chili prior to putting it into the chafing trays. *If you have your own it is strongly suggested you bring it.*

4c. Spoons and cups for use in serving chili to the general public will be provided.

5. Each contestant must cook a minimum of four (4) gallons of competition chili. Contestants who did not rent the chafing kit will be given a foil loaf pan to fill ½ full with their chili to submit for judging. Cold chili will not be given to the judges. All chili (other than that which is submitted), will be for public consumption.

6. At the time of the official judging the Chief Scorekeeper comes to collect a sample from your chili in the loaf pan and each contestant will be assigned a "contestant number". Do not give away the remainder of the chili in the loaf pan...the judges may require a second taste!

6a. Each contestant should verify that the number on the bottom of their container is the same as their contestants' number assigned to them by the Chief Scorekeeper.

6b. At this time each Chili Team will also identify their chili as mild, medium or hot.

Note: if your chili is "off the scale" hot – say so - you may be disqualified if you allow your chili to go to the judges without a fair warning!

7. The decision of the judges is final. Judging will be based on score cards. Please be aware that the judging may be done in groups and you may be asked for a second taste of your chili...if you are asked for a second taste...it's a good thing☺

7a. Judging: In this competition the chili will be blind judged (no one knows the identity of the cook) and scorecards will be based on the following six characteristics:

1. **Texture:** The texture of the meat shall not be tough or mushy.
2. **Flavor:** The chili should have good flavoring, chili pepper taste. Hot Chili should possess heat with flavor, not just hot.
3. **Consistency:** Chili should be a smooth combination of meat and gravy not too thin or too thick
4. **Spice and Taste:** Blending of the spices and how well they have permeated the meat
5. **Aroma:** This will be a personal preference of the judge
6. **Color:** The submitted chili should look appetizing

There will be a People's Choice ballot box for people to score the chili. Score cards will be collected at the end of the judging and tallied.

8. Each contestant is responsible for policing and cleaning up the area at the end of the day and removing all items from the area. No items shall be allowed to remain after the close of the Cook-off.

9. Each chili Team is required to submit a **returnable** \$50.00 deposit. **NO** Exceptions. Monies will be **returned** the day of the chili cook off providing your team has showed up and complied with the requirements.

9a. Chili teams must be signed up by April 10th, 2010
Check-in and set-up for the event will start at 8:00 a.m.
Chili should be ready for judging **around** 1:00 p.m.

For more information please call Kathleen Simone 561-659-4131 Wednesdays between 10am-5pm

Disclaimer: No whiners or crybabies please, this is a fun event!

