



## Chili Cook – Off Requirements

ENTRY FORMS DUE JANUARY 19<sup>th</sup>

### Basic Information

- No electricity is provided or permitted.
- We will be in a heated tent, but you should still come prepared for the weather.
- You will be provided one 6 foot table, two chairs, and an 8'x8' space.
- We ask that you stay respectful of the venue and the other chili teams.
- Teams may bring alcoholic beverages as long they are in a cup at all times. Labeled alcohol containers must not be visible to the public.
- Merchandise and food will be sold at the event.
- The Check-In & Set up time will be from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
- **All teams must have on hand a minimum 2A/10BC Portable Fire Extinguisher & some type of crate in which to put your tank if it is not on a stand. (i.e. milk crate)**

### Competition Chili

- Once you set up your area and the Fire Marshall has inspected your cooking devices, you can begin to prepare your competition chili.
- All competition chili must be cooked from scratch on-site on the day of the event.
- "Scratch" is defined as starting with raw meat. No marinating is allowed. Commercial chili powder is permissible, but complete commercial chili mixes ("just add meat" mixes that contain premeasured spices) are NOT permitted.
- No fillers are allowed in the competition chili. Beans, rice, and other similar ingredients are not permitted.
- Entry fees include one chili per cook. You may pay an extra \$20 to enter a second competition chili.
- You will be given a 16oz cup at the head cooks' meeting that you will use to turn in their competition chili. The cooks meeting will be at 10:00 a.m.
- Competition chili is blind-judged on the following five criteria: Aroma, Consistency, Red Color, Taste, and Aftertaste.

### People's Choice Competition

- All teams are required to compete in the People's Choice contest. You can use either your competition chili or another chili prepared ahead of time.
- You will need to bring at least 2 gallons to serve.
- People's choice chili can be based on any meat and may contain fillers.
- You may not pass out bowls of chili to the public. We will be selling cups that spectators can purchase. (We will go over this at the head cooks' meeting.)

### **Salsa Competition**

- Entry fees include one salsa entry per cook, but you may pay an extra \$20 to enter a second salsa.
- You will be given 16oz cup at the head cooks' meeting to be used to turn in your salsa.
- Salsa is blind-judged on the following criteria: Taste, Consistency, Aroma, Spicing and Color.

### **Showmanship**

- Showmanship will be judged on: Theme, Costume, Booth Set-Up, Action, and Audience Appeal.

**If you have any questions please contact Lisa Taylor at  
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**We look forward to seeing you on February 3<sup>rd</sup>!!!**