

## CHILI COOKING RULES

ITEMS TO BRING – Cooking stove and fuel; cooking pot, cutting board, knife, water, cooler (for meat and liquid refreshments), paper towels, spoons, can opener, matches, (et cetera); meat (hand-cut or chili grind); spices and other ingredients for chili; table and chairs; props and costumes if competing in showmanship.

JUDGING CRITERIA – Aroma: chili should smell appetizing. Consistency: chili should be a smooth combination of meat and gravy. Red Color: chili should look appetizing. Taste: chili should taste good. Aftertaste: chili should leave a pleasant taste after swallowing.

CHILI COOKED ON SITE - All chili must be cooked from scratch on site the day of the cook-off. All chili must be prepared in the open (no cooking in motorhomes, et cetera).

CHILI COOKED FROM SCRATCH - 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.

CHILI FILLERS – No fillers such as beans, macaroni, rice, hominy, et cetera are allowed.

SANITATION - Cooks are to prepare and cook chili in as sanitary a manner as possible.

INSPECTION OF COOKING CONDITIONS - Cooking conditions are subject to inspection by the head judge or his/her designee.

COOKS MAY HAVE TO TASTE THEIR CHILI - At the discretion of the head judge, chili cooks may be required to remove the lids from their chili cups and taste their chili before turning in for judging. (If a contestant refuses, his or her chili will be disqualified.)

ON CHILI PER COOK – Each head cook is responsible for preparing one pot of chili that he or she intends to be judged and turning in one judging cup from that pot. No more than one judging sample can be taken from any one pot.

COOKS MUST SIGN NUMBER SLIPS – Chili cooks must sign their secret number slips in ink with their first and last names at the time the cups are issued. Winners will not be eligible if their secret numbers are unsigned when presented. NOTE: Cooks must present their signed secret numbers to win.

PROTECT THE JUDGING CUP – Once judging cups have been issued, each head cook is responsible for his or her judging cup. Cooks must not remove or tamper with the numbers on the outside of the cups. Any marked or altered cup must be replaced prior to turn-in or it will be disqualified.

FILLING CUPS – Cups will be filled  $\frac{3}{4}$  full or to the level designated at the cooks' meeting.

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CHILI TURN-IN – Chili will be turned in at the place and time designated at the cooks' meeting or as otherwise designated by the head judge.

PYROTECHNICS – No chili contestant may discharge firearms or use any pyrotechnics or explosives at a chili cook-off. Contestants discharging firearms and/or using explosives or other pyrotechnics will be disqualified from the chili cook-off.

PENALITES – Failure to comply with these rules will result in disqualification of an individual cook for the cook-off. Decisions of the official(s) are final. In case of disqualification, the monitor of the cook-off will immediately notify the head cook and give a reason for disqualification. In the event disqualification of a cup of chili occurs after judging has started, it is not necessary that the cook be located or given an explanation for the disqualification.

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## SHOWMANSHIP RULES

Showmanship, like chili, must be in good taste and is judged on the following five criteria:

Theme: The show subject, topic, or context should be original.

Costume: Show costumes should promote the show theme.

Booth Set-up: The show booth should promote the show theme.

Action: Show should be action-oriented.

Audience Appeal: Show should be entertaining to the audience.

SHOWMANSHIP ENTRIES – To be judged, contestants must declare their intention to compete in show at least thirty (30) minutes prior to the start of showmanship. This may be done when signing for the chili judging cup.

SHOW TEAMS MUST ALSO ENTER CHILI – Showmanship teams must have a minimum of one cook entered in the chili competition in order to qualify for showmanship points.

ONE NAME PER SHOW TEAM – Showmanship teams must enter all cook-offs in a chili year under one name and with one mailing address in order to avoid confusion in the recording of showmanship points. Team names may change at the beginning of the chili year.

PERFORMANCE OF SHOWMANSHIP – Hired professional performers will not be allowed in showmanship competition.

PERFORMANCE – Showmanship teams must be limited in their activity so as not to interfere with the other contestants. Traveling (moving about the cooking area) is allowed, and traveling show teams will be judged while traveling.

SHOW STANDARDS – Nudity and lewdness are banned from showmanship. Intentional use by any contestant will result in disqualification of that team.

NO INTERFERENCE WITH SHOW – There will be no outside entertainment or interference (e.g. bands, performances, et cetera) with showmanship during the showmanship period.

AMPLIFICATION – Decisions on volume and interference with adjacent show teams are at the discretion of the head show judge and/or head judge monitoring the cook-off. Failure to comply with an official's request to reduce volume or refrain from otherwise interfering with another show team will result in disqualification of that team.

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PENALTIES – Failure to comply with these rules is subject to disqualification of the individual show team for that cook-off. In the case of disqualification, the head judge or head showmanship judge immediately must notify the show team captain and give a reason for the disqualification. Decision(s) of the official(s) are final.

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