

Basic Rules of Chili Cook off

1. Teams must notify chairman of cook-off and pay the specified entry fee of \$10.00 per item.
2. Teams must arrive at the Chili grounds in sufficient time to be prepared and complete chili prior to judging time. (See hand in time below).
3. Teams may wish to decorate their booth and/or team members according to a theme. Teams are encouraged to do so, but must supply all necessary materials and equipment (there is a showmanship trophy).
4. Teams must supply their own chili ingredients, cooking equipment and fuel. You are encouraged to bring canopy's tables, and chairs. Remember you must have a portable stove or fryer because electricity is NOT available.
5. **All** preparation of chili must be done on site and from scratch. "Scratch" means starting with raw meat and using regular spices. You may use beef, turkey, or deer. All meat must come from an Approved source.
6. No team will start preparation or cooking prior to the official start time. .
7. Chili must be prepared out in the open in as sanitary manner as possible, we encourage small cups with spoons for guests to be able to taste.
8. Hand-in time will be announced to registered cooks prior to cook-off day. (Currently set at 2:30 pm)

9. **Basic Texas Chili is the requirement**

- a. Texas chili will be judged according to Tolbert Rules(judging rules are available upon request)
 - b. Texas chili may **NOT** include beans, rice or fillers of any kind.
 - c. Meat should be coarsely ground or finely chopped. Hamburger grind is discouraged although allowed.
 - d. Chili must be cooked down to a uniform consistency. 'Floaters' (easily identified items such as a whole jalapeno, large piece of onion etc. in the judging cup) will result in disqualification.
 - e. No limit on how much chili is prepared but you must have at least 16 - 20 oz to turn in for judging.
10. Payout and Trophies are determined on the amount of cooks that are competing. First & Second will receive money and trophies (or Ribbon), third will receive trophy (Or Ribbon), showmanship will receive a trophy (or Ribbon).