



# CHILI COOK OFF RULES

***SPONSORED BY THNB OMAHA & MARTIN'S WELDING***

***WHEN: OCTOBER 30<sup>TH</sup>,***

***WHERE: OMAHA CITY PARK***

***Entry Deadline is Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.***

***Team Cooks must pick up a judging cup in the Park Pavilion at 8:00 am.***

See Kelley Martin or Aimee Howell for additional information  
or give them a call at (903) 884-3600.

***The entry fee is only 25.00!***

we require that each team to make a large batch of chili, using enough meat to make 5 gallons of chili. This ensures you have enough chili for judging, tasting, and selling.

***Remember – the more chili you have for tasting the more Tasters' Choice votes you can get!***

The Chamber of Commerce will sell 4-oz tasting cups. With the tasting cup the individual will receive a ballot to vote for Tasters' Choice and Showmanship. This cup can be used over and over to taste all of the chili; then the tasters can vote on T asters' Choice and Showmanship. Be sure to give SAMPLES (not full cups) so you won't run out of chili before the voting ends. After the voting ends, the Chamber may sell larger cups that may be filled up by you as long as you have chili available. Please let the Chamber booth know when you run out of chili so the Chamber will know whether to offer larger cups. You may want to include toppings at your booths to enhance your chili votes or showmanship votes. This is entirely up to each team. The Chamber will not provide these items this year so as not to distract from each team's showmanship.

There will be awards for the following:

- Tasters Choice & Showmanship - Trophies
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place & 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Chili – Cash & Trophies

***Winners will be announced at 12:00 p.m. (Noon) on the Fall Fest Stage.***

## Rules for Chili Competition

### A. PAPERWORK

1. Head cook or designee must register (name and address) at Cook off Headquarters for chili and/or showmanship.
2. Head cook or designee will draw their judging cup and sign for receipt at Registration, Head Cooks Meeting or as determined by Cook off. Remove the numbered ticket from the cup; write your name on the back and put in a safe place. Winners will be announced by this number and it must be presented to claim the award.
3. Cook must not “mark” cup in any way. If cup is damaged, a replacement can be obtained by turning in damaged cup and numbered ticket.

### B. PREPARING CHILI

1. Chili must be cooked on site the day of the cook off from scratch. “Scratch” means starting with raw meat and using regular spices. Commercial chili powder is permissible, but complete commercial chili mixes are NOT permitted.
2. Chili must be prepared out in the open in as sanitary a manner as possible.
3. No beans, pasta, rice or other similar items are allowed.

### C. TURNING IN CHILI

1. No more than one judging sample can be taken from any one pot.
2. Each cook may turn in only one cup of chili.
3. At turn-in time (11:00 am), fill your cup  $\frac{3}{4}$  full (or leave at least 1 inch head space) and take it to the Cook off Headquarters. **DO NOT BE LATE.**
4. Your chili will be judged on Appearance, Aroma, and Taste.

### D. SHOWMANSHIP RULES

1. Showmanship shall be judged on: THEME (Originality, etc.), COSTUME, BOOTH SET-UP, ACTION, and AUDIENCE APPEAL.
2. Judging shall be on a continuous basis for two hours during the cook off, ending at least thirty minutes prior to chili turn-in time or beginning thirty minutes after chili turn-in time. Showmanship can be shortened by cook off promoter, with agreement of all competing show teams, due to severe weather, etc.
3. Sound amplification may be used, with limited volume, so as not to interfere with surrounding cooks or show teams.
4. Showmanship must be limited so as not to interfere with other show teams, or to cause hazardous or unsafe conditions to exist.

**GOOD LUCK**