

# Chili Cook Off Rules

1. **CHILI MUST BE 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.
2. **CHILI MUST BE 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 pre-measured spices) are **NOT** permitted.
3. **NO FILLERS IN COMPETITION CHILI** – Beans, macaroni, rice, hominy, or other similar ingredients are not permitted.
4. **THROW-DOWN CHILI – ALL CHILI COOKS MUST PROVIDE AT LEAST 1 GALLON OF THROW-DOWN FOR SAMPLING BY THE PUBLIC. THROW-DOWN CHILI MUST HAVE A FILLER SUCH AS BEANS OR PASTA. AND CANNOT BE COMPETITION CHILI BEING TURNED IN FOR JUDGING. YOU MAY PROVIDE MORE THAN 1 GALLON IF YOU WANT TO.**
5. **SANITATION** – Cooks are to prepare and cook chili in as sanitary a manner as possible.
6. **INSPECTION OF COOKING CONDITIONS** – Cooking conditions are subject to inspection by the head judge or his/her designee. (Failure to comply is subject to disqualification.)
7. **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.)
8. **ONE 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.

**FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH CASI RULES WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION OF AN INDIVIDUAL COOK FOR THE COOK-OFF. THIS IS A SANCTIONED EVENT CASI RULES WILL BE USED! IF YOU NEED A COPY OF CASI RULES CALL ME. THEY ARE ALSO AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE.**

Website [www.HotHeadsChili.org](http://www.HotHeadsChili.org)

**There will be a chili cook’s meeting on the both days of the cook-off. Friday’s cook’s meeting will be at 4:00 PM and judging begins at 8:30 PM. Saturday’s cook’s meeting will be at 9:00 AM with cooking starting at 10:00 AM and judging starts at 2:00PM.**

For more information on the Hot Heads Chili Cook-off please contact Horace Ketchens at 318-368-8935

Thanks for entering and have fun!

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