



2024 Official Rules

Benefiting Katy ISD FFA

Cooking Source: Teams are to prepare chili in their assigned team space using charcoal or propane cookers as a means of cooking. **NO OPEN FIRES. NO EXCEPTIONS. Each Chili team must have their own ABC Fire Extinguisher with a one-year current inspection tag at their booth at all times. NO GENERATORS** are allowed.

Event Timetable: The Chili Cook-Off will take place on Saturday, February 10th, from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. Chili Teams may start setting up their event space and begin cooking at 7:00 am on the day of the event. All teams must be ready to serve chili to the public by 10:45 am and be prepared to serve chili for the entire event. Teams may only dismantle or pack after the event ends. Event breakdown will begin at 3:00 pm. Each team space must be completely cleaned and clear by 5:00 pm. Each team has an obligation to the event attendees to see that these terms are not violated.

Booth Space and Equipment: Each team space is approximately 15' X 15'. All items, including cooking equipment, must stay within your assigned space. Each team is responsible for supplying their own tent, table, chairs, chili ingredients, cooking utensils, stoves, cookers, fire extinguisher, ice chest, ice, water supply, paper towels, napkins, trash bags, etc. All tents are required to be weighted down. Team locations will be on a paved surface; therefore, no pegs or stakes will be permitted to support tent or decorations, and only sandbags or tent weights will be allowed. Each team will be responsible for removing all items, trash, and liquids from your space. Nothing may be left behind at the end of the event. Any beverages a team brings may be consumed in your team space but not shared with the public.

Chili Preparation: Chili Teams are required to provide a minimum of 6 gallons of chili for tasting, but we encourage you to cook more. Each team must provide their own serving gloves. Anyone serving must wear gloves. The following ingredients are acceptable when preparing chili: canned or bottled tomatoes, tomato sauce, peppers, pepper sauce, canned beans, broth, spices, vegetables, or pre-cut vegetables. Meat may be pre-cut or ground but not treated in any way. Any meat or combination of meats may be used. **If using ALCOHOL or exotic meat, you must post a sign stating there is ALCOHOL and/or the type of meat used in a prominent location.** Cooking before 7:00 am will result in automatic disqualification.

Showmanship: Teams are encouraged to decorate their booth space. There will be an award given for the Best Decorated Booth space. Creativity is key but be aware this is a family-oriented event, so please conduct yourself accordingly.

Awards: Awards will be given for the following categories: Judges' Favorite, High School Favorite, Fan Favorite Chili, and Best Booth.

Public Tasting: BEGINS AT 11 am. Event attendees will purchase individual wristbands at the registration area to receive chili from each chili team. If an attendee comes to your space without a wristband, please send them to the registration area to purchase one. Teams are only allowed to serve people with a wristband.

Judging: The Judging Tent is located at the north end of the event, next to registration. **Each team is responsible for turning in their chili judging container to the Judges' Tent between 2:00 pm and 2:15 pm.** Turn-in will not be accepted before or after allotted time slot. Presented chili will be just Texas Chili, without garnish. There will **not** be anyone gathering chili or announcing the judging time. Each team is responsible for providing chili to be judged on time.

Wash Station: Each team must provide its own wash station for its utensils. Three clean containers with lids may be used as alternative ware washing equipment – equivalent to a three-compartment sink. Food contact surfaces of all equipment and utensils shall be washed, rinsed, and sanitized. Each team must provide liquid bleach and soap for sanitizing equipment and utensils.

Indemnification: The Katy Area Chamber of Commerce, including all of its directors, sponsors, agents, and employees, and the Owner/Team/Contestant, including parents and/or legal representatives hereinafter called "Team/Contestant" agree that the Katy Area Chamber of Commerce will in no case be responsible for any loss or damage or injury to the person or property of Team/Contestant, their agents, servants, family and/or employees, regardless of how such loss or damage or injury is occasioned and by whom. The Katy Area Chamber of Commerce and Team/Contestant further agree that the Team/Contestant will protect, indemnify and hold harmless The Katy Area Chamber of Commerce from any claims, suit and/or judgment(s) including the cost of defense of any such claim and/or suit and/or judgment(s) by, through or behalf of The Katy Area Chamber of Commerce brought by anyone as a result of any loss, damage, or injury, personal or otherwise to any person or property occasioned by any action or interaction of Team/Contestant, either by solely or in conjunction with The Katy Area Chamber of Commerce or anyone else. Team/Contestant agrees to all Rules and Regulations, published or otherwise presented, of the Texas Chili Cook-Off.

Media Release: I hereby give permission to the Katy Area Chamber of Commerce and its authorized agents to use media including, but not limited to, photographic, video, audio and electronic images and recordings of me for use by the Katy Area Chamber of Commerce to include, but not limited to, publication in informational, educational, advertising campaigns, or otherwise within the general public domain or targeted media in any format including newspapers, magazines, flyers, newsletters, television, slide presentations, handouts, billboards, postal mailers, email, websites, social media, and any other format. This media release includes persons under the age of 18.

Note: As we are in the process of getting sanctioned for accreditation with the International Chili Society, rules will be strictly adhered to.

I HEREBY ATTEST THAT I AM AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE TEAM EXHIBITOR AND I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE FOREGOING RULES AND REGULATIONS AND I FURTHER AGREE THAT THE TEAM EXHIBITOR WILL ABIDE BY ALL LISTED HEREIN.

SIGNED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2024.

Team Exhibitor Representative Signature