

REDLANDS OPTIMIST CLUB CHILI COOK-OFF OFFICIAL RULES

All cookers and assistants shall adhere to the following rules:

CONTESTS: Competition will be *Best Chili, Best Chili Verde, Best Salsa, Best Booth Presentation and People's Choice.*

CHILI: True chili is defined as any kind of meat or combinations of meats, cooked with chili peppers, various spices, and other ingredients. Beans are acceptable for People's Choice Chili. Competition chili should have no beans.

COOK'S MEETING: There will be a mandatory cook's meeting at 9:30 A.M., at which time the chief judge will give final instructions and answer any questions.

PREPARATION & COOKING: The preparation period for ingredients will be one hour, from 10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. The cooking period will be three hours from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Judging will commence at 2:30 P.M.

UTENSILS: Contestants will supply their own cooking utensils, stoves, etc. A cooking area of 10 foot by 10 foot will be provided. NO ELECTRICITY IS AVAILABLE.

SET-UP: Contestants will be permitted to set up their equipment, decorations and booth on Saturday after 8:00 A.M. Booths may also be set up on Friday afternoon between 12 P.M. and 5 P.M.

MINIMUM CHILI: Each contestant must cook a minimum of one gallon of chili at the event for each chili competition. At least six (6) additional gallons of chili must be provided for visitor tasting and Peoples Choice Award.

ASSISTANTS: Each contestant will be permitted to have six (6) assistants in the cooking area.

RECIPE: Each contestant's recipe shall become public domain, outside the realm of copyright, and shall include all ingredients, techniques and methodology used during the competition. The recipe must be delivered to the chief scorekeeper at the time of the official judging.

DEMONSTRATIONS: Demonstrations throughout the spectator area are permitted; however, contestants are asked that their support team respect their visitors and their views.

AWARDS: Awards will be presented upon completion of the judging; approximately 4:00 P.M.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES: No alcoholic beverages or other beverages may be given away or sold by contestants. Contestants may not have any alcohol in the booth, except what is requested to work with or that, which is purchased at the car show.

DECISION OF JUDGES: The decision of the judges shall be final.

TASTING SAMPLES: The health department has made it very clear that only one-ounce servings may be provided for the chili tastes in exchange for tickets.

*******Contestants using tasting containers other than those provided by the event will be DISQUALIFIED.**