

2021 Whitewright Chili-Lympics General Rules and Regulations

All fees collected and donations received will go toward the purchase of equipment for the Whitewright EMS, Police and Fire Departments

- Contestants are encouraged pre-register to enter the contest. **Registration the day of the contest is permitted.**
- **A \$25.00 ENTRY FEE IS REQUIRED PER TEAM. ONE CHILI RECIPE PER TEAM MAY BE ENTERED FOR JUDGING.** by completing the registration form attached along with your entry fee check to:

Whitewright Chamber of Commerce
Chili-Lympics
P.O. Box 189
Whitewright, TX
75491

Or email to: whitewrightchilicookoff@gmail.com and pay via PayPal

- **Competition chili must be cooked from scratch on site the day of the cook-off. Must cook two (2) gallons of Red Chili.**

- Teams are responsible for supplying all food, cooking utensils and supplies needed, as well as furnishing their own propane cooker. **No wood or coal burning allowed.** We encourage you to have your own fire extinguisher for safety reasons. **There will be no electrical hook-ups. Please bring your own table, chairs and awning.**

- **All coolers and pots will be inspected upon arrival at the event and before you are escorted to your table.** This is to ensure no pre-cooked food comes into the event.

SANITATION: Teams must have the following at their tables for use while preparing, cooking and serving:

- Hand sanitizer
- Disinfectant spray for preparation surfaces (e.g., Lysol, bleach and water, etc.)
- Plastic gloves (for serving)

- A panel of judges will determine the top 3 entries as well as the Hottest/Wimpiest Chili. Separate judges will judge the Showmanship Award. The decision of the judges will be final. People's Choice will be determined by the total amount of tickets from the public for each team entries.
- The Whitewright EMS, Fire and Police Departments will sell armbands/spoons/ticket to the public to taste the chili. Sample cups will be provided to each team to serve the public. The public may vote for the People's Choice winner by placing their ticket in a team's ticket jar/cup.
- Teams are encouraged, not required, to name their chili and decorate their cooking area to reflect that name. A Showmanship Award will be awarded to the best decorated cooking area.

- This chili cook-off is for cooks who just want to have fun and be recognized for their superb culinary skills. Let your hair down (but wear a hat!!!) Dress up, wear a costume, just have fun!
This is NOT a sanctioned event

Serving/Cooking Station Rules

- You must be respectful to others, no offensive displays, excessive noise or music.
- Lewdness, nudity is prohibited. (yes, I had to go there...)
- The use of firearms, explosives, or pyrotechnics is prohibited.
- Interfering with other cooking teams is prohibited.

Chili Cooking Rules

- Quantities required for **distribution** to the public: Two (2) Gallons of Red Chili.
- Quantity for **judging**: Two pints (32 oz.) made on site is required to submit for judging.
- Competition Chili must be cooked from scratch **on site** the day of the cook-off.
 - 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.
 - Use your own favorite recipe. Meat may be beef, pork, lamb, bison, chicken, turkey or venison. Ingredients may be cut, shredded or ground to any size. No beans, rice or macaroni. No MSG. ***If peanuts or peanut oil is used, a warning sign must be displayed.***
 - **No ingredient may be pre-cooked in any way prior to the beginning of lighting of the fires at 9:00am**
 - **All competition chili must be prepared onsite.**
 - Cooks **ARE** allowed to pre-chop and premeasure all ingredients.
 - **TEXAS RED** chili is defined as any type of meat and may be beef, pork, lamb, bison, chicken, turkey or venison, cooked with **red chili peppers** and other spices and ingredients. **Beans ARE NOT permitted.**
- SANITATION - Everything must be prepared in a sanitary manner.
 - Hats and gloves must be worn when handling, cooking and serving.
- You must be willing to taste your own chili.
- Chili must be covered with a lid when not serving.
- Teams are **allowed** to give samples of their chili **to other teams**. Teams are **NOT allowed** to give samples to the **public prior to noon**. Teams are **NOT allowed** to give samples **to judges** prior to turn in. Any deviation from this rule will result in disqualification.
- Trophies will be awarded by judges' results and People's Choice.

Cooks Judging Cups

- A **COOKS MEETING** will be held at 8:30 am on the day of the cook-off. One member of each team **MUST** attend. At this meeting, each Team will be given a official judging cup. Each Team is responsible for delivering their cup with the chili sample to the judging area at the official turn in time for judging – **1:45 pm**.

- **PROTECT THE JUDGING CUPS** - Once judging cups have been issued, each head cook is responsible for his or her judging cup. Cooks must not remove or tamper with the tickets on the bottom of the cups. Any **marked or altered** cup must be replaced prior to turn-in or it will be disqualified.

- **FILLING CUPS** - Cups should be filled $\frac{3}{4}$ full.

- **CHILI TURN-IN** - Chili will be turned in at the place and time designated at the cooks' meeting.

- **PENALTIES** - Failure to comply with the rules set forth herein may result in disqualification of an individual cook or team for the cook-off. Decisions of the official(s) are final.

Judging

- Chili judging will be done using preliminary judges and final judges, if needed.

- Judges must abstain from inspecting or tasting chili prior to judging. Judges must not be associated with any cook at the cook-off (e.g., one spouse cooking and the other spouse judging).

- Judging criteria and scoring - A single score takes into consideration the five criteria for scoring chili:

- Color
- Aroma
- Consistency
- Taste
- Aftertaste

- Scoring - Each cup of chili will be scored on its own merits with a whole number from 0 to 5, 5 being the highest.

Hottest and Wimpiest Chili

- Scoring - Each cup of chili will be scored on a heat scale with a whole number from 0 to 5, 5 being the Hottest.

Frequently Asked Questions

Who do I contact for information about the cook-off or to enter a team?

Registration forms and rules can be found at ??????????????. You can also contact James Shplet by email at <mailto:whitewrightchilicookoff@gmail.com> or call and leave message at 903-181-2257

What is the cost and what do we need to bring?

Entry fee is \$25.00 per team entry. Teams are responsible for their own food, tables, chairs, tents, cooking and serving utensils, decorations, covering, cook stove/propane cooker and propane. *Remember - There is no electricity and no wood or charcoal fires, and competition chili must be cooked on site.*

What is the set up time, cooking time, when is the judging?

- You may begin setting up at 8:00 am and begin cooking at 9:00 am. There will be a team on-site to assist you in moving your gear to your assigned space.

- All coolers and pots will be inspected upon arrival at the event and before you are escorted to your table. This is to ensure no pre-cooked food comes into the event.
- Chili will be turned in for judging at 1:45 p.m.
- Winners will be announced at approximately 3:00 p.m.

What is the People's Choice Chili Award?

People's Choice Chili is judged only by the people, there are no other judges. The chili team that collects the most tickets becomes the winner.

What is the Showmanship Award?

Each chili team is encouraged to decorate their booth to reflect their team's name in their booth decor. The best decorated cooking area will be declared the winner. Attendees will cast their votes for People's Choice Chili by depositing donations into a "Voting Container" that will be supplied to you the morning of the cook-off.

How much chili is required?

We require a minimum of 2 gallons to be served to the public.

What are the award categories?

- A panel of judges will determine 1st through 3rd place, Hottest, Wimpiest and showmanship. The tasters will pick the Peoples Choice.