



North Redondo Beach Business Association

The International People's Chili Cookoff

Official Contestant Rules and Regulations

The following rules and regulations for cooks at the World's Championships, State, Regional and District Cookoffs are as follows:

1. There are no rules, other than your own recipes. There is no traditional way to cook chili—any kind of meat, combination of meats, beans, pasta, chili peppers, various spices and other ingredients—make your own chili your own way.
2. Salsa: There are no rules as to the ingredients or how to prepare your salsa. It may be prepared at home and brought to the site that day, or it may be store bought and brought to the site, or it may be prepared at the cookoff.
3. Any ingredient may be precooked in any way prior to the commencement of the official cookoff. You may use canned or bottled tomatoes, tomato sauce, peppers, pepper sauce, beverages, broth and mixing of spices. Meat may be treated, pre-cut or ground. Meat may be precooked. All other ingredients can be chopped or prepared during the preparation period.
4. You must receive Application Approval for the cookoff and prepare/cook 5 gallons of your own recipe chili, in lieu of an application fee, to compete in this IPC competition.
5. The cooking period will commence 1 hour before judging. The exact starting and ending of the cooking period is to be announced by the competition. Contestants at their sole discretion can use the entire cooking period to cook.
6. A representative of the cookoff may conduct a contestant's meeting, at which time final instructions are to be given and questions answered, no later than 1 hour prior to the official starting time of the cookoff.
7. Contestants are responsible for supplying all of their own cooking utensils, etc. The producer of the cookoff will provide an area for each contestant with an electrical outlet. There will be access to a three compartment sink with hot and cold running water.
8. Each contestant must cook a minimum of 2 quarts of competition chili in one pot, which can be submitted for judging.
9. Contestants will be required to sell or participate in People's chili sample cups with the approval of the cookoff chairperson and in compliance with State and Local agencies, in lieu of an entry fee, but cooks should not be limited to a specific amount. Each sample cup represents and counts as 1 vote towards the final judging of the cookoff Blue Ribbon Winner.
10. Each contestant will be assigned a contestant's number by the Chief Scorekeeper and be given an official 32 oz. IPC judging cup. Each contestant should verify that the number on the bottom of their cup is the same as their assigned contestant number. Each contestant is responsible to deliver their cup, which must be filled to the bottom of the cup's rim, to the judging area at the official time for judging.
11. Judges will be told they should vote for the chili they like best based on the following criteria: good flavor, texture, consistency, spices, aroma, color and the number of cups redeemed.
12. The decisions of the Chief Judge shall be final.
13. The booths will also be eligible for Best decorated and/or most original awards.