

## RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR WAGONER BEST CHILI

1. “No ingredients” may be pre-cooked in any way prior to the commencement of the official cook-off. All chili must be cooked on site the day of the cook-off, from scratch. All chili must be prepared out in the open, no cooking in motor homes, etc. The only exceptions are canned or bottled tomatoes, tomato sauce, peppers, pepper sauce, beverages, broth and grinding and or mixing of spices. Meat may be pre-cut or ground. **MEAT MAY NOT BE PRE-COOKED.**
2. “From Scratch” is defined as starting with raw meat. NO marinating is allowed. Commercial chili powder is permissible, but complete chili mixes are NOT permitted, e.g. Wick Fowler’s, William’s seasoning, etc., which contain several premeasured spices.
3. No fillers are allowed in the chili such as beans, macaroni, rice, hominy or other similar items in the chili being judged (you can put anything in the chili you are giving to the public for Peoples Choice)
4. Cooks are to prepare and cook chili in as sanitary a manner as possible. Cooking conditions are subject to inspection by the judging committee. Failure to comply is subject to disqualification.
5. All chili cooks may be required to eat a spoonful of their own chili from their judging cup before turning it in for judging.
6. The five criteria for scoring chili are: Aroma, Consistency, RED Color, Taste, and After-taste.
7. You must be at least 18 years old to be head cook.
8. Each head cook is responsible for preparing one pot of chili that he/she intends to be judged in the “Wagoner’s best Chili” Competition. Only one judging cup may be turned in from that pot. In addition, each cooking entry must prepare enough chili to provide 700 samples for the tasting kits. Remember this is a **FUND RAISER!** (This chili, if you wish, can be cooked prior to the event and may contain fillers such as beans) **EVERY TEAM IS REQUIRED TO PASS OUT SERVINGS OF CHILI FOR THE TASTING KITS!**
9. Chili cooks must sign their secret number slips in ink, with their first and last name, at the time judging cups are issued. Winners will not be eligible if their secret numbers are unsigned when presented. You must present your signed secret number to win, so keep it in a safe place until the winners are announced.
10. Once judging cups are issued, each head cook is responsible for his/her cup. Cooks must not remove or tamper with the number on the outside of the cup. Any marked or altered cup must be replaced prior to turn-in or it will be disqualified.
11. Judging cups will be filled  $\frac{3}{4}$  full or the level designed at the cooks meeting.
12. Cooks will meet at 1:00 p.m.
13. Chili Turn-in Time: 3:30 p.m.
14. Discretion of the Judges is Final.
15. The cooking period will be 2 hours, starting at 1:30 p.m. and ending at 3:30 p.m. Tasting kits will be sold beginning at 12:00 p.m. for people’s choice chili and people’s choice BBQ.
16. A representative of the contestant’s organization shall attend a contestant’s meeting at which time final instructions are to be given and questions answered, no later than 30 minutes prior to official starting time of the cook-off.

17. Contestants are responsible for supplying all their own cooking utensils and tables etc. Sponsor will provide an area for each contestant.
18. Popular vote of judging by the people will determine the winner of PEOPLE'S CHOICE. Each booth will have a decorated container at their booth. There will be a ticket in the tasting kits for the people to place in the decorated container if they liked it the best! People's choice chili will be announced at 5:00 p.m.
19. The winner for first place, second place, third place, and other prizes through place will be determined by judges!
20. NOTE: There is electric available, but you will need extension cords and step ladder. Small propane/butane burners are allowed.
21. HAVE FUN!