



Official Chili at the Beach Cook-Off Rules & Regulations - 2018

SET-UP:

- Contestants must report to Main Street on Saturday, June 16, 2018 no later than 9:00 am to set up. You may start set up as early as 8:00 am.
- Be ready to serve by 11:00 am.
- Bring your own tables, canopies, chairs, serving utensils and “tasteful” decorations.
- Chili Tasting is from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm. Tickets will not be sold after 2:30 pm. Chili may run out before 4:00 pm. Please keep your booth open and promote your restaurant / business until the end of the event.

BOOTHS:

- Contestants must provide their own heating apparatus (Coleman-type camp stove is the best choice. You can also use sternos). It is best to arrive with your chili already warm.
- You must provide a fire extinguisher in your booth.
- Electricity is NOT available.
- **Booths cannot be broken down until 5:00 pm on Saturday.**
- Contestants may NOT sell any other food or beverage.

CHILI: Contestants must bring a minimum of 20 GALLONS of chili and/or 6 GALLONS of Salsa, but we encourage you to cook more as this event draws up to 12,000 or more spectators. Since it is important for everyone to taste your chili for the People's Choice Award, be prepared with a sufficient supply.

- Chili Sides, such as sour cream, onion, cornbread, chips, etc., are acceptable for the public BUT the judges' sample must be CHILI / SALSA only.
- Chili must be prepared in advance from raw ingredients compiled by the contestants. In other words, no mixes, no Hormel, **no peanuts/peanut oil**. See FAQ's.
- Chili may be made with or without meat or beans.
- A complete list of ingredients must be available for each entry.
 - If any alcohol is used in preparation, cooks must post a sign in a prominent place stating that the salsa contains alcohol; judges must be notified as well.
- Contestants must be willing to eat their own chili.

SALSA: Teams are required to bring at least 6 Gallons of Salsa.

- Must be homemade and can consist of any variety of ingredients.
- Please bring an ice chest in order to keep your salsa fresh and safe.
 - A complete list of ingredients must be available for each entry.
 - If any alcohol is used in preparation, cooks must post a sign in a prominent place stating that the salsa contains alcohol; judges must be notified as well.
- Please bring large tortilla or corn chips for public tasting.

SERVINGS:

- Visitors with valid wristbands are encouraged to have only one taste of chili / salsa.

- Wristbands can be purchased at three different booth locations.
- Contestants must serve ONLY 1 to 1-1/2 oz. samples of their chili to paying guests (wearing wristbands).
- An event volunteer will deliver the 2 oz. tasting cups, spoons and napkins. These are the **only tasting cups that are allowed.**
- Each guest will have a ballot that they can complete for the People's Choice voting ballot.

JUDGING:

- At approximately 10:30 am, event volunteers will begin visiting each booth to collect samples of your chili / salsa for our official judges.
- Voting for People's Choice ends at 3:30 pm.
- The judges' sample must be CHILI / SALSA only, no sides.
- The winners will be announced at 5:00 pm at the Main St. and Pacific Coast Hwy. stage in the following categories:

CHILI AWARDS

People's Choice Best Tasting: 1st place receives a perpetual plaque, plus a framed certificate
2nd & 3rd place winners receive a framed certificate

Judge's Choice: 1st Place - \$500.00 gift certificate plus a framed certificate
2nd Place - \$250.00 gift certificate plus a framed certificate
3rd Place - \$100.00 gift certificate plus a framed certificate

Judge's Choice chili is blind-judged (**judges do not know the identity of the team**) on the following six characteristics:

1. **AROMA** - Chili should smell appetizing.
2. **CONSISTENCY** - Chili should be a smooth combination of meat and gravy.
3. **RED COLOR** - Chili should look appetizing.
4. **TASTE** - Chili should taste good.
5. **AFTERTASTE** - Chili should leave a pleasant taste after swallowing.

SALSA AWARDS FOR BEST TASTING

People's Choice Best Tasting: 1st, 2nd & 3rd (all winners receive a framed certificate) 1st place also receives an Event T-shirt

Judge's Choice Best Tasting (all winners receive a framed certificate):
1st place-\$250 gift certificate; 2nd place-\$100 gift certificate; 3rd place-Event T-Shirt

MOST CHILIN' CHILI/SALSA BOOTH AWARD

Enthusiastic/Team Spirit/Décor 1st 2nd & 3rd Place receive a framed certificate

Winners will also be announced on hbdowntown.com, in a spotlight video, and in our newsletter.

Decisions of HBDBID Chili-at-the-Beach committee, staff, judges, and scorekeepers will be final.

**Thank You for your participation and partnering with us in support of
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