

Official Rules and Regulations for the Chili Cooks for the Chaplin Relay for Life Chili Cook-Off

**You must have your chili here by 3:50 (arrival time is anywhere
from 3:30-3:50)**

The following rules are to be adhered to by all cook-off chair people, cooks, judges and/or assistants.

1. True chili is defined as any kind of meat or combination of meats cooked with chili peppers, various other spices and other ingredients. We have decided to allow beans-which apparently is not always allowed.
2. The entry fee will be \$5.00 per chili entered. Contestants may enter more than 1 batch of chili. There will be prizes for the following categories: Best Overall Chili, Best Vegetarian, Best White Chili, Spiciest, Most Unusual, Fireman Special, and there will be a People's Choice Award.
3. All ingredients must be pre-cooked & treated prior to the event- chili must be brought "ready to eat"
4. Contestants are responsible for supplying all of their own utensils and products relating to their chili submission and maintenance of it's proper temperature for serving. Spoons and cups for use in serving chili to the general public will be provided by Relay Team. Condiments, bread, and drinks will also be provided.
5. Each contestant must cook a minimum of four (4) quarts of competition chili. 1 quart will be submitted to the judges, the rest will be for public consumption. Please have a list of ingredients posted at your spot.
6. Each contestant will be assigned a "contestant's number" by the Chief Scorekeeper and be given a container in which their chili will be collected at the time of the official judging. Each contestant should verify that the number on the bottom of their container is the same as their contestant's number assigned to them by the Chief Scorekeeper.
7. The decision of the judges is final. Judging will be based on the score cards which are numbered. People's choice award will be voted on by the public.
8. Each contestant is responsible for policing and cleaning up their area at the end of the night and removing all items from the area. No items shall be allowed to remain after the close of the Cook-off.

Judging

In this competition the chili will be blind judged (no one knows the identity of the cook) and scorecards will be based on the following 5 categories:

- (a) Aroma—This will be a personal preference of the judge
- (b) Color—The submitted chili should look appetizing
- (c) Consistency-Chili should be a smooth combination of meat and gravy not too thin or too thick
- (d) Taste—Blending of the spices and how well they have permeated the meat
- (e) Aftertaste-This will be a personal preference of the judge

For more information please call 860-455-3436 or 860-933-1926

There will be a People's Choice ballot box to select their favorite chili. Votes will be counted at 5:45.

Chaplin Relay for Life Committee will provide the cups and spoons for sampling chili and the container for your competition chili submission.