

Ashmore Harvest Festival

CHILI CONTEST

RULES FOR CONTESTANTS

Each Chili Contestant must read, review, and agree in writing to follow all the following rules and safety rules and regulations:

INGREDIENTS:

1. All types of chili are allowed (standard chili, white chili, vegetarian chili, Texas chili, Cincinnati chili, etc.). Definition: a stew made with chili peppers, cumin, and [meat OR beans OR both]. All other seasonings, meats, vegetables & toppings are allowable at the contestant's discretion.
2. Spice heat will be considered during judging, but hotter is not necessarily more desirable.

PREPARATION:

3. Chili must be cooked in advance, but within 24 hours, and brought "hot and ready to eat."
4. Chili must be cooked to a minimum temperature of 165 degrees. If stored overnight, it must be stored at 40 degrees or lower.
5. Contestants must agree to maintain a clean and sanitary preparation and cooking space when preparing all foods used in this chili cook. Contestants may be held liable if their known negligence causes sickness for the Judges.

CONTEST ENTRY:

6. **Contestants must bring their entry to the pavilion between 11:30-11:50am.** (Each contestant must sign the registration and waiver forms and prepare their servings before judging begins.)
7. Each Contestant must bring about 3 cups of their chili entry. Contestants will be instructed upon arrival about how to divide/prepare their entry. Contestants will be allowed to prepare the judges' samples, so presentation and toppings are within the contestants' control.
8. Each Contestant must register and sign waivers prior to submitting samples to the judges.
9. Only judges and contestants are allowed to consume the chili in accordance with Health Department Regulations. The Contestant will be required to eat a sampling of their own entry.
10. **Judging will begin at Noon.**
11. Entries will be judged by a panel of 3 independent judges, none of whom live in Ashmore. Judges will not know who submitted each chili sample, and Contestants will not see the Judges notes and scores. Only final scores will be revealed. Judges will consider the following categories:
 - a. Appearance (0-5 pts)
 - b. Aroma (0-5 pts)
 - c. Flavor (0-5 pts)
 - d. Heat Balance (0-5 pts)
 - e. Texture / Mouthfeel (0-5 pts)
 - f. Discretionary Bonus Point (0-1 pt) **IF** a judge believes that an entry has a distinguishing higher quality than the rest, then he/she is allowed to give one bonus point to one entry.
12. Contestants must be 18 years of age or authorized by a parent/guardian.

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REGISTRATION & LIABILITY WAIVER FORM

Contestant Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY REGARDING YOUR CHILI ENTRY:

Type: Meat: _____ Vegetarian

Taste: Sweet Spicy Smoky Other: _____

Contains Allergens: (circle any that apply)

Dairy	Eggs	Tree Nuts	Peanuts	Shellfish
Wheat	Soy	Fish	Poison	Other: _____

Waiver:

In consideration of your accepting this entry, I, the undersigned, intending to be legally bound, hereby for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, WAIVE, RELEASE AND INDEMNIFY the ASHMORE HARVEST FESTIVAL, the VILLAGE OF ASHMORE, the CONTEST JUDGES, and their representatives, successors, and assigns from any responsibility or liability for any loss, injury or damage to myself or my property, and all claims, demands or otherwise in connection with the Chili Cook Off, and I COVENANT NOT TO SUE the above-referenced parties.

I further grant permission to Ashmore Harvest Festival or agents authorized by them to use any photographs, videotapes or any other record of this event that may include my image and/or testimonial, in whole or in part, for any purpose, and I understand, acknowledge and agree that I will not be compensated for such use.

I agree to abide by the rules and regulations set forth for the Chili Cook-Off (printed on reverse, and a copy was provided to me to keep).

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

IF CONTESTANT IS A MINOR (UNDER AGE 18):

PARENT/GUARDIAN PRINTED NAME: _____

SIGNATURE: _____