



AFTAC EPIC CHILI COOK OFF 2022

RULES OF ENGAGEMENT



Congratulations on taking the step to be crowned the winner of this fierce competition! We welcome you to this year's EPIC Chili Cook Off, with proceeds going to support AFTAC's Annual Open House.

There will be three judges who will sample each entry. Judging will be based on:

- ✓ *Appearance*
- ✓ *Aroma*
- ✓ *Texture*
- ✓ *Flavor and Heat Combination*
- ✓ *Aftertaste (Finish)*
- ✓ *Uniqueness*

Chili is defined as any kind of meat, combination of meats, beans and/or vegetables cooked with chili peppers, various spices, and other "secret" ingredients of the contestant's choice. Entries **must** fall into one of the following categories (*and must be advertised as such during the competition*):

- *Chili*
- *Chili with Beans*
- *Meatless*
- *No Heat*
- *Mild Heat*
- *Medium Heat*
- *High Heat*
- *Scorching Heat*

Competitors must bring their own toppings (*cheese, sour cream, corn bread, chips, etc.*) *IF* they want to include them with their chili. Toppings are **optional** and do not factor into the judging.

CONTESTANTS MUST ADHERE TO FOLLOWING RULES TO AVOID DISQUALIFICATION:

1. Cooking and/or preparation on site is NOT permitted. Chili entries must be prepared in advance and kept warm throughout the competition.
2. Chili may contain any ingredients (*except ones that may cause someone to lose their clearance!*).
3. No store-bought chili. All submissions must be original recipes and made from scratch.
4. Contestants must bring their own ladles/spoons/serving utensils. The AFTAC Booster Club will provide the bowls, napkins and plasticware.
5. Submissions must arrive in warmers such as crock pots, instant pots, slow cookers, pressure cookers, etc. There are not enough electrical outlets to allow all participants to keep their submissions warm, so be sure to keep your submission warm in your work center prior to bringing it to the Pavilion.
6. Chili *must* be ready to be served by **1130 on 16 Nov.**
7. Contestants should provide enough chili to serve several dozen people, including the judges.
8. The First and Second Place winners will receive a prize.
9. The decision of the judges is FINAL, and there shall be NO quibbling!
10. Smack talk is not only acceptable; it is encouraged!
11. HAVE FUN!