



Chili Cook Off Competition Rules

People's Choice Judging

Event Details

Date: Sat, Oct 4th 2025
Location: Shoppes at Newberrytown
700 York Rd, Dover, PA17315
Check in Time: 3:00 PM
Tasting Begins: 4:00 PM
Voting Ends: 6:00 PM
Awards Ceremony: 6:15 PM

1. Entry Requirements

- All participants must check in and be set up by 3:00 PM on the day of the event and have PreRegister.
- Each team must provide a team name and designate one person as the team captain.
- Each team must prepare a minimum of 3 Gallons, which will serve at least 100 portions (2 oz each).
- No Commercial owners of Chili food service will be allowed.

2. Food Safety Guidelines

- Chili must be transported in insulated containers, food warmers, or other approved equipment to ensure safe holding temperatures.
- Chili must meet food safety standards, remaining at a minimum temperature of 140°F.
- Teams are responsible for maintaining food safety throughout the event, including holding temperatures and proper sanitation practices.
- Food Inspector will test temperatures prior to serving.

3. Serving Guidelines

- Teams will serve 2 oz portions of pulled pork to first 100 event attendees. Samples will be served in containers provided by the event organizer to ensure uniformity.
- Chili must be served plain to ensure fairness and consistency in judging.
- Teams must have their samples ready for serving promptly at 4:00 PM.

4. Judging and People's Choice Voting

- Judging will be conducted through a People's Choice system.
- Each attendee who purchases a judging ticket will receive one ballot to cast their vote for their favorite Chili.
- Attendees may sample from as many teams as they like before casting their vote.
- Votes will be collected at a designated voting station. No direct vote solicitation at serving tables is allowed.
- The team with the most votes wins.

Awards - 1st. 2nd. 3rd. Ribbons & NTEC Bragging Rights

Rules

- Winners will be announced at the Awards Ceremony at 6:15 PM.
Teams must check in and have their food upon arrival to ensure compliance with food safety standards.
- Teams may decorate their tables and engage with attendees to showcase FALL style, but decorations must not interfere with neighboring teams or event flow.
- Event organizers reserve the right to disqualify any team for unsportsmanlike conduct or failure to follow these rules.

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