

A. CHILI COOKED ON SITE

All chili must be cooked from scratch on site the day of the cookoff.

All chili must be prepared in the open (*no cooking in catering trucks, motorhomes, etc.*).

1. CHILI COOKED FROM SCRATCH

"Scratch" is defined as starting with raw meat. No marinating is allowed. Beans may be partially prepared ahead. Commercial chili powder is permissible, but complete commercial chili mixes ("just add meat" mixes that contain premeasured spices) are NOT permitted. All ingredients must be USDA approved. (*no home-canned foods or wild game*).

2. INSPECTION OF COOKING CONDITIONS

Cooking conditions are subject to inspection by the head judge or his/her designee and CASI Referee. (Failure to comply is subject to disqualification.)

B. ONE OF EACH CATEGORY CHILI PER COOK

Each head cook is responsible for preparing one pot of chili that he or she intends to be judged and turning in one judging cup from that pot. No more than one sample can be taken from any one pot.

C. COOKS MUST SIGN NUMBER SLIPS

Chili cooks must sign their secret number slips in ink with their first and last names at the time cups are issued. Winners will not be eligible if their secret numbers are unsigned when presented. Cooks must present their signed secret numbers to win.

D. PROTECT THE JUDGING CUP

Once judging cups have been issued, each head cook is responsible for his or her judging cup. Cooks must not remove or tamper with the numbers on the outside of the cups. Any marked or altered cup must be replaced prior to turn-in or it will be disqualified.

E. FILLING CUPS

Cups will be filled $\frac{3}{4}$ full or to the level designated at the cooks' meeting.

F. CHILI TURN-IN

Chili will be turned in at the place and time designated at the cooks' meeting or as otherwise designated by the head judge.

G. PYROTECHNICS

No chili contestant may discharge firearms or use any pyrotechnics or explosives at a chili cookoff. Contestants discharging firearms and/or using explosives or other pyrotechnics will be disqualified from the chili cookoff.

H. PENALTIES

Failure to comply with CASI rules will result in disqualification of an individual cook for the cookoff. Decisions of the official(s) are final. In case of disqualification, the CASI official monitoring the cookoff immediately will notify the head cook and give a reason for disqualification. In the event disqualification of a cup of chili occurs after judging has started, it is not necessary that the cook be located or given an explanation for the disqualification.

I. JUDGING CRITERIA & SCORING

A single score takes into consideration the five criteria for scoring chili:

Aroma

Color*

Taste

Consistency

Aftertaste

**Must be Red for CASI Competition Only*