

# 2021 Chili Cook-off Rules

## CHILI COOKING CATEGORIES

**Traditional Red Chili** is any kind of meat, or combination of meats, cooked with red chili peppers, various spices, and other ingredients. Beans and non-vegetable fillers such as rice and pasta are not allowed. Preference is not given to either cut meat, ground meat, shredded meat, or cubed meat.

**Homestyle Chili** is any kind of meat, or combination of meats, and/or vegetables cooked with beans, chili peppers, various spices, and other ingredients. Homestyle chili may be any color. Beans are required. Preference is not given to either cut meat, ground meat, shredded meat, or cubed meat. Seafood is allowed.

**Chili Verde** is any kind of meat, or combination of meats, cooked with green chili peppers, various spices, and other ingredients. Beans and non-vegetable fillers such as rice and pasta are not allowed. Preference is not given to either cut meat, ground meat, shredded meat, or cubed meat.

**Salsa** - While no set of ingredients is required for the preparation of salsa, it should contain chiles. Other vegetable, fruit, spice and herb ingredients may be added at the cook's discretion. Salsa **MUST** be homemade. Commercial salsa will not be accepted. Salsa may be prepared ahead of time or on site. Some local Health Departments may forbid advanced food preparation so please check with organizer for that ruling.

**CONTESTANT REGISTRATION** – All cooks must register for each cook-off through the Apple Valley Village website (AVVillage.org).

**CONTESTANT ENTRY FEES** – First chili category is \$45 and includes 12x12 booth space. Subsequent chili category entries are \$15 with additional entries available for remaining categories only (i.e., one per each category).

Suggested People's Choice Requirements:

2 gallons with entry

**FACILITIES** – A sanctioned cook-off is responsible for providing each cook with a designated cooking area.

**COOKING AND JUDGING RULES** – The official cooking and judging rules must be followed. An individual may not judge chili, break ties or be a scorekeeper if a relative or significant other of theirs is competing.

**PEOPLE'S CHOICE (PC)** – This is the chili served to the public attendees and is vital for a successful event. Ingredients follow the same rules as Homestyle chili.

(a) The organizer and/or Chief Judge has the right to disqualify any contestant who does not serve the amount required by a cook-off, fail health inspection, or fail to comply with health and safety codes.

(b) If multiple cooks share one booth, each contestant must verify their own PC.

(c) recommends each taste be 1.5 oz. and to use 1.5 oz. ladles and 2 oz. tasting cups.

**PRIZES AND TROPHIES** – The event will provide trophies, plaques, or other valued prizes (cash) to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners for each category where the winner is determined by judges.

**FINALITY** - Judging ballots for all cook-offs shall be available for viewing by competitors or their agents for 30 minutes following announcement of winners. Competitors shall not mark or alter judging ballots. At the end of the viewing period, results are final.

**EVENT SPONSORS** – The Apple Valley Property Business Improvement District (AV PBID aka AV Village) and/or its agents have the right to bring local, regional, and/or national sponsors into the contest.

**HOLD HARMLESS** – By agreeing to compete, competitors agree to compete at their own risk, and specifically hold the Apple Valley Village, its officers, and employees, harmless from any claims of damage or injuries arising from traveling to/from competitions, preparing to compete, competing, or post-competition break-down.