

Official Jersey Village Chili Cook-off 2023 Registration Form and Rules

Registration Form

Required along with entry fee payment to be a chili team. To enter your Team, complete this form (Only 22 Teams will be accepted on a first come, first served basis,) Print and fill out the form portion and sign that you have read the rules thoroughly.

TEAM'S HEAD COOK First Name: _____

TEAM'S HEAD COOK Last Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City _____ State: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

ORGANIZATION NAME (I/A): _____

TEAM NAME: _____

TEAM MEMBERS NAMES (Limited to 4 Person Teams):

Please sign this form acknowledging that you and all members of your team are amateur cooks and are NOT Professional cooks or Chefs and that you and your team members have read the rules & regulations set forth below.

TEAM'S HEAD Cook Signature _____

Printed Name _____

DATE: _____

All questions and inquiries should be directed to Chef Nancy Manlove via telephone (409) 939-5100 and will be addressed within 24-48 Hours. Or you may elect to send your questions via email: nsmnlove@att.net

Thank you in advance for your interest in becoming a Jersey Village competing CHILIHEAD

Official JV Founders' Day Chili Cook-off Timeline	Saturday April 15, 2023 Clark Henry Park 7804 Equador St, Jersey Village TX 77040
Team check-in 2:00 pm	Judges Tents Parking Lot Area nearest Swimming Pool
Cooks Meeting 2:30 pm	Judges Tent near Parking Lot Area of Jersey Village Swimming Pool
Open for team setup at 3:00 pm	Parking Lot area of Jersey Village Swimming Pool
Cooking begins at 4:00 pm	Assigned cooking space of Parking Lot area of Jersey Village Swimming Pool
Turn-in for judging at 6:45 pm	Turn-in Table on Front side of Judges Tent
Open to People's Choice tasters at 7:00 pm	Parking Lot area of Jersey Village Swimming Pool
Winners announced at 8:45 pm	Main Stage inside Clark Henry Park

General Rules and Regulations

- Each Team **must pre-register to enter the cook-off**. The cutoff date to register is **Wednesday April 12, 2023** **or when 22 teams maximum are registered** (whichever comes first). A waiting list will be generated, if necessary.

Amateur Teams only! No Professional teams this year.

- A \$30.00 ENTRY FEE IS REQUIRED PER TEAM. ONE CHILI RECIPE PER TEAM MAY BE ENTERED FOR JUDGING. Registration forms must be completed and submitted hard copy along with your entry fee check.

Make Check Payable to the City of Jersey Village

Please mail the completed form (above) and check payment to:

Chef Nancy Manlove

15714 Sierra Dr.; Jersey Village, TX 77040

- YOUR Competition chili must be cooked from scratch **on site** the day of the cook-off.
- Teams are responsible for **supplying all cooking utensils and supplies needed**, as well as furnishing their own propane cooker. No wood or coal burning allowed. We encourage you to have your own **fire extinguisher** for safety reasons. There will be **no electrical hook-ups**.
- All coolers and pots **will be inspected** upon arrival at the event and before you are escorted to your table. This is to ensure no pre-cooked food comes into the event. All perishable food must be iced down until cook time begins. Bring your own ice. Bring your own 10X10 foot tent (nothing bigger is allowed!!!). Bring your own tables and chairs. You must provide your own cooking and cleaning water supply.
- **SANITATION:** Teams must have the following at their tables for use while preparing, cooking, and serving. We are required to follow food safety and handling as set forth by the Harris County Health Department.
 - 1) Hand sanitizer
 - 2) Disinfectant spray for preparation surfaces (e.g., Lysol, bleach, and water, etc.)
 - 3) Plastic gloves (for all food handling and serving)
 - 4) Hats or Hair Nets, bandanas and must be always worn

- A panel of official judges will determine the top 3 entries. The decision of the judges will be final. People's Choice will be determined by the total amount of votes made during the People's Choice tasting period.
- Sample cups and spoons will be provided to each team to serve during the People's Choice Tasting. Vote for the People's Choice winner by placing their PC ticket in that team's PC cup.
- Teams are welcome, not required, to name their chili and decorate their cooking area to reflect that name.
- This chili cook-off is for amateur cooks who just want to have fun, earn bragging rights, and be recognized for their superb culinary skills. Let your hair down (but be sure to wear a hat or hair net!!!)

Serving/Cooking Station Rules

- You must be respectful to others, no offensive language, displays, excessive noise or music.
- Lewdness, nudity is prohibited.
- The use of firearms, explosives, or pyrotechnics is prohibited.
- Interfering with other cooking teams is prohibited.

Chili Cooking Rules

- Quantities required for distribution to the public:
 - o Red, Green/White Chili: Minimum of 5 gallons
- Quantity for judging: Two pints (32 oz.) made on site are required to submit for judging.
- Competition Chili must be cooked from scratch on site the day of the cook-off.

COOKED FROM SCRATCH - "Scratch" is defined as starting with raw meat. No marinating is allowed. Commercial chili powder is permissible, but complete commercial chili mixes ("just add meat" mixes that contain premeasured spices) **are not permitted**.

o Use your own favorite recipe, with or without meat, with or without beans. Meat may be beef, pork, lamb, bison, chicken, or turkey (**no** wild meats). Veggie (meatless) chili is okay. Beans are encouraged, but not mandatory. Ingredients may be cut, shredded or ground to any size. No rice or macaroni. No MSG. If peanuts or peanut oil is used, a warning sign must be displayed.

o **No ingredient may be pre-cooked** in any way prior to the beginning of the official cook-off.

o All competition chili must be prepared onsite.

o Cooks **NOT allowed to pre-chop or premeasure any ingredient**. Bring all ingredients in their original containers.

CATEGORIES – definitions:

o **RED chili** is defined as any type of meat and may be beef, pork, lamb, bison, chicken or turkey (**no wild meats**), cooked with red chili peppers and other spices and ingredients. Beans ARE permitted, including canned beans

o **GREEN/WHITE** chili is defined as any type of white meat or combination of white meats, e.g. pork, chicken, turkey, etc., cooked with green chili peppers and other spices and ingredients. Beans ARE permitted, including canned beans.

- **SANITATION** - Everything must be prepared in a sanitary manner.
- o **Hats (or hair nets) and gloves** must be worn when handling, cooking, and serving.
- You must be willing to taste your own chili.
- Chili must be covered with a lid when not serving.
- Teams are allowed to give samples of their chili to **other teams**. Teams are NOT allowed to give samples to the public prior to 7:00 pm People's Choice tasting.

Teams are NOT allowed to give samples to judges prior to turn in. Any deviation from this rule will result in disqualification.

- Trophies and cash prizes will be awarded by judge's results.

Cooks Judging Cups

- A COOKS MEETING will be held at **2:30 pm on the day of the cook-off**. One member of each team MUST attend. At this meeting, each Team will be given 2 official judging cups. Each Team is responsible for delivering their cups with the chili/bean sample to the judging area at the official turn in time for judging—6:45 pm.
- PROTECT THE JUDGING CUPS - Once judging cups have been issued, each head cook is responsible for his or her judging cups. Cooks must not remove or tamper with the tickets on the bottom of the cups. Any marked or altered cup must be replaced prior to turn-in or it will be disqualified.
- FILLING CUPS - Cups should be **filled 3/4 full**.
- CHILI TURN-IN - Chili will be turned in at the place and time designated at the cooks' meeting.
- PENALTIES - Failure to comply with the rules set forth herein may result in disqualification of an individual cook or team for the cook-off. Decisions of the official(s) are final.



Judging

- Chili judging will be done using our official judges.
- Judges must abstain from inspecting or tasting chili prior to judging. Judges must not be associated with any cook at the cook-off (e.g., one spouse cooking and the other spouse judging).
- Judging criteria and scoring - A single score takes into consideration the five criteria for scoring chili/beans:

Aroma Consistency Color Taste Aftertaste

- Scoring - Each cup of chili will be scored on its own merits with a whole **number from 0 to 10**, with 10 being the highest.

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. Who do I contact for information about the cook-off or to enter a team?

Registration forms and rules can be found hyperlinked at: <https://buff.ly/3GFXAz2>

You can also contact **Chef Nancy Manlove at (409) 939-5100 or by email: nsmanlove@att.net**

What is the cost and what do we need to bring?

Entry fee is **\$30.00 per team entry**. Teams are responsible for their own tables, chairs, tents, cooking and serving utensils, decorations, covering, cook stove/propane cooker and propane. Remember – There is no electricity and no wood or charcoal fires, and competition chili must be cooked on site.

2. What is the set-up time, cooking time, when is the judging?

- You may **begin setting up 3:00 pm** after officially check-in of your team. **Cooking begins at 4:00 pm**. You are responsible for moving your gear to your assigned space. Spaces will be assigned when you check in.
- All coolers and pots will be inspected upon arrival at the event and before you are escorted to your table. This is to ensure no pre-cooked food comes into the event.
- Chili will be turned in for judging **No Later than 6:45 pm**.
- Winners will be announced at approximately 8:45 pm.

3. What is the People's Choice Chili Award?

People's Choice Chili is judged only by the people (Jersey Village residents) holding a PC ticket. There are no other judges and they will cast their votes for People's Choice Chili by depositing their ticket into a "Voting Container" that will be supplied to you the morning of the cook-off.

4. How much chili is required?

Red, Green/White Chili: We require a **minimum of 5 gallons to be served to the public.**

5. What are the award categories?

- A panel of judges will determine 1st through 3rd place teams and will award:

1st place prize is **\$300.00 and a Trophy**

2nd place prize is **\$100.00 and a Trophy**

3rd place prize is a **Trophy**

The decision of the judges will be final.

- People's Choice prize is **\$100.00.**

This year's Winning 1st Place Team will also receive free entry in to 2024 Jersey Village Chili Cookoff to defend their title. This is nontransferable.

This year's Winning 1st Place Team will also be eligible to compete in the 56th World Champion Chili Cook-offs (WCCC56) to be held in Myrtle Beach, SC September 29 – October 1, 2023. This event has been certified to allow the winning team of our chili cook-off to elect to participate in the WCCC56 at they own expense (including all travel, lodging and related competition expenses and any and all personal meals and transportation. The City of Jersey Village is not liable for any financial or any personal liability related to this opportunity to further compete. Contact Nancy Manlove with any questions.