



## CHILI COOK OFF COMPETITION RULES

1. Teams - Each team entry is limited to a maximum of three people per team.
2. Entrants must cook a minimum of **5 gallons** of chili.
3. No preparation is allowed of chili ingredients such as cooking, marinating, cutting or chopping prior to event.
4. Judging will begin at 2:00pm for 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup>, place. People's Choice and Best Booth judging will begin at 2:00 p.m. by the public.
5. The chili will be sold to the general public starting at 2:00 p.m.
6. No homemade, home canned or home processed ingredients are allowed. USDA meat must be purchased from a store and **receipts provided**. No wild game is allowed.
7. Entrants must supply all of their own cooking utensils and heating equipment. No porcelain or enamel coated containers are allowed.
8. All perishable ingredients, such as meat and dairy products, must be stored in coolers maintaining a temperature of 41 degrees or below. (Ice is sufficient)
9. Meat must be cooked to a minimum of 165 degrees for poultry, 155 degrees for pork and 145 degrees for other meats. Hold chili at no less than 165 degrees until served. Team must provide a metal stemmed meat thermometer to check temperatures.
10. Hands must be washed or sanitized before and after preparation of ingredients, after bathroom use, and after tobacco breaks.
11. Each cooking area must be kept clean and orderly. Loose flowing hair must be restrained. (Tied back, hair net, hat/cap)
12. No smoking, eating, or drinking is to be done during food preparation. Taste testing is permitted using disposable spoon and discarded after use. (Spoons will be provided.)
13. Fresh vegetables must be washed before use.
14. Entrants must be in good health the day of the event.

*These are Michigan Health Department Regulations, please abide by them.*

**A donation of \$20.00, made out to the Rockford Chamber of Commerce, is required with each entry received by September 8, 2017, at Rockford Chamber. After September 9th a donation of \$25.00 is required with each entry. All registrations must be submitted by September 15, 2017**

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