



COOK-OFF RULES & REMINDERS

1. Please note that only registered cook-off teams may set up and cook food as part of the competition.
2. Each team may request a 10x10 tent space or a space for a trailer. Teams will be placed by the CAI Greater Houston Chapter.
3. All spaces will be assigned prior to the event.
4. Teams must bring their own TENTS, TABLES, CHAIRS, AND REQUIRED COOKING EQUIPMENT.
5. Cook-off area for loading and unloading only. NO CARS will be allowed in cook-off area; only tables and BBQ trailers allowed.
6. Bring your own cups, plates, spoons, forks, and napkins as needed for serving the attendees.
7. Teams are also responsible for their own condiments such as cheese, crackers, onions, bread, sauce, etc. for garnishes.
8. Please attempt to prepare enough food for 20 - 30+ people, plus the judges.
9. Food may be prepared offsite prior to the judging or prepared onsite.
10. All teams can start arriving at 8:00 am. All teams must be on-site by 11:00 am to be allowed to compete. 12:00 PM DEADLINE for Cook-off teams to submit entries for judging. Cook-off booths open for attendees to sample their offerings.
11. Food prepared must be fit for human consumption!
 - Judges Criteria: aroma, color, consistency, tenderness, taste & aftertaste.
 - Judging is based on each category above with a scale of 1-10, the highest collective score will be the winner.
12. EACH TEAM WILL BE PROVIDED A CONTAINER TO SUBMIT THEIR ENTRIES. A number will be pre-affixed to the underside of each provided container. Inside each container will be a copy of the secret number for the team captain to keep. If you lose your copy of the number, there will be no way to know who the winner is.
13. Teams will be required to submit the following for judging:
 - 1 cup of chili in the provided container

- Enough samples for 3 judges
 - Containers with food are to be delivered by a team member to the designated area at the judging station at 12:00 pm or be disqualified.
14. Cook-off teams need to promote the People's Choice Award and encourage people to vote. Each attendee will be given a Mardi Gras-style necklace when they arrive at the event and will vote by leaving their necklace at the booth of their favorite cook-off team.
15. Winners will be announced at 2:15 pm by number and company name.