Official Contestant Application Form

☐ ICS Chili ☐ Salsa ☐ Chili Verde

Cook-off Name Pennsylvania State Date _____

Contestant Name _____ Soc. Security # _____-_____-_____

ICS Membership #_____ Life_____ Charter _____ Applied for_____ Date or Cook-off_____

Business Address_____

Residence Address_____

Business Phone_____-_____-_____ Residence Phone_____-_____-_____ Fax_____-_____-_____

Team Name_____
(any use of commercial business names require prior approval of Cook-off Chairperson and/or ICS)

List in detail any planned activities_____

Will you be sponsored by anyone? Yes____ No____ If yes, fully disclose who and all details_____

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The above information is correct to the best of my knowledge. I have read the International Chili Society official rules and regulations and I hereby agree to abide by such rules and regulations.

Signed_____ Date_____

Accepted By_____ Date_____
Cook-off Chairperson

OFFICIAL CONTESTANT RULES & REGULATIONS

The following rules and regulations for cooks at the World's Championship State, Regional and District Cook-offs have been revised as follows:

1. "True chili" is defined by the International Chili Society as any kind of meat, or combination of meats, cooked with chili peppers, various other spices, and other ingredients with the exception of BEANS and any type of PASTA, which is strictly forbidden.
2. No ingredient may be pre-cooked in any way prior to the commencement of the official cook-off. The only exceptions are canned or bottled tomatoes, tomato sauce, peppers, pepper sauce, beverages, broth and grinding and/or mixing of spices. Meat may be treated, pre-cut or ground. Meat may not be Pre-cooked. All other ingredients must be chopped or prepared during the preparation period.
3. The cooking period will be a minimum of 3 hours and a maximum of 4 hours. The exact starting and ending of the cooking period is to be announced by each local sponsoring organization. Cooking during entire cooking period is at the sole discretion of the contestant.
4. A representative of the sponsoring organization shall conduct a contestant's meeting, at which time final instructions are to be given and questions answered, no later than 1 hour prior to the official starting time of the cook-off.
5. Each contestant must be a current member of, or has applied for membership to the International Chili Society prior to the official starting time of the cook-off, and must be at least 18 years old.
6. Contestants are responsible for supplying all of their own cooking utensils, etc. The sponsors of the cook-off will provide an area for each contestant and in some instances stoves and/or electrical outlets.
7. Each contestant must cook a minimum of two quarts of competition chili prepared in one pot, which will be submitted for judging.
8. Contestants will be permitted to sell or participate in People's Choice Chili in lieu of the entry fee (3 gallon maximum) or in addition to the entry fee (1 gallon maximum) may be required, but cooks should not be limited to a specific amount. Contestants may elect to pay a cash entry fee rather than provide People's Choice Chili. People's Choice Chili must have beans or pasta and if contestants are selling chili to the general public they must give the cook-off charity a minimum of 20% of the gross sales. This will be done on the honor system.
9. Each contestant will be assigned a contestant's number by the Chief Scorekeeper and be given an official 32oz. ICS judging cup. Each contestant should verify that the number on the bottom of their cup is the same as their assigned contestant number. Each contestant is responsible to deliver his or her cup, which must be filled to the bottom of the cup's rim, to the judging area at the judging area at the official time for judging.
10. Judges will be told they should vote for the chili they like best based on the following major considerations: Good flavoring, texture of the meat, consistency, blend of spices, aroma, and color (which should not be determining factor).
11. The decisions of the Chief Judge shall be final.