

Chili Cook Off Rules

Join us for the annual Chelsea Jamboree Chili Cook-off October 19, 2024, in the Chelsea Civic Center.

Teams may begin set up at

8am. One-time purchase chili taste kits will be \$5.

Rules:

1. Cooking of chili is to begin no earlier than 9 am on Saturday, October 19, 2024,. Chili must be cooked on-site in the Chelsea Civic Center. The alley behind the civic center can also be used for cooking. No ingredient may be pre-cooked in any way prior to the official cookoff. 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 in any manner. All other ingredients must be chopped or prepared during the preparation period. The exact starting and ending time of the cooking period is to be announced by the Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce. Cooking during the entire cooking period is at the sole discretion of the contestant .
2. Chili must be made from scratch; cooking begins with raw meats, vegetables and spices. Beans and pre-made chili mixes are approved ingredients for this chili competition .
3. Chili must be cooked in your designated tailgate area and prepared in a sanitary manner . No stoves or cooking equipment will be provided . We will provide sample cups, spoons and containers for judging samples . Contestants are responsible for supplying all of their own cooking utensils, table, stove, etc.
4. One pint (16 ounces) of chili is required to submit for judging .
5. A minimum of three gallons must be prepared so there is enough for distribution to the public .
6. The chili prepared for the judges must be the same served to the public.
7. Judging will be at approximately 1 p.m .
8. Judges will vote for the chili based on the following considerations:
 - Aroma
 - Color
 - Consistency (not too thick or thin)
 - Taste
 - Aftertaste
9. Contestants may decorate booths/tables.
10. If your ingredients contain MSG or if peanut oil is used, please post a warning sign.
11. The winner will receive \$100 and a custom apron.

Questions, please email us at chelseachamberevents@gmail.com