

**OILFIELD CHILI APPRECIATION SOCIETY, INC.
2008 OFFICIAL COOKOFF RULES**

I. ELIGIBILITY

- A. Each cooking team entered will be limited to a maximum of three (3) persons, aged 19 years or older. Entries for the OILFIELD Division must be affiliated with the oilfield. Oilfield affiliation is defined as deriving a majority (over 50 %) of one's income from oilfield related sources. All other entries will be assigned to the GUEST division. Competitors entering the GUEST division will comply with the same rules on cooking as the OILFIELD division. Questions relating to eligibility of participants will be decided by a quorum of the Board of Directors.
- B. Each member of each team will be required to procure and wear identical caps, shirts or coveralls to identify that each is a member of the team. Each cooking team captain will receive three (3) entry tickets by mail for his team members. Any extra persons (over 3) associated with each team must pay the price of admission upon entry. **ALL PERSONS ENTERING THE COOKING AREA FOR THE FIRST TIME MUST EITHER HAVE AN ENTRY TICKET OR PAY ADMISSION. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS.**

II. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTESTANTS

- A. A completed entry form and the \$100.00 entry fee must be submitted BY MAIL ONLY to the address on the letterhead of the entry application. Checks should be payable to Oilfield Chili Appreciation Society, Inc.
- B. Each team will cook a pot of chili made with a minimum of 35 pounds of meat. The meat will be weighed in on the day of the event beginning at 7:00 A.M. **NO TEAM WILL BE ALLOWED INTO THE COOKOFF AREA PRIOR TO 7:00 A.M. ON THE MORNING OF THE COOKOFF.** No cooking teams will be allowed to set up on Event Day. Gates will open to the General Public at 11:00 am.
- C. Each team will donate its chili to the society for consumption that day at the cooking location. Each team is expected to dispense their chili to the public after the judging samples have been collected. This will take place about 10:45 A.M. Containers shall be provided by OCASI for this purpose.

III. COOKING AND SERVING CHILI

- A. All chili must be cooked on-site the day of the Cookoff, from "scratch"; "scratch" being defined as starting with raw meat. Regular commercial chili powder is permissible, but complete commercial chili mixes are not permitted. All chili will be prepared out in the open (no cooking inside motor homes, etc.). No beans, rice, macaroni, hominy, or fillers of any type will be acceptable. Thickeners such as corn meal, flour, etc., are permissible.
- B. All cooking is to be done in a sanitary manner. These conditions are subject to inspection by the judging committee and/or members of the Board. Failure to comply is subject to disqualification for that team. Upon disqualification, all cooking ingredients and cooking utensils must be immediately removed from the premises. In addition, chili must be served directly from the pot or from a customary cooking apparatus. **CHILI SHALL NOT BE SERVED FROM A TOILET BOWL OR SIMILAR DEVICE.**
- C. Each team will provide all ingredients, utensils, and accessories necessary to cook their chili. This includes water for cooking, tables for food preparation and cook stoves and fuel. We have no electrical power available for cooking purposes.
- D. Each head cook will be responsible for cooking one (1) pot of chili and turning in one (1) judging cup from that pot. No more than one (1) judging sample will be taken from any one (1) pot.
- E. All cooking must be performed at the rear of the booths. This is a safety precaution in order to avoid the possibility of accidental burnings. O.C.A.S.I. committee members will be enforcing this rule stringently.
- F. All grease from cooking must be disposed of properly. There will be drums stationed around the cooking area for this purpose. Please do not put grease in trash cans, port-a-lets or drainage grates. Also, do not use the grease drums for trash disposal.
- G. Cooking teams **shall remain inside their booth** and serve chili to the public until all their chili has been dispensed or until the Cookoff has officially closed. Cooking teams shall not waste chili in an effort to stop serving. Any teams caught doing so will not be allowed to re-enter the contest the following year.
- H. **NO GLASS CONTAINERS** will be allowed.
- I. **NO BALLOONS** will be allowed.
- J. **ALL BOOTH DECORATIONS MUST BE NON FLAMABLE**

IV. JUDGING OF CHILI

- A. The chili judging will be by the OCASI Secret judging system as defined in the current official rules packet obtained from the Goat Gap Gazette and/or Chili Monthly.
- B. Each head cook shall receive a container with a packing label attached. He or she is responsible for:
 - 1. Filling out the identification slip contained in the packing label. The identification slip should contain the name of the cooking team, the booth number, and the name of the head cook.
 - 2. Folding the slip so that it cannot be read from the outside.
 - 3. Placing the completed slip in the packing label and sealing the label to the container.
 - 4. Making certain that there are no marks on the outside of the container that would make it identifiable from the outside. Replacements can be obtained at the judging area.
 - 5. Filling the container to the top with chili from the respective team's pot.
 - 6. Delivering said container to the designated collection area at 10:50 A.M. or when otherwise instructed.
 - 7. Judging containers issued to commercial and guest chili teams will be uniquely identified by the Committee. Teams shall not alter their containers in any way

IMPORTANT: FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ANY OF THE ABOVE SHALL DISQUALIFY THE ENTRY FROM JUDGING!

V. AWARDS

- A. FINALISTS OILFIELD DIVISION- Depending on the number of contestants, 8 to 10 finalists shall be announced to receive recognition.
- B. PLACE AWARDS OILFIELD DIVISION- Awards will be presented to each member of the first, second and third place teams.
- C. WINNERS - In addition to the individual awards in "B" above, the name of the first place team in the OILFIELD Division will be placed on a "perpetual" wall plaque which will be on display.
- D. SHOWMANSHIP - Awards will be presented to each member of the first, second and third place teams.

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- E. GUEST DIVISION - Awards will be presented to each member of the first, second and third place teams.

VI. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. This is a non-profit social event. After expenses, the remaining money will be donated to local charities.
- B. After samples for judging are collected, chili will be made available to the general public. Tickets will be \$15.00 per person at the door for all the chili you can eat. Children 12 and under accompanied by a parent will be admitted free. Disposable eating utensils, cups, napkins, crackers, etc. will be provided. Again, teams are expected to remain in their booth distributing chili to the public until their supply of chili is depleted.
- C. Teams must leave their booth numbers attached to their respective booths until the numbers are collected by an O.C.A.S.I. committee member. These numbers are being used to identify contestants in videos, photographs, etc. as well as identification for showmanship awards and door prizes. Removal of booth numbers may be cause for disqualification of team for prizes.
- D. Contestants will be allowed to bring their vehicles into the parking area for unloading and set-up ONLY on the Friday before the event between the hours of 2:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M. We will not be using carts to transport equipment to and from the parking lot. Each team is responsible for moving their equipment. We strongly urge you to make plans to deliver your equipment on Friday if at all possible.

- E. Teams will be allowed to bring in alcoholic beverages for consumption by their team only. Due to liability constraints we cannot allow teams to give out alcoholic beverages to the public. There will be reasonably priced beer and liquor concessions open when the general public enters the grounds. Persons who wish to supply customers with complimentary alcoholic beverages should purchase tickets for the concessions to give out to customers. **THIS POLICY WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED!**
- F. EACH TEAM IS **REQUIRED** TO SUPPLY A FIRE EXTINGUISHER. The fire extinguisher must be located within the confines of their booth and must be readily available for use in the event of an emergency. **THIS IS A BASE REQUIREMENT. FAILURE TO COMPLY WILL RESULT IN EXPULSION FOR THE TEAM.**
- G. Teams may bring knives onto the base for the purpose of preparing meat and vegetables for cooking. Knives must be secured in a box or other container while transporting to and from the team's transportation. The knives must be secured behind the booths when not in use. **POCKET KNIVES ARE NOT ALLOWED ON THE BASE. ANYONE IN POSSESSION OF A KNIFE OUTSIDE OF THE COOKING BOOTH IS SUBJECT TO CONFISCATION OF THE KNIFE OR EXPULSION FROM THE BASE.**

FRIDAY TEAM SET UP

Cooking Teams **MUST** set up on Friday February 15th. No team will be allowed to bring in their cooking equipment and supplies (except meat) on Saturday Morning. Meat used in the cooking of your chili can be brought in on Saturday in a cooler on wheels. There will be no four wheelers assisting with the loading and unloading of supplies.

TEAM PARKING ON EVENT DAY

Each Team will receive ONE PARKING PASS only for parking near the hangar. That vehicle will only be allowed entrance to the base from the front gate located off of Highway 23, Belle Chasse, Louisiana. All other team members arriving in separate vehicles will have enter the base from the back gate, located off of Barriere Road, Belle Chasse, Louisiana and park in the remote parking lot. Transportation by Bus to the hangar will be provided. Teams are encouraged to arrive together in one vehicle.