



Official Team Rules and Regulations for 2017 Great Bowls of Fire Chili Cookoff

Entry information:

1. The entry fee is \$25.00 if entrant is supplying own tent or \$75.00 if entrant needs the Marketplace to supply tent. All chili entrants must be under a tent. Participants may enter more than one recipe. All entry fees must be paid by 6pm September 29th
2. An entry allows **two** people to attend the event for free. Additional tickets for additional helpers may be purchased if more than two individuals will be participating on any one team. Additional tickets are \$10 each and must be paid by 2pm on Saturday October 14th.
3. The cookoff will take place in the back parking lot of the Point Park Marketplace (113 Ann Street, Parkersburg) on Saturday, October 14 from 2:00pm to 5:00pm.
4. To eliminate traffic congestion each entrant will be given an arrival time to begin set up for their booth. We ask that you pull into the lot at your time, unload your vehicle quickly, then park your vehicle outside the gates and return to set up/decorate your booth.
5. If you want to drop off and/or set up your tent on Friday, October 13, you can do so between the hours of 10 am -5pm. A representative from the Chili Cookoff committee will be on hand to confirm your booth location during these times. The back parking lot will be locked and secure overnight, starting at 6pm. Please tape a large piece of paper with your name to your tent/tent bag to minimize confusion. Tents will need to be removed from the property by 6pm on Saturday, October 14.
6. Each entrant is asked to make at least 4 gallons of chili. Please keep at least 1 pint (approx. 16 ounces) of chili reserved in case you are a judge's finalist so that additional tasting and ties can be broken.
7. Electric will be provided to each booth. **You will be responsible for your own extension cords and power strips.**
8. Contestants are permitted to use electric heating appliances, table top burners, propane or charcoal to maintain the chili's temperature.
9. Each chili entrant receives two free admission tickets and two People's Choice voting tickets. **(Additional admission tickets can be purchased on-line, at the Marketplace office prior, or at the gate the day of the event).** Spoons, napkins and tasting cups for sampling will also be provided for each entrant.
10. Each entrant will have a 10 x 10 booth space with an 8' table, 2 chairs and a tent **(if it was requested).**
11. Parking is available in the public lots outside of the event area. **(No parking inside the gate or event area.)** Please don't leave anything of value in plain sight in your vehicle.

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12. Awards will be presented to the winner of the People's Choice and the First place winners from each category named from the judges panel. Winners will be asked to complete a winner's form to process the prize money award. Winners will receive an original Vance Hewitt pottery bowl at the event. Photos will be taken of winners at the event.
13. Each entrant will need to bring their own table cloth and, if desired, table decorations. Entrants can also bring side dishes or toppings for the attendees to enjoy on their chili (for example, sour cream, cheese, tortilla chips, cornbread, cookies, etc.)
14. **Decorate your booth for a chance to WIN the 2017 Great Bowls of Fire Chili Cookoff Spirit award!**

Chili requirements

1. The Great Bowls of Fire Chili Cookoff defines chili as any kind of meat or combination of meats cooked with various other spices and ingredients. Vegetarian chili is also welcomed.
2. A list of all the ingredients used to make the chili needs to be submitted by **Wednesday, October 3 at 6pm** to the Point Park Marketplace. You can email to pointparkmarketplace@gmail.com. **(We request the ingredients so that we can prepare a sign for each booth listing the ingredients in case of food allergies – you do not need to provide the recipe or quantity of the ingredients, just a simple list of the items you are using to make your delicious chili.)**
3. All ingredients must be pre-cooked & heated prior to event –chili is to be brought “ready to eat.”
4. Contestants are responsible for supplying their own serving utensils & products relating to submission of their chili recipe.
5. Contestants are responsible for maintaining their chili's proper temperature for serving.
6. The spoons and tasting cups used in tasting each chili recipe will be provided.

Event rules

1. Set-up starts at 11:30 AM. You will be provided with a setup time.
2. Contestants are encouraged to decorate their booth. **A Spirit Award will be awarded to the best decorated booth.**
3. People's Choice competition is from 2:00 PM – 4:30 PM.
4. Awards will be presented at 4:45 PM.
5. The same chili is to be used for the People's Choice award and the official Judging award.
6. People's Choice award will be based on the number of votes the recipe receives from the general public. We will provide a vote box for each chili to be placed at your booth to capture the voting tags.
7. Tobacco usage is prohibited at the booths.

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8. Hand washing stations will be available.
9. The Health Department recommends that hot food be kept at 135°F.
10. The 4oz serving cups are to be filled less than halfway for each taste test.
11. You may distribute handouts or brochures. We request that you do not sell items at your booth.
12. At least one representative from each team must stay with the booth until the winner is announced.
13. Each contestant is responsible for cleaning up their area at the end of the event and removing all personal belongings. No personal items shall be allowed to remain after the close of the Cookoff.
14. All Voting will end at 4:30 PM. Winners will be announced at 5:00 PM.
15. Judging will be based on the following: Color, Aroma, Consistency, Taste, Aftertaste
16. Judge's decisions are final.

Another note:

1. Beverage purchases are not included in the admission ticket. Bottled water and Pepsi products will be sold for \$1/can or bottle. All alcoholic beverages will be sold inside the Marketplace.