



Saturday, September 26, 2015, 2 p.m.– dusk
Rowley Town Common (Rt. 1A), Rowley, MA 01969

Official Rules

1. Contestants are requested to **arrive between 12:30 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.** so that you can register and set up and we can review all contest rules and procedures. We plan to have a drop off area near the intersection of Summer and Independent Streets. **Please check in with the Head of Contestant Relations upon arrival.** Contestants will be assigned a table on which to serve their chili. During registration you will be assigned a number and issued a participant nametag. You will also receive a tent card displaying the name of your chili and your contestant number, along with hairnets and latex gloves that must be worn by all food servers.
2. Please provide a list of ingredients along with your registration, and identify whether your chili needs any warning label (e.g., mild, hot, diabolical, allergy alerts).
4. Please prepare **3 1/2 to 4 1/2 gallons of HOT chili (cooked to 160°F)** before arriving at the contest location. **You may bring a Crock Pot, a steam table with Sterno heating element, or propane cooking apparatus in safe and serviceable condition (no rust, major corrosion or dry rot) to maintain your chili at 140°F throughout the event.** We will have food thermometers on hand for temperature monitoring purposes. Electric power will be provided at the Cooks' station. **Bring any special accompaniments or condiments for serving your chili.** There are no facilities available for preparing food on site.
5. We will provide sampling cups, bowls, and tasting spoons to each registered contestant. Please bring your own ladles or serving spoons. We will also provide a labeled sampling bowl to each contestant for purposes of submitting your entry to the judges' panel.
6. Judges are asked to attend a brief meeting at 3:45 p.m. to review the scoring procedures (same as last year). Judging will begin at or around 4:00 p.m. Each contestant will be called before the judges one at a time and asked to present the merits of his or her chili. Judging criteria is a whole number score between 0 to 10, with 10 being the highest, in the areas of Aroma, Consistency, Color, Taste, and Aftertaste. Winners will be announced approximately at 6:00 p.m. In the case of a tie, the decision of the Chief Judge shall be final.

Thanks for participating, and good luck. If you have any questions, please contact Carla Panciera at carlapanciera@gmail.com.