



Official Cookoff Sanctioning Application

NAME OF COOKOFF _____

®

State Regional District

(Determined by the ICS)

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Applicant's Name _____ Date of Cookoff _____

Business & Position Held _____ Business/cell phone (____) _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Sponsoring Organization _____ Business/cell phone (____) _____

Officers of Sponsoring Organization: E-Mail Address _____

1. Name _____ Phone (____) _____

2. Name _____ Phone (____) _____

Cookoff Chairman _____ Business/cell phone (____) _____

(All ICS correspondence will be directed to the Cookoff Chairman)

Address (NO PO BOX) _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Night Phone (____) _____ Fax (____) _____ E-mail _____

Net Proceeds to Benefit: _____ Charity or Non-Profit Organization _____

Percentage of income to be contributed _____ Have you signed an agreement with the Charity or Non-Profit organization? _____

Have you ever produced a cookoff or other community event? _____ If yes, please describe _____

COOKOFF INFORMATION: Chief Judge: _____ **Scorekeeper:** _____

City _____ State _____ Location _____

Estimated Crowd _____ Admission Charge \$ _____ Estimated Contestants _____ Beer Sponsor _____

ENTRY FEES: Chili ICS Member \$ _____ Non-Member \$ _____ Chili Verde \$ _____ Salsa \$ _____

ICS PEOPLE'S CHOICE CHILI: # Gal in lieu of entry fee (Maximum 2) _____ # Gal in addition to entry fee (Maximum 1) _____

NOTE: As People's Choice is a major benefit to you and the charity, no maximum is set on the number of gallons a cook may bring – only on the number of gallons you may require. The chairman can require 2 gallons maximum in lieu of a cash entry fee or 1 gallon maximum in addition to a cash entry fee. Non-compliance by a contestant of the Chairman's requirement will result in disqualification from the competition.

Please give a brief description of the following:

Cooking facilities _____

Entertainment _____

Trophies & Awards _____

Advance promotion including Press/Media Coverage, Paid Advertising, Community Support _____

Disclose any commercial involvement or support _____

Miscellaneous Information _____

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS – OFFICIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS
FOR INTERNATIONAL CHILI SOCIETY SANCTIONED COOKOFFS**

The following terms and conditions, rules and regulations are to be followed at all approved State, Regional and District Chili Cookoffs

1. **SPONSORING ORGANIZATION** – The approved sponsoring organization shall be totally liable for all activities related in any way to a State, Regional or District cookoff and agrees to hold the International Chili Society harmless from any and all claims arising in any form or manner whatsoever as a result of the cookoff and its related activities. *A percentage of net proceeds must benefit a charity or non-profit organization.*
2. **TYPES OF SANCTIONED COOKOFFS**
 - A. **DISTRICT** – Open to all ICS members. Winner in the Red Chili category (if less than 20 cooks) advances to Last Chance – 2 District wins qualifies for the World’s Championship Chili Cookoff. If a District cookoff has 20 or more cooks, the winner will advance to the World’s Championship Chili Cookoff.
 - B. **REGIONAL** – A geographical area within a state or country. Open to all members. Winner qualifies for the World’s Championship Chili Cookoff.
 - C. **STATE** – Winner qualifies for the World’s Championship Chili Cookoff. Chairman may designate “State Residents Only” or “Open to All Members”.
3. **TERM** – The term of this agreement is for a maximum of one (1) year or until one (1) day after the cookoff date as shown on this application, whichever occurs first.
4. **SANCTION FEE** – The applicant agrees to pay a sanction fee of \$350 to the ICS. A \$50 non-refundable deposit is required with application and the remaining \$300 is due no later than 2 weeks prior to the date of the cookoff.
5. **ICS MEMBERSHIP** – All ICS chili contestants must be current members in good standing or have applied for membership to the International Chili Society prior to cooking. Non-member contestants should complete ICS applications and pay dues to the designated individual, generally the Chairman or Scorekeeper. It is the responsibility of the Chairman to collect all new ICS memberships and forward them to the ICS office, along with the Winner’s List, Contestant List and Cookoff Questionnaire as quickly as possible, but no more than 15 days after the event. ICS will invoice the Chairman for contestants who do not comply with the membership requirement.
6. **CONTESTANT APPLICATIONS** – ICS will provide Contestant Application Forms with cook’s rules.
7. **ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATIONS** – Every current member in good standing of the International Chili Society is eligible to compete in any ICS sanctioned cookoff event, unless that person has already qualified for the World’s Championship.
 - A. **A minimum of 10 contestants in each category must compete in a cookoff for it to be recognized as an officially sanctioned event.**
8. **ENTRY FEES** – The sponsoring organization may charge a contestant fee of up to \$45.00. The ICS must approve higher or additional fees. People’s Choice Chili is governed by the SPONSORING ORGANIZATION and the cookoff chairman, NOT THE ICS. Whatever provision for People’s Choice Chili, if any, made by the organizers will be supported by the ICS. The chairman can require (a) 2 gallons maximum in lieu of a cash entry fee; (b) 1 gallon maximum in addition to a cash entry fee or (c) a cash fee. Non-compliance by a contestant of the chairman’s requirement will result in disqualification. Discrimination by cookoff officials will result in non-sanctioning of their event the following year. **PEOPLE’S CHOICE CHILI MUST HAVE BEANS OR PASTA.**
9. **PRIZES AND TROPHIES** – The sponsoring organization must provide trophies, plaques or other valued prizes to the first, second and third place winners. Additional awards are at the sole discretion of the sponsoring organization. If prize money is advertised, that amount must be awarded. No exceptions.
10. **FACILITIES** – The sponsoring organization is responsible for providing each cook with a designated cooking area. Other facilities such as tables, chairs, tents and stoves may be provided, but are not required.
11. **SALE OF FOOD AND/OR MERCHANDISE** – All parties must comply with any State, County, City and/or local agency regulations.
12. **BEER SALES AND/OR SPONSORSHIP** – Sanctioned cookoffs may sell or promote any beer or beer company they wish. If any commercial beer company advertises its name exclusively with signage or any other materials, then a \$250 advertising fee will be charged by the ICS. The ICS will invoice the Chairman for this advertising fee.
13. **COOKING AND JUDGING RULES** – The official cooking and judging rules, attached hereto and made a part hereof, are to be adhered to and a copy provided to each cook at the time of application. **NOTE: No one will be allowed to judge chili or be a Scorekeeper if a relative or significant other is competing.**
14. **MERCHANDISING** – The International Chili Society, its National Sponsors, and/or its agents may display signs, merchandise, sell or exhibit at any sanctioned event without charge for exhibit space or percentage of sales. A space not to exceed 10’x10’ will be provided upon request. The ICS and its sponsors will have the right to display signs, placement of which will be mutually agreed upon by a representative of the sponsoring organization.
15. **ADVERTISING** – The display or use of commercial products and/or promotional signs or materials in conjunction with or within the general cookoff is expressly forbidden without the prior approval of the International Chili Society.
16. **USE OF NAME, LOGO AND TRADEMARKS** – The use of the Society’s name, logo and trademarks are limited only to sanctioned International Chili Society events. Their use does not constitute a partnership or joint venture but is merely a limited license and the sponsoring organization agrees to hold harmless the International Chili Society, its officers, agents and employees from any claims and liabilities arising from their use.
17. **REPORTS –THE FOLLOWING REPORTS FROM ALL ICS SANCTIONED EVENTS ARE TO BE FILED WITH THE ICS OFFICE NO MORE THAN 15 DAYS AFTER THE EVENT OR 5 DAYS PRIOR TO THE WORLD’S CHAMPIONSHIP: COOKOFF QUESTIONNAIRE – CONTESTANT LIST – WINNERS LIST, APPLICATIONS AND FEES WHICH WERE COLLECTED.**
18. Applicant is informed and acknowledges that **World’s Championship Chili Cookoff® and International Chili Society®** are proprietary service marks of the International Chili Society and the sanctioning of any specific event and/or the use of any of the above names or combination thereof is limited to the promotion of that event only. The sanctioned use of the above names does not constitute a partnership or joint venture but is merely a license, and the applicant agrees to hold harmless the International Chili Society, its officers, employees or agents from all liabilities arising from the use of any of the above names by applicant. In the event applicant fails to conduct, in any subsequent year, its chili cookoff, or is not sanctioned by the ICS for any reason, the ICS is allowed to provide continuity to the event and may elect to continue the event under the exact name of the prior year or years. Applicant further understands and agrees to hold harmless the International Chili Society, its officers, employees and/or agents from all claims and liabilities arising from any chili cookoff event sponsored by the applicant.

Submitted and Agreed by:

Accepted by International Chili Society

Date _____

Date _____ Type of Cookoff _____

Winner advances to Last Chance Cookoff 2015 2015 World's Championship Chili Cookoff