



Sombbrero Festival 2022

Chili Cook-off Rules/Regulations

The event will be held Friday, February 25, 2022 at Washington Park in Brownsville, TX under the Big Tent.

REGISTRATION: The entry fee is \$100.00 and must be paid no later than Monday, February 14, 2022. The previous year's cooking teams will have until Thursday, January 6, 2021 to pay for and reserve a designated cooking location, which the team will choose from the 2022 event map. On January 6, 2021, open registration will begin for all teams not yet registered. At that time, teams will be accepted on a **FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED, BASIS AND WILL SELECT THEIR COOKING LOCATION IN THE ORDER OF PAID REGISTRATION.** A map of all assigned spots will be sent to all teams 2 weeks prior to the event. (NOTE: The deadline of February 14 should not be misconstrued to imply that teams will be accepted up to this date. A limited number of slots will be available and once those slots are filled no new teams will be accepted!)

UNLOADING OF EQUIPMENT: You will be assigned a specific gate to enter through to unload your cooking equipment. **NO PARKING INSIDE PARK!**

COOKING: Traditional Red Chili is defined by the International Chili Society as any kind of meat or combination of meats, cooked with red chili peppers, various spices and other ingredients, with the exception of BEANS which are **strictly forbidden.**

All ingredients will be inspected prior to start of contest for the following:

No ingredients may be pre-cooked in any way prior to the start of the contest. Meat may be cut or ground, **BUT MAY NOT BE PRE-COOKED.** All other ingredients must be brought to the event raw and uncut. You may not begin cutting/chopping ingredients until the contest begins.

A Minimum of four (4) pounds of Chili (NO BEANS) is required. All meats and ingredients WILL be COOKED ON-SITE.

SAFETY: No open campfire type fires are allowed. Use a safe gas or propane burner. Electricity will not be provided & portable generators are not allowed. No BAR-B-QUE PITS!!! The Fire Marshall will be inspecting for open fires and for Bar-B-Que pits.

****EACH TEAM IS REQUIRED TO HAVE A FIRE EXTINGUISHER ON-SITE****

Cooks are to prepare and cook in as sanitary manner as is possible. Cooking conditions are subject to inspection by the promoter.

****MASK WEARING IS HIGHLY ENCOURAGED FOR COOKERS****

SET-UP: All participants will be provided 1 table and 2 folding chairs and are encouraged to decorate their prospective cooking areas. Teams should not exceed the **space limitation of 10' x 10'.** This includes all decorations and structures. Teams may bring 1 additional table not to exceed 2' x 4' for food prep. Participants may not use extra space other than the area or space provided. Contestants are responsible for supplying their own cooking utensils, etc.... Please have sample cups and spoons for your audience to taste.



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JUDGING: Each contestant will be issued an official judging cup the day of the event with a ticket. A secret, double number system will be used. Two tickets bearing the same number will be utilized—one firmly attached to the cup in a manner which hides the number and the other ticket that is easily removable by the Head Cook for retention after signing the Head Cook's name on it. Winning numbers will not be revealed until time to announce each place within each category. At this time, the secret numbers will be removed and announced.

Each contestant is responsible to deliver their cup to the judging area at the official time for judging. At the discretion of the head judge, chili cooks may be required to remove the lids from their entries and taste their entry before turning it in for judging (if a contestant refuses, their chili will be disqualified). If a cup is damaged, a replacement cup can be obtained only after the head cook turns in the damaged cup and BOTH tickets.

JUDGES: Judges must be 18 years or older. Judges will vote for the chili they like best based on the following: Good Flavor, Texture of Meat, Consistency, Blends of Spices, Aroma, and Color. **THE DECISION OF THE JUDGES IS FINAL.** After the cup has been turned in, any cup found in violation of the rules will be disqualified at the discretion of the Head Judge.

MISCELLANEOUS: Sombbrero Festival is a fun, family friendly environment; as such, Team Names/Recipe Names are not allowed to be political in nature, vulgar, or offensive. Names and designs are subject to approval of Sombbrero Festival, Ltd.

Any and all items distributed from a cooking area, or distributed by a cooking team, including but not limited to giveaways, are subject to approval by Sombbrero Festival, Ltd.

Any and all items displayed from a cooking area, or displayed by a cooking team, are subject to approval by Sombbrero Festival, Ltd. including but not limited to signs, banners, flags, shirts, cups, placards, etc.

Last, but not least, HAVE FUN!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



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****Management Rules****

- Sombbrero Festival is not responsible for any lost or stolen items.
- Decisions made by judges and promoter are final.
- NO alcoholic beverages or soft drinks may be brought into the park.
- NO concealed weapons may be brought into the park.
- The Head Cook is responsible for:
 - Keeping their area clean and safe
 - The conduct of their team and guests

****Violation(s)** of the above rules and/or failure to comply with the rules, regulations or standards established will result in disqualifications of the entire team and the entry fee will be forfeited.

****Cancellation Clause****

The performance of this Agreement by either party shall be subject to force majeure, including but not limited to acts of God, fire, flood, natural disaster, acts or threats of terrorism, civil disorder, unauthorized strikes, governmental regulation or advisory, recognized health threats as determined by the World Health Organization, the Centers for Disease Control, or local government authority or health agencies (including but not limited to the health threats of COVID-19, H1N1, or similar infectious diseases), or other similar occurrence beyond the control of the parties, where any of those factors, circumstances, situations, or conditions or similar ones prevent, dissuade, or unreasonably delay at least 25 percent of prospective Event attendees from attending, or where any of them make it illegal, impossible, inadvisable, or commercially impracticable to hold the Event or to fully perform the terms of the Agreement. The Agreement may be cancelled by either party, without liability, damages, fees, or penalty, and any unused deposits or amounts paid shall be refunded, for any one or more of the above reasons, by written notice to the other party.



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PACKET PICK-UP:

As we grow closer to the event, there will be dates designated for packet pick-up. This is where t-shirts for the Cook and the Assistant Cook will be distributed along with **WRISTBANDS FOR ADMISSION THAT MUST BE WORN TO GAIN ADMISSION TO THE PARK ON THE DAY OF THE EVENT!**

Cash Prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place winners, along with a cash prize for the Showmanship Award.

****Tentative Schedule of Events****

- 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM** BIG Tent opens for set-up and decorating area
- 3:00 PM - 4:50 PM:** Inspections of ingredients
- 5:00 PM:** GRITO, begin cutting ingredients and start your "burners"
- 5:30 PM:** Head Cook meeting at judging area. (pick-up of official judging cup)
- 7:40 PM - 8:00 PM:** FINAL Judging cups containing chili submitted for judging (the earliest time the chili can be submitted is 7:40 p.m. and the latest time the cup can be submitted is 8:00 p.m. No late submissions will be taken)
- 9:30 PM:** Announcement of winners

****Times subject to change according to number of contestants or unforeseen circumstances****

Sign-up and Contacts:

All Cook-off sign-ups will be handled by:
Charlie Abrego, VP of Cook-Off Events
Email: SFCookoffs@gmail.com
Phone: (832) 362-2960

Any additional questions or concerns please contact:
A.Rod, AVP of Cook-Offs Phone: (956) 827-9263
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Cook-Off Registration, Irrevocable Agreement & Waiver Form

Entry Fee - \$100 per event

I waive any and all claims for myself, my partner and heirs against all officials, sponsors and organizations connected with Sombbrero Festival, Ltd. for any injury, which may directly or indirectly result from my participation in this event.

Signed _____ Date _____

Select Event: **Chili Cook-Off** **Frijolympics**

Please Print: Name of your recipe/team
(Subject to approval by Sombbrero Festival, Ltd.)

Name of Head Cook

Name of Assistant Cook

Email Address

Email Address

Mailing Address

Mailing Address

City, State, Zip

City, State, Zip

Home Phone

Home Phone

Cell Phone (On-site number)

Cell Phone (On-site number)

T-Shirt Size: _____

T-Shirt Size: _____

Entry Fee (Due upon submission - \$100= one event/\$200=both)-Cash ___ Chk No. _____

PayPal ___ Date: _____

Received by: _____

Contact: Charlie Abrego (832) 362-2960 ; SFcookoffs@gmail.com



Cook-Off Registration Drives

Cook-Off registration packets will be distributed to RETURNING teams on November 4, 2021. Returning teams will have until January 6, 2021 to reclaim their cooking spots from SF 2020. Packets can be turned in to SF Cook-Off Officers at the following Registration Drives:

Date	Location	Time	Notes
November 11, 2021	The Dog House	6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Same time/location as Membership Drive
December 9, 2021	Cobbleheads	6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	LAST DRIVE for returning teams to reclaim spot

On January 6, 2021 Cook-Off registration will open to the public, and spots will be assigned on a first come first served basis. Additional sign-up dates are TBD.

Date	Location	Time	Notes
January 6, 2021	TBD	6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Open to Public

If you have any questions please contact us:

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