

Chilifest Inc. Presents

CHILIFEST



SNOOK, TEXAS
2025

April 4-5th | Snook, Texas

CHILI COMPETITION

Keeping the 'Chili' in Chilifest

ABOUT: *Chilifest was conceived as a chili cook-off in 1991, and the competition has continued every year since. This has also included the presence of country and rock bands, providing entertainment for all those in attendance. However, with the continuous expansion of the live music element of the event, the majority of anticipation is dedicated to the talent level of the musicians that come to perform at Chilifest Music Festival. We would like to reinforce the fact that there has always been Chili at Chilifest, and there will always be Chili at Chilifest. In order to make this year's Chili Cook-Off bigger and better than ever, we will be offering both new incentives and new ways to participate.*

- **Entry fee for the Chili competition will be \$500 + fees for teams smaller than 15**
- Entry fee will include 4 2-day General Admission tickets, entry into the chili competition, and a 20x20 spot in the Chili Competition area (spot size will be determined based off of demand and size of team)
- For larger teams (15 or greater) you will be placed in a traditional teams spot as we have done in the past years. Your team spot will not increase in size unless your team hits the 15 person threshold. For teams 15 and greater there will be no entry fee into the competition, **the \$500 + fees price is for teams that are smaller than 15 people.**

CASH PRIZE

We are proud to announce that the cash prizes for this year's Chili Cook-Off will be our largest ever. In addition, Chilifest will continue to match the cash prize winnings and make a donation to a charity of the winning team's choice.

- 1st Place: \$1,500 + 4 VIP tickets to Chilifest 2025
- 2nd Place: \$1,000
- 3rd Place: \$750

Chilifest Inc. must approve of the selected charity prior to making a donation.

JUDGING:

Chili submissions will be judged according to a 50 point scale, with 5 categories, each category being worth a maximum of 10 points. The 5 categories will include the following.

- Color
- Aroma
- Consistency
- Taste
- Aftertaste

Chilifest Inc. will ensure that all judging is anonymous to prevent any bias.

RULES

- Chili must be cooked at the Chilifest venue on the day of the cookoff. It should be cooked from the raw basic ingredients such as raw meat, individual spices (no premixed spice packets to just add meat) and should be cooked in the open where it can be seen.
- There shall be no fillers such as beans, rice, pasta, potatoes, etc.
- The cooking area and methods should be as sanitary as possible. Cooks are subject to sanitary inspection by the chili judges or their designers.
- Cooks will taste their own chili in the presence of the chili judges upon submission.
- There can be only one chili submission per chili team and only one batch of chili cooked from which a 16 oz sample will be submitted for judging.
- The team must be formally signed up at the venue or online using the pre-registration link.
- Submission slips must be signed by the chili team cook.
- Only one judging cup will be given and chili teams are responsible for submitting untampered with and unmutilated in any way. Any submission cup that is altered in

any way will be disqualified.

- Cups must be filled to about a half inch from the top or to the level specified by the judges.
- Chili will be submitted at the place and time designated by the judges- no late submissions will be allowed.

Chilifest Music Festival reserves the right to disqualify any contestant based on their discretion.

Failure to comply with the rules of the chili cookoff or those of Chilifest Inc. will result in immediate disqualification and possible expulsion from the Chilifest venue.