

# Central Coast Chili Challenge Rules

Sunday, August 8, 2010, 11 am - 5 pm • Biddle Park, Arroyo Grande, CA

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**Event will provide** a 10' X 10' Booth Space for each participant. Participant provides their own canopy, tables, propane stove, etc.

**There are three divisions:**

**1. "Old Hand" Sanctioned International Chili Society (ICS)** judged event. Chili is prepared at the event-\$35. **Must be an ICS member.** ICS membership \$50. To enter additional category or division \$20 each. See "ICS Membership Details" and "Old Hand" ICS Official Contestant Rules below.

Red Chili       Chili Verde       Salsa

**2. "Maverick" competition.** Anyone can participate and chili must be prepared at the event -\$20 to enter. See "Mavrick" section rules below Ribbon and gift certificate prizes.

Red Chili       Chili Verde       Vegetarian

**3. "Chuck Wagon" competition.** Any business or individual can participate as long as the food is prepared in advance in a San Luis Obispo County Health Dept. approved facility. -\$70 to enter, additional category \$20 each See "People's Choice" rules below.

Red Chili       Chili Verde       Vegetarian

**"Maverick" competition Rules and Regulations.** Anyone can participate and chili must be prepared at the event. Only rules on ingredients:

**Red Chili** is defined as any kind of meat or combination of meats, cooked with red chili peppers, various spices, vegetables and other ingredients, and may include either BEANS and/or PASTA.

**Chili Verde** is defined as any kind of meat or combination of meats, cooked with green chili peppers, vegetables various spices and other ingredients, and may include either BEANS and/or PASTA.

**Vegetarian:** is defined as any combination of vegetables, beans, rice, and pasta **with no meat or meat products.**

Team set up starts at 8:00 am and registration closed at 10:00 am. Recommend that teams arrive at the Chili grounds by 9:00 A.M. The Tasting Event at starts at 11:00 AM.

Teams must supply their own table, cook stove, canopy, and any other provisions you will desire. There will be no electricity provided. Biodegradable tasting cups (2 oz) and spoons WILL be provided to you if you wish to give tastes. Use a 1 oz serving ladle.

## **"Chuck Wagon" Rules and Regulations**

The Chuck Wagon Open Division is intended for those who wish to cook chili in a San Luis Obsipo County Health Dept. approved facility. Food is cooked in advance and brought to the event and keep hot.

**Red Chili** is defined as any kind of meat or combination of meats,cooked with red chili peppers, various spices and other ingredients, and may include either BEANS and/or PASTA.

**Chili Verde** is defined as any kind of meat or combination of meats, cooked with green chili peppers, various spices and other ingredients, and may include either BEANS and/or PASTA.

**Vegetarian:** is defined as any combination of vegetables, beans, rice, and pasta **with no meat or meat products.**

Chuck Wagon chili may include beans, vegetables or whatever and must be prepared prior to the event. You must prepare at least 6-8 gallons of chili to allow everyone a tasting opportunity. Team set up starts at 8:00 am and registration closed at 10:00 am. Recommend that teams arrive at the Chili grounds by 9:00 A.M. The Tasting Event at starts at 11:00 AM.

Teams must supply their own table, cook stove, canopy, and any other provisions you will desire. There will be no electricity provided. Biodegradable tasting cups (2 oz) and spoons WILL be provided to you. Use a 1 oz serving ladle. Tasters will place a tasting ticket in the box we will provide you, allowing them one tasting cup of your chili. Your chili will be judged by the people who purchase tasting tickets. They receive one coin/token for each set of tickets they purchase. They will place their token in the box as a vote for the chili they like the best.

**In order to enter the “Old Hand” International Chili Society (ICS) competition, you must be a ICS member. Only \$50 per year. Annual membership fee for US residents, go to ICS website: [www.chilicookoff.com/Membership/Membership\\_home.asp](http://www.chilicookoff.com/Membership/Membership_home.asp)**

### **“Old Hand” competition ICS Official Contestant Rules & Regulations**

The following rules and regulations for cooks at the World’s Championship, State, Regional and District Cookoffs are as follows:

1. 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 and PASTA which are strictly forbidden.
2. Chili Verde is defined by the International Chili Society as any kind of meat or combination of meats, cooked with green chili peppers, various spices and other ingredients, with the exception of BEANS and PASTA which are strictly forbidden.
3. Salsa: there are no rules as to the ingredients or how to prepare your Salsa. It may be store bought and brought to the site, or it may be prepared at the Cook-off.
4. No ingredient may be pre-cooked in any way prior to the commencement of the official cookoff. The only exceptions are canned or bottled tomatoes, tomato sauce, peppers, pepper sauce, beverages, broth and grinding and/or mixing of spices. Meat may be treated, pre-cut or ground. **MEAT MAY NOT BE PRE-COOKED.** All other ingredients must be chopped or prepared during the preparation period.
5. You must be an ACTIVE ICS member to compete in any ICS competition including Traditional Red Chili, Chili Verde, and Salsa. You must be at least 18 years old.
6. The cooking period will be a minimum of 3 hours and a maximum of 4 hours. The exact starting and ending of the cooking period is to be announced by each local sponsoring organization. Cooking during entire cooking period is at the sole discretion of the contestant.
7. A representative of the sponsoring organization shall conduct a contestant’s meeting, at which time final instructions are to be given and questions answered, no later than 1 hour prior to the official starting time of the cookoff.
8. Contestants are responsible for supplying all of their own cooking utensils, canopy, etc. The sponsors of the cookoff will provide an 10’x10’ area for each contestant. There is no electricity available.
9. Each contestant must cook a minimum of two quarts of competition chili prepared in one pot, which will be submitted for judging.
10. Contestants will be permitted to sell or participate in People’s Choice Chili with the approval of the cookoff chairperson and in compliance with State and local agencies. It is at the discretion of each contestant if he or she wants to participate in People’s Choice event for an additional \$20. See the Peoples Choice rules above.
11. Each contestant will be assigned a contestant’s number by the Chief Scorekeeper and be given an official 32 oz. ICS judging cup. Each contestant should verify that the number on the bottom of their cup is the same as their assigned contestant number. Each contestant is responsible to deliver their cup, which must be filled to the bottom of the cup’s rim, to the judging area at the official time for judging.
12. Judges will be told they should vote for the chili they like best based on the following major considerations: good flavor, texture of the meat, consistency, blend of spices, aroma, and color.
13. The decisions of the Chief Judge shall be final.

**Further information about event: [www.agrotary.org](http://www.agrotary.org)**