

2024 CHILI COOK-OFF

— & THIRD ANNUAL RIB CONTEST
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND, 2024



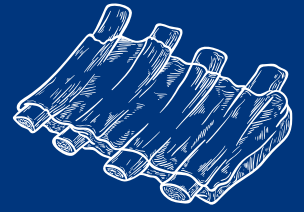
OFFICIAL RULES & REGULATIONS

CHILI COOK OFF

1. True chili is defined by the **International Chili Society** as any kind of meat or combination of meats cooked with chili peppers, various other spices, and other ingredients with the exception of items such as beans or spaghetti, which are forbidden. Our contest allows contestants to add beans after judges portion has been submitted.
2. As per Health Department rules and regulations, teams may not chop, dice, and slice ingredients prior to the competition (canned or bottled ingredients are not included in this rule, therefore allowed).
3. Teams may not pre-cook any ingredients prior to the event. All chili must be cooked at the event site; there are no exceptions to this rule. Any violation of this rule will be cause for disqualification from the competition.
4. Booth set up may begin at 11:00am. The cooking period will be approximately 3 hours. No team will be permitted to start cooking prior to 11:00 am. Between the hours of 4:30pm and 5:30pm, you will be asked to submit approximately 20 ounces of your chili to be used in the official judging.
5. Each team will be provided with a pre-assigned spot which will be numbered with that team's official event identification number. Each team will supply all of their own supplies and equipment needed to prepare and serve their chili. **This includes: 3oz Styrofoam cups, spoons, and napkins which will be used to serve your chili to the public.**
6. Contestants are asked to keep their area clean at all times.
7. Each contestant must cook a minimum of 12 gallons of chili. Due to the large turn out, we ask that you prepare as much as you feel comfortable with. You may cook two separate pots of chili to ensure that you have enough for the judges and to serve to the public. (Both pots of chili must be cooked that morning at the event.)
8. Each contestant will submit a copy of their chili recipe, and select a chili pick-up time when the chili runners come by. This is when your chili is to be ready for pick-up for the judges' tasting.
9. Because of the nature of this event and the associated rules and regulations, alcoholic beverages will not be allowed to be transported into the event site. The City of Brawley has made it available to have beer for sale to those who wish to purchase it, from an authorized vendor (beer garden). Contestants who bring their own alcoholic beverages into the event site will be disqualified from competition.
10. A panel of judges will be at the event site and determine their favorite choice by majority vote. They will be asked to consider the following:
 - A. Good flavoring and chili pepper tastes (not too hot or too mild).
 - B. The texture of the meat (not too tough or too mushy).
 - C. Consistency (not too thick or too thin).
 - D. The blend of the spices and how well they have permeated the meat.
 - E. Aroma - personal preference.
 - F. Color is not a material factor in determining the winners.
11. All chili cook-off contestants must complete a Vendor application and sign a contract. They will be required to follow all the rules for vendors.
12. Contestants may not use any incentive or other forms of promotion to influence "People's Choice Ballots" from the public, including contestants who are also vendors at the Chili Cook-Off. **Violation of this rule will be cause for disqualification from the competition.**

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RIB CONTEST

1. Each team must enter the competition under a team name.
2. A team may consist of one (1) chief cook and as many assistants as the chief cook deems necessary. The chief cook will be responsible for the conduct and behavior of team members and guests.
3. Each team is responsible to bring their own grill/cooker/smoker. Wood, charcoal, gas/ propane, smoker type barbeques are allowed.
4. A 10' x 20' space will be assigned to each team.
5. Each team is responsible to provide ALL of their own supplies; including pop up tents, tables, chairs, utensils, ingredients and supplies needed to practice responsible food handling practices.
6. Electricity is not provided, you will need to bring your own SILENT GENERATOR.
7. Booth set up may begin at 11:00am. No team will be permitted to start cooking prior to 11:00 am.
8. Ribs must be cooked and seasoned on site within the confines of your team's assigned cooking space.
9. Ribs may be seasoned, sauced or not, and cooked in a manner you feel will deliver a competitive product in the time allowed.
10. Between the hours of 4:30pm and 5:30pm each team will be asked to place 6 individually cut ribs in your "turn-in" box. The "turn-in" box will be provided by event staff. No marking, bending tabs, or any identifying marks of any kind are permitted on or in the "turn-in" boxes or they will be disqualified.
11. No marking or sculpting of the meat in the "turn-in" box will be tolerated. No garnish, side sauce containers or any other foreign objects such as foil, toothpicks or skewers are allowed in the "turn-in" box. Failure to comply with this rule will result in disqualification.
12. ALL RIBS ENTERED IN THE CONTEST **MUST BE BEEF RIBS.**

Judging Criteria:

- Entries will be judged by a panel of three (3) judges.
- Scores will be based on **Appearance, Tenderness, Texture** and **Taste**.
- The team with the highest overall number will be awarded 1st place.
- In the event of a tie, the winning team will be picked by random drawing among the tied entries. Decisions of the judges and the Chili Cook-off committee regarding the Contest are final. Violation of any rules or regulations may result in a team being disqualified.

All Rib Cook-off contestants must complete a vendor application and sign a contract. They will be required to follow all the rules for vendors.



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Set up time: 11:00AM - 5:00PM Booth space: 10' x 20'

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

Please select the category you wish to participate in:

Chili Cook-Off

Rib Contest



Team Name:

Business Name:

Team Captain:

Team Co-Captain:

Address :

Phone # :

Email :

WE HAVE RECEIVED A COPY AND HAVE READ THE RULES AND REQUIREMENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CHILI COOK-OFF AND/OR RIB CONTEST. WE UNDERSTAND THAT DECISIONS MADE BY THE JUDGES AND THE CHILI COOK-OFF/RIB CONTEST COMMITTEE REGARDING THE CONTEST ARE FINAL. VIOLATION OF ANY RULES OR REGULATIONS MAY RESULT IN A TEAM BEING DISQUALIFIED.

PRINT NAME:

SIGNATURE:

DATE:

Insurance is required in order to participate in these events. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** If you choose to provide your own insurance, The Brawley Chamber of Commerce must be listed as additionally insured with \$1,000,000 coverage.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> I will provide insurance listing the Chamber as additionally insured (\$1,000,000 Coverage) | <input type="checkbox"/> I need to purchase a \$100 one-day liability Insurance (\$1,000,000 Coverage) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I will provide a copy of my 2024 Brawley Business License | <input type="checkbox"/> I need to purchase a \$40 one-day Brawley Business License. |

FEES

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$150 Chili Cook-Off Team Entry | <input type="checkbox"/> \$250 Chili Cook-Off + Rib Contest Entries |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$150 Rib Contest Team Entry | <input type="checkbox"/> \$40.00 One-Day Brawley Business License |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$100.00 Liability Insurance | <input type="checkbox"/> \$95.00 Health Permit (Late fee) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$80.00 Health Permit Application | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$50.00 Refundable Deposit (Vendor is responsible for picking up deposit from Nov 18-22 2024) | |

Total amount owed:

CONTESTANT CONTRACT

— 2024 CATTLE CALL JAMBOREE
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Section 1: General Vendor Terms and Conditions

1. Application Acceptance

The Chamber of Commerce for Greater Brawley / Cattle Call Committee reserves the right to accept or reject vendor applications or portions of applications. Applications will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis, with priority registration given to Chamber members.

2. Vendor Equipment

Each vendor must provide their own equipment, including tables, chairs, canopies, extension cords, generators, and displays.

3. Safety Requirements

Per Brawley Fire Department regulations, each food vendor must have a fire extinguisher and hand washing station available one hour before the start of the event.

4. Booth Space Regulations

- No selling or setting up on the sidewalk or grassy area behind assigned booth space.
- No excessively loud speakers or explicit music.
- All items must be placed within your booth space. No setting up chairs, ice chests, speakers, displays, or any items outside your booth space.
- Booth spaces are 10x20 ft. for all events, including Cattle Call Parade.
- If additional space is required, another booth may be purchased. The Chamber can limit the number of booths sold to each vendor.
- Food truck owners must ensure their truck fits 100% within the booth area, including hitch, shade, or any other accessories. If it does not fit, another booth must be acquired.

5. Vehicle Access and Regulations

- Only one vehicle per vendor is allowed on the event grounds at a time. Each vehicle must have the provided pass prominently displayed on the front windshield. If a different vehicle needs to come in to unload, the current vehicle must exit first and display its pass as well.
- **Set-Up and Traffic Flow**
 - During set-up time, all vendors must quickly unload belongings/merchandise and remove their vehicles from the premises to allow for smooth traffic flow. All vehicles must enter through the assigned area, check in, and exit through the same spot. Vendors that do not follow this process will lose their deposit.
- **Event Day Vehicle Restrictions**
 - All cars must be cleared from event grounds one hour before the event begins.
 - No cars are allowed to drive on event grounds during the event.
- **Parking and Liability**
 - All vehicles should be parked outside the event grounds. The Brawley Chamber of Commerce is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged vehicles. Vehicles should be parked safely following traffic rules. The Chamber reserves the right to call a tow truck at the owner's expense if a vehicle is not parked correctly.

6. Clean-Up Policy

- Vendors must leave their area clean after the event. Clean-up should not begin until the event has officially ended. Early clean-up is prohibited to maintain the event experience.

7. Waste Disposal

- No dumping ice, oil, grease, or soapy water on the sidewalk or grassy area behind the booth space.
- All vendors must take their own trash bags and dispose of them at a dumpster (trash cans at event grounds are only for attendees and not vendor trash).

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8. Generator Requirements

Only "whisper" generators are allowed. Vendors with loud generators will be instructed to turn them off and may be asked to shut down their booth.

9. Merchandise Vendor Restrictions

- Merchandise vendors may only sell items approved by The Chamber of Commerce for Greater Brawley.
- No other items, other than those approved, may be sold, raffled, or given away without prior consent from The Chamber.
- The Chamber may limit the number of merchandise vendors.

10. Prohibited Items

- No silly string, confetti, or similar products may be sold.
- No outside alcoholic beverages are allowed. Brawley PD is strict about this and will escort any person outside the event grounds who does not follow this rule.

11. Sales Timing

Vendors are not allowed to sell before the event officially starts. All vendors must stop selling when the event ends.

12. Insurance Requirements

Insurance is mandatory for all events. NO EXCEPTIONS. If you provide your own insurance, The Brawley Chamber of Commerce must be listed as additionally insured with \$1,000,000 coverage.

13. Non-Responsibility Clause

The Chamber will not be responsible for or reimburse any fees if a vendor/booth is asked to shut down by the ICPHD or any other entity.

14. Refund Policy

Absolutely NO REFUNDS will be provided, even if a vendor does not show up on time or fails to attend the event at all.

15. Deposit Retrieval

All vendors who did not forfeit their deposit have from **November 18 until November 22 at 5:00 PM** to pick up their deposit. Failure to do so by the deadline will result in the forfeiture of the deposit. Chamber members who wish to roll over their deposit to the next event, must call the office to let us know before the deadline, or deposit will be lost.

16. Booth Space Assignment

The Chamber of Commerce will fairly assign booth spaces based on various factors, including vendor type, trucks, items being sold, and suggestions made by the Brawley Police Department to spread crowds and ensure a smoother event. The Chamber can accept suggestions and requests regarding booth space assignments; however, it is not guaranteed that your request will be fulfilled. If you have a food truck, it is your responsibility to arrive early to park your truck during the event. The Chamber is not responsible if you arrive late and have difficulty parking or setting up.

17. Behavior Policy

Please respect all Chamber staff and volunteers at all times. Inappropriate behavior towards any staff member or volunteer will not be tolerated, and the vendor will be shut down if any person related to them misbehaves.

18. Indemnification

Vendor agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Organizer, its officers, employees, and agents from and against any and all claims, damages, liabilities, costs and expenses arising out of or related to Vendor's breach of any provision of this agreement or any negligent or wrongful act or omission by Vendor or its employees or agents.

By signing below, the vendor acknowledges that they have read, understood, and agree to comply with all the terms and conditions outlined in this contract. Any violation of these terms may result in the forfeiture of deposits, immediate removal from the event, and/or a ban from future events organized by The Chamber of Commerce for Greater Brawley.

Name

Signature

Date

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Section 2: Food Vendor-Specific Terms and Conditions

1. Food Preparation

Permits and Licenses

- Vendors are responsible for obtaining all necessary permits and licenses required by the Imperial County Health Department for food preparation.
- If preparing food at an approved facility before the event, vendors must complete and submit the required documentation for a Temporary Food Facility permit (TFF) **before October 11, 2024, at 5:00 PM.**
- Approved kitchen facilities must possess an annual permit issued by the Health Department.
- A TFF permit is valid for one single food booth only; if a vendor is operating more than one booth, a separate permit must be obtained for each location with separate applications.

Preparation and Serving

- All foods, beverages, and condiments provided to the public (including food samples) must be prepared within a food booth or an approved kitchen facility.

Health and Safety Compliance

- All foods and beverages must be prepared and served in compliance with the guidelines set forth by the Imperial County Health Department during the specified setup times.
- Vendors must ensure that all food products are fresh, safe for consumption, and stored at appropriate temperatures to prevent spoilage and contamination.
- Vendors must also maintain clean and sanitary food preparation and service areas throughout the event. Vendors are responsible for fulfilling all requirements set by the Imperial County Health Department, such as providing 20 gallons of water, handwashing stations, extra utensils, etc., or whatever applies.
- Vendors cooking with oil must place a tarp or mat under the cooking area. If cooking with an open flame, a mesh is required.

2. Food Vendor Restrictions

- Food vendors may only sell items approved by The Chamber of Commerce for Greater Brawley. Any additional food items intended for sale, raffle, or donation require prior approval from The Chamber.
- The Chamber may limit the number of food vendors.
- All food vendors must provide necessary health permits and liability insurance.

For questions regarding a Temporary Food Facility Permit (TFF) or its requirements, it is the vendor's responsibility to contact the Environmental Health Division directly, Monday through Friday, 8 AM - 12 PM & 1 PM - 5 PM, holidays excluded. The

Environmental Health Division is located at:

Imperial County Public Health Department - Environmental Health Division

797 Main Street, Suite B

El Centro, CA 92243

Phone: (442) 265-1888 Website: www.icphd.org

Acknowledgment and Agreement

By signing below, the vendor acknowledges that they have read, understood, and agree to comply with all the terms and conditions outlined in this contract.

The vendor also agrees to adhere to all applicable regulations set forth by the event organizers and the Imperial County Health Department. Any violation of these terms may result in the forfeiture of deposits, immediate removal from the event, and/or a ban from future events organized by The Chamber of Commerce for Greater Brawley.

Name

Signature

Date