



“NO MAN’S LAND CHILI COOK-OFF” RULES

This year’s event is on **April 27, 2019** behind the Ballinger City Hall. Divisions are: First Responders, Open Adults and Junior (ages 7-15). Categories are: Chili (no beans), Chili Verde (no beans), Beans, Salsa and Showmanship. All entries must be paid prior to the event. Cooks may begin set-up on-site by 7 am, the day of the event and be off property by 8 pm the same day. No refunds will be issued. Event will be held regardless of the weather.

DEADLINE TO REGISTER: April 24, 2019.

Late Registration: 50% per category, respectively.

(Ex: Entry fee is \$20. Late Reg: \$30).

Mail Entry Forms to: 106 N. 9th St, Ballinger, TX 76821.

PAYMENTS may be made by: PayPal, Credit Card, M.O. or Checks. Payable to: Ballinger Area Chamber of Commerce

Some restrictions may apply. BYOB for this part of the event. **NO GLASS CONTAINERS OF ANY KIND!**

ALL INFORMATION IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT ANY TIME!

*Absolutely no unauthorized food or drink sales and/or no commercial giveaways permitted unless approved by chairman.

*Come prepared with what you need!

*Absolutely no unauthorized ATVs, golf carts, mules (including street legal) will be permitted on the grounds.

*Vehicles must be moved off the cook-off site within an hour after unloading. Towing will take place if necessary.

*All entries must be prepared and cooked on-site. Cooks must be at least 16 years of age except for the Junior Cooks (age 7 to 15).

*All cooks are to prepare and cook in as sanitary manner as possible. Cooking conditions are subject to inspection by the event staff at any given time.

FMI: Ballinger PD 325.365.3591, Ballinger Area Chamber of Commerce 325.365.2333.

Registration / Cup and Tray Distribution for ALL Cooks: Saturday, 8 am to 10 am

* All cooks or designee must be registered (name, address & e-mail) and received at Cook-off Headquarters.

* Register according to above guidance. You must still register the name of the person cooking in each category.

* Each cook/team is responsible for picking up their cups and/or trays by 10 am on Saturday.

* Chili cooks must print their name on the ticket. DO NOT MARK on the cups or trays.

* Keep your ticket safe! This is the only way we (and you) will know if you are the chosen winner!

Turn-In Times

Turn-in may begin 10 minutes prior to the Turn-In time and MUST be received to be judged no later than 10 minutes after the posted turn-in time.

Salsa:	11 am	
Beans:	12 pm	Fill the cup to within approximately an inch from the top
Junior Chili:	1 pm	Fill the cup to within approximately an inch from the top
Chili:	1 pm	Fill the cup to within approximately an inch from the top
Chili Verde:	2 pm	Fill the cup to within approximately an inch from the top
Showmanship:	1:30 pm to 2:30 pm	

Beans Rules

Cooks must start their entry with Dry Pinto Beans, NO CANNED BEANS ALLOWED. The head cook must prepare the beans to be judged on the cook-off site, the day of the cook-off.

Judging is on Appearance, Smell, Gravy, Taste and Color.

*No more than one judging sample can be taken from any one pot.

*Other edible items may be added to the entry, but nothing can be larger than a bean.

Salsa Rules

Salsa may be pre-made (honor rule, please!)

Judging will be on Appearance, Smell, Consistency and Color.

Junior Chili Cook-off Rules

*Junior Cooks follow the same cooking rules as the Adult Chili Cook-off rules. Junior cooks must be between the ages of 7 and 15 to enter and be accompanied by an adult except while cooking.

*Junior Cooks will cook in a designated area and monitored/assisted by at least two cook-off officials. They must cook their own pot of chili. No parents, guardians or adults will be allowed in the designated area while cooking.

*The contestant should stay with their pots of chili from start to finish. (Short bathroom breaks are okay.)

Showmanship Rules

Showmanship is open to all cook-off participants. Showmanship will be judged on a continuous basis throughout the time limit specified.

The judge's criteria are:

Theme (Originality, etc.)

Costume

Booth Set-Up

Action

Audience Appeal

***MAKE SURE YOU GET THE RULES FOR EACH CATEGORY
(Except for Beans & Salsa) WHEN YOU REGISTER!***