



## OLI Chili Cook-off 2008

### Official Rules

1. Welcome to OLI Chili Cook-off 2008. This contest offers competition in three categories:
  - Category #1: vegetarian chili: Ross must be willing to (knowingly) eat
  - Category #2: meatetarian chili: all entries must contain meat
  - Category #3: miscellaneous: all things chili, anything goes (think Iron Chef, secret ingredient being chili)
2. You must be at least 21 years of age to enter the OLI Chili Cook-off 2008.
3. ONE VEGGIE CHILI PER COOK. You must enter Category #1, vegetarian chili, in order to enter Category #2. If for some reason your entry in Category #1 is disqualified you are likewise disqualified from Category #2. Anyone may enter Category #3, with or without an entry in Category #1. Vegetarian is defined for this competition as something Ross will (knowingly) eat.
4. You are not required to enter Category #2 to enter Category #3. You may submit as many entries as you like to all categories.
5. You must be willing to taste your own entries. At the discretion of the head judge or OLI contestant refuses, his or her chili will be disqualified.) Failure to do so will result in disqualification.
6. JUDGING CRITERIA AND SCORING – Judges will assign a whole number score from 0 to 10, 10 being the highest, to each entry for:

Aroma   Consistency   Appearance   Taste   Aftertaste   Heat

- SCORING - Each entry will be scored on its own merits. No pluses (+), minuses (-), fractions ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ), or decimals (.5) will be taken into consideration. The overall score for an entry from a given judge will be the sum of the dimensions noted above.
- EACH CHILI MUST BE SCORED - If a judge determines (by aroma, consistency, heat, and/or color) that he/she does not want to taste a chili, that chili still must be given a score.
- PALETTE CLEANSING – Milk (and beer) will be provided so that judges may cleanse their palette between tastings.
- WINNER – There will be one winner per category. The winner will be determined by summing the scores from all judges for each entry. In the event of a tie, any scores judged by the participants who are tied will be eliminated and the scores reevaluated. If a tie still exists, it will be decided by *The Wizard*.
- CREATIVITY – Judges will also assign an independent score from 0 to 10, 10 being the highest, to each entry for its creativity. The entry receiving the highest creativity score, across all three categories, will be deemed a winner for creativity.

7. You may not judge your own entries. Your significant other and/or guests may taste, but not judge your entries.
8. CHILI COOKING
  - FILLERS IN CHILI - Beans, macaroni, rice, hominy, or other similar ingredients *are* permitted for this competition (as opposed to CASI rules).
  - SANITATION - Cooks are to prepare and cook chili in as sanitary a manner as possible.
  - ALCOHOL - No entry may contain more than 50% alcohol by volume (100 proof).
  - EXCLUSIONS - No entry may contain snail, lobster, monkey (woot or otherwise), or dolphin derived food products. No exceptions.
9. You may have assistance in preparing your entries. However, you must disclose the names of all persons contributing to each of your entries. A simple majority of the judges must have met your contributors in person.
10. The following items will be provided to all judges and participants:
  - Shredded cheddar cheese
  - Sour cream
  - Chopped red onion
  - Beer
  - Antacids
  - Plates, utensils, and napkins
11. All entries must be homemade. For the purpose of this competition homemade is defined as follows. In Category #1 and Category #2, your entry must contain at least 4 ingredients of at least ½ cup in volume each. Your entry must have a cooking time of at least 30 minutes. In Category #2, you must prepare (from raw meat) at least ½ cup of the meat portion of the entry. In Category #3, on a scale from Sandra Lee (easy) to Mario Batali (challenging) the effort required to prepare your entry must rate at least Rachael Ray (moderate). If your entry is Morimoto difficult, try that other contest (Iron Chef) instead.



12. In all categories, you may not use any ingredient prepared by a restaurant. You may not use any ingredient which itself is marketed as a substitute for or approximation of the entry you are preparing. (No buying your chili ice cream!)
13. PENALTIES - Failure to comply with OLI rules will result in disqualification of an individual cook for the cook-off. Decisions of the official(s) are final. In case of disqualification, the OLI official monitoring the cook-off will immediately notify the head cook and give a reason for

disqualification. In the event disqualification occurs after judging has started, it is not necessary that the cook be located or given an explanation for the disqualification.

14. NO SMOKING - Smoking is not allowed in the judging area during the chili judging process. The judging process begins with the arrival of chili for turn-in and ends when the final tally is completed and the winning cups have been marked for transport to the announcement area.
15. PYROTECHNICS - No chili contestant may discharge firearms or use any pyrotechnics or explosives at a chili cook-off. Contestants discharging firearms and/or using explosives or other pyrotechnics will be disqualified from the chili cook-off.
16. AFFILIATION - Although many rules have been adopted from the *Chili Appreciation Society International* rules, the OLI Chili Cook-off is not associated with the CASI. Do you really think they'd want us to be?

## OLI Chili Cook-off 2008 FAQ



**Q:** Can I bribe the judges?

**A:** The images are cloudy... use my influence! And by the way, tomorrow is your lucky day!

**Q:** Do I have to judge all of the chilis in the brackets I am entering?

**A:** It's certain! But proceed with caution.

**Q:** What will be the impact on my gastro-intestinal tract?

**A:** It doesn't look good. Ask someone of the opposite sex.

**Q:** Is there any sure fire way to win the cook-off?

**A:** Use magic!

**Q:** Do I have to use some form of chili pepper (peppers, powders, etc.) in every dish I enter?

**A:** You dare to ask!? Psychic energy predicts... absolutely!

**Q:** Will the judging be impartial?

**A:** Beware of false promises.

**Q:** Am I responsible for my own leftovers?

**A:** You dare to ask!? No.

**Q:** Is my hair-brained idea for Category #3 a good idea?

**A:** Hmm.... consult me later.

**Q:** Are the rules subject to change?

**A:** It doesn't look good, use magic.

**Q:** Will I have a great time attending the cook-off?

**A:** Good chance!