

*Diamondback Harley Davidson*  
*Chili Cook-off Official Rules & Regulations*

The following rules and regulations will apply;

**Participants:**

Adult cooks will be at least 18 years of age or older.

Youth cooks must be between 6 – 17 years old.

**A.** Youth cooks must prepare their chili with adult supervision, but NOT adult participation.

**B.** Adult may help with knife work and prep, during the preparation period ONLY.

**C.** Adult assistance MUST STOP once the 4 hour cooking time starts. At that time adults are there to supervise only and assist with any safety concerns (i.e. moving heavy or hot items, etc.)

**D.** Adults cannot taste the youth's chili, this is the youth's time to shine and make their own decisions. Youth cooks may have other youth ages 17 and under taste their chili.

1 Chili is defined as any kind of meat or combination of meats cooked with chili, onions, **Red peppers (traditional) or Green peppers (chili verde)** or other vegetables and various other spices and ingredients with the exception of rice or any type of pasta, which are forbidden. Beans are not allowed.

2 No ingredient may be pre-cooked in any way prior to official commencement of the cook-off. Vegetables may be pre-cut but not pre-cooked. Meats may not be cooked or seasoned in any way prior to the official start of the competition. Spices and spice blends are permitted as well as canned tomatoes and bottled sauces. Pepper sauce, beverages, broth, the grinding or mixing of spices may be prepared prior to the start time.

3. Contestants will be preparing 16 oz. of chili for judging.

4. The cooking period will be a **maximum of four (4) hours**.

5. Set-up and Check-in begins at **9am**. Contestant meeting at **1030am**.

6. **STOVES WILL BE LIT PRECISELY AT 11AM TO BEGIN COOKING!**

7. **Contestants will provide; cooking equipment, fuel, all cooking vessels, utensils, garbage can and one (1) fire extinguisher per team and anything else you need (tent optional). Contestants will be required to wear a face mask and gloves during food preparation and serving the public. PLEASE FOLLOW COVID-19 GUIDELINES.**

8. Each contestant must cook a minimum of two (2) gallons of chili. At least one (1) 16 ounce cup per competing team must be submitted for judging. Guest sampling cups will be provided for each team by Diamondback Harley Davidson. Teams are encouraged to make more than one pot and may select which of their chili pots will be submitted for competition. **Only One (1) Competition Chili Will Be Accepted From Each Competing Team.**

9. **Each Team will be given one (1) Official 16 ounce judging cup marked with their booth number. Each contestant is responsible to deliver the judging cup to the judging area at the designated time. The cup must be filled to the bottom of the cup rim.**

10. **Competition chili will be judged based on taste, color, aroma, texture, use of spices and overall consistency. Judges encourage the use of unique ingredients to make your recipe stand out.**

11. **Sample chili for the public must be ready by 230pm. The method of service is completely up to the ingenuity of the competitors. Sample chili will be what your are submitting for the People's Choice Awards. Contestants can do anything to win the people's votes (as long as it's legal). Beans, pasta, crackers or chips may be served with the SAMPLING chili. Sampling cups and spoons will be provided.**

12. **AWARDS as follows; 1<sup>st</sup> place Judges Award, 1<sup>st</sup> Place Youth, 1<sup>st</sup> Place People's Choice. People's Choice will be determined by the number of tickets in canisters provided by each contestant.**

13. This event is **FREE** for contestants. Booth areas are 10'x12'. This event is being held to provide the community some inexpensive fun. Bragging rights are up for grabs, so trash talking is okay but keep it decent and non-offensive. Above all **HAVE FUN!** Proceeds to benefit the Diamondback Harley Davidson Scholarship fund.

AGENDA

9:00am Registration

10:30am Contestants Meeting

11:00am Burners Lit

2:30pm Samples ready for public

3:00pm Cooking ends & samples delivered to the judges table

3:00pm Judging begins

4:30pm Winners Announced

PARTY!!!!