

22nd Annual TBA/LAF



Tallahassee Bar Association
& Legal Aid Foundation

Chili Cook Off Official Rules

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The following rules are to be followed by all cook off chairpersons, cooks, judges and/or assistants who are participating in the chili cook off and/or Most Magnificent Margarita competition:

1. Contestants may enter one batch of chili and/or one batch of margaritas.
2. There will be prizes awarded for the first-place teams in each of the following categories:
 - Best Five Alarm Chili
 - Most Unusual Chili
 - Best Overall (People's Choice)
 - Most Magnificent Margarita
 - Best Bedecked (People's Choice)
3. All ingredients must be pre-cooked & treated prior to the event – chili is to be brought “ready-to-eat.”
4. Contestants are responsible for supplying all of their own utensils and products for serving CCO event guests and maintenance of proper temperature for serving. Spoons, bowls, napkins, crackers and cups for use in serving chili to the general public will be provided.
5. Each contestant must cook a minimum of four gallons of competition chili. One cup (container will be provided) will be used for judging. Margarita contestants are required to prepare one cup (container will be provided) of their competition margaritas, which will be submitted for judging. Unless submitted as "frozen," all margarita samples will be poured over ice for judging with deference to the individual judge's preference as to "with or without" salt. All ingredients should be in the mix, that is no additional "floaters" or separate pourings of additives for the judges will be allowed.
6. The submissions for judging must be ready and delivered to the judging table in the kitchen area of the facility not later than 5:30 p.m. the evening of the event in your team's numbered container of competition chili and/or margarita. Each team will be assigned a “contestant's number” by the Chief Scorekeeper and only the Chief Scorekeeper will know the numbering assignments of the contestants.
7. The competition chili and margaritas will be distributed in numbered cups and given to the judges for tasting without identification of the submitting competitors. In this competition, the chili/margaritas will be blind judged (no one knows the identities of the cooks) and scorecards will be based on the following four characteristics, with 1 to 5 points awarded for each:

- Flavor: The chili should have good flavoring and chili pepper taste.
- Consistency: Chili should be a smooth combination of meat and gravy, not too thin or too thick.
- Spice and taste: Blending of the spices and how well they have permeated the chili.
- Aroma: This will be a personal preference of the judges.

The chili judges will be asked to designate and award from 5 to 10 additional points, which will solely be apply to selection of the winner of the "Most Unusual Chili."

The margaritas will be blind judged (no one knows the identities of the mixologists) and scorecards will be based on the following characteristics, with 1 to 5 points awarded for each:

- Flavor: The margarita should have good flavoring and sweet/sour balance.
- Blending: There should be a pleasing blending of alcoholic and non-alcoholic ingredients.
- Color: The submitted margarita should look pleasing, but may be any color.

A People's Choice score card will be provided for event guests to score the chili that will receive the Best Overall (People's Choice) Award and Best Bedecked Award. A box will be provided for collection of People's Choice score cards.

8. Score cards will be collected at the end of the judging and tallied. The highest point recipient in the final tally will be declared the winner of the category, except that each team may only win in one category. Should any team or teams be the highest point recipient in more than one category, the Chief Scorekeeper will be given the opportunity to pick the category in which that team is declared the winner and that team will be withdrawn from the other categories. The next highest point recipient such other category or categories will be declared the winner of the affected category. In the event of a tie, the tie will be broken by decision of a special "Celebrity Judge" from The Florida Bar, with additional consideration given to: whether either tied winner may also qualify to win in another category.
9. A sample of the score card that will be distributed to the chili judges and event guests follow (last year's). The total points awarded to each contestant will be tallied and checked by scorekeepers, the winners determined by the tally and criteria above, and then the Chief Scorekeeper will identify the winning teams, and the winners will be announced.

EXAMPLE COMPETITION SCORE SHEET

(TO BE COMPLETED BY JUDGES ONLY, JUDGES DO NOT NEED TO TOTAL POINTS)

Best Five Alarm Chili:*

Most Unusual Chili:**

*Award 1 – 5 points for each characteristic indicated below.

** Award 5 – 10 additional points solely for any deemed "Unusual"

<u>No.</u>	<u>Flavor</u> 1-5 pts.	<u>Consistency</u> 1-5 pts.	<u>Spice</u> 1-5 pts.	<u>Aroma</u> 1-5 pts.	<u>Unusual Pts. 5-10 pts.</u>	<u>Total Points</u>
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Most Magnificent Margarita***

***Award 1 – 5 points for each characteristic indicated below.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Flavor</u> 1-5 pts.	<u>Blending</u> 1-5 pts.	<u>Aroma</u> 1-5 pts.	<u>Total Points</u>
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