



SOUP STEW CHILI & BREW FESTIVAL

JUDGING RULES & FORMAT



1. READ THIS THOROUGHLY

2. The Judges's Decision is FINAL. There is no appeals procedure.

3. There will be a **MANDATORY** "Cooks Meeting" at the City Hall Music Stage. Main & West. At **10:00 AM** on the day of the event. This is when you will pick up your Judging Container/Clam Shell Box for the food to be judged. You will also be given your initial supply of bowls, spoons, napkins, ect. Located in the Supply Box Truck, opposite City Hall Stage. **One person from each team MUST be present regardless of whether you would like your product to be judged or not.**

4. Products to be judged **MUST** be turned in as follows, in this order and **NO SOONER**:

SOUP 12:00 PM CITY HALL

CHILI 12:30 PM CITY HALL

STEW & BREW 1:00 PM CITY HALL

5. You will take your own products to be judged. **No one will pick them up.**

6. The turn-in table will be located at City Hall 101 W. Main Street.

7. You will need to submit **FIVE 4 oz servings with lid, packed inside Clam Shell Box** in each category you are entering.

8. Entries must be submitted in provided containers. No garnishes or decorations may be added to the product or container. Each product will be judged on it's own merit.

9. At turn-in you will present your present your product, declare what category, (soup, chili, stew or brew) and give your name and organization. Each container will be given a random number in order to assure fair and unbiased judging. Judges **WILL NOT** be aware of who's product they are judging.

10. Judges will be awarding points based on three criteria:

APPEARANCE - Worth 1 - 4 Points

TEXTURE - Worth 1 - 8 Points

TASTE - Worth 1 - 8 Points

Each Judge will then rank each entry in order of preference.

11. In case of a tie the Judging Director will have final say in determining the winner.

12. Each product will be judged by a panel of at-least four judges and judging will be conducted in the following manner:

Table Captain will present the containers to each judge.

Each judge will give it a score of 1-4 points on Appearance with 4 being the highest score.

Each judge will give it a score of 1-8 points on Texture with 8 being the highest score

Each judge will give it a score of 1-8 points on Taste with 8 being the highest score

Each judge will then rank the entries with 1 being the highest score on overall appeal.

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13. Once all entries are judged, the judges will turn the score card over to the Table Captain for tabulation.
14. The Judging Director will review all scoring cards, check for errors and then assign First (1st) through Third (3rd) Place in each of the categories, Soup, Stew, Chili & Brew.

**AWARDS CEREMONY WILL TAKE PLACE
AT THE MAIN STAGE
MULBERRY AND MAIN
4:30 PM**

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