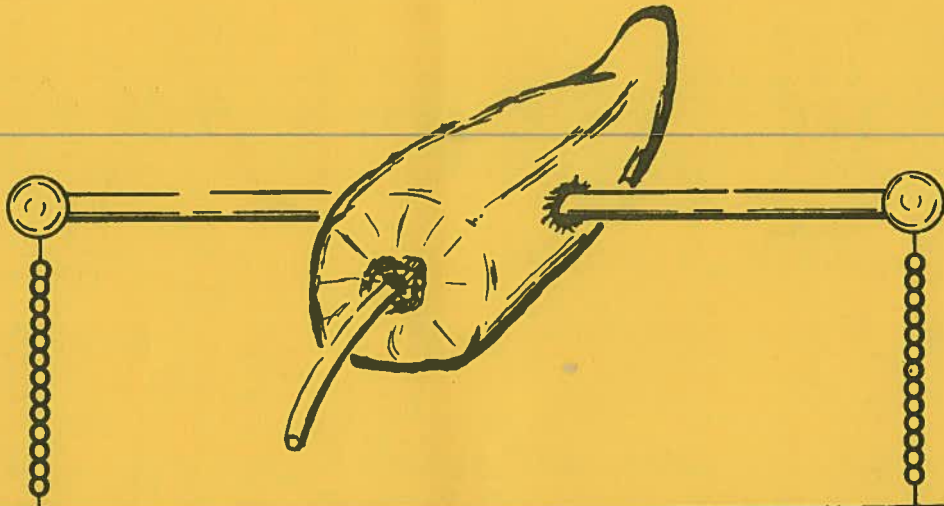


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CHILI: A SIMPLE DISH OF MANY INTERPRETATIONS

"Chili, chili con carne, Texas red - whatever you call that savory concoction of meat and fire - is the natural child of the arguing state of mind. There's no recipe for it, only disputation, and almost anyone's first thought after a taste of somebody else's version, no matter how much it pleases the throat, is that they could make it better." *John Thorne in "Just Another Bowl of Texas Red."*

COOKOFFS: A CHARITABLE WAY TO FIND THE CHILI OF THE DAY

For over twenty years, chili cookoffs have evolved as a way to promote chili, have fun, and help others. Many charities benefit from cookoff activities and cookoffs for the benefit of charities are encouraged.

CASI: A WAY TO DO COOKOFFS

As cookoffs developed from pure tomfoolery to semi-seriousness, an organization now known as C.A.S.I., Inc. (an acronym derived from Chili Appreciation Society International, Incorporated) evolved. C.A.S.I., Inc. (hereafter referred to as CASI) developed rules to encourage fair and impartial judging of chili and showmanship competition.

PODS: A KEY PART OF CASI

Those interested in chili are encouraged to join local or area organizations called Pods. In addition to promoting chili, each pod elects its own officers, establishes operating procedures, and sponsors a yearly cookoff. The president of a CASI-affiliated pod, known as the Great Pepper, represents the views of pod members in matters affecting CASI. At an annual meeting, the assembled Great Peppers vote on cookoff rules for the upcoming year; elect CASI officers, three members of the nine-member board of directors, and an executive director; and transact such other business as may come before the meeting. Each year two board members are elected for three year terms, one for a two year term, and an executive director for a one year term. Through this open representative process, the views of the individual chili aficionados determine the way the CASI chili system operates.

WHY ALL THESE RULES?

A fair and impartial judging of chili and showmanship—which is why the CASI rules and system developed—allows the best of the day to be recognized. From these, the best of the year can enter the Winners Circle to qualify for the annual CASI Terlingua Championship Cookoff. Cookoffs using CASI rules are eligible for CASI sanctioning. Through the sanctioning process, cookoff participants and winners are recorded by CASI and results are tallied to find CASI Terlingua Championship qualifiers. One does not have to be a member of a pod or of CASI to participate in cookoffs leading up to, or to qualify for the CASI Terlingua Championship. Also, being a member of a pod does not carry automatic membership in CASI. Current annual CASI dues are \$5.00 per person. Contact CASI, Inc., P.O. Box 31183, Dallas, TX 75231.

CASI rules cover four major areas: (1) They define an impartial judging system applicable to any cookoff, (2) outline procedures for sanctioning cookoffs, (3) establish a uniform method of qualifying chili and showmanship participants for the CASI Terlingua Championship Cookoff, and (4) cover such other areas as needed for operation of CASI, Inc.

PROMOTERS - FIVE THINGS NEEDED FOR A CASI SANCTIONED COOKOFF

1. **C**ontact the Goat Gap Gazette (or CASI) to announce cookoff and obtain CASI Rules Packet (\$5.00).
2. **H**ave a CASI referee or official on site.
3. **I**nsist on following CASI Rules and procedures.
4. **L**ots of fun for all and success for your cookoff.
5. **I**nscribe tally sheets, get referee to sign, and return tally sheets and entry list to CASI (with a dollar per cook fee and send within 30 days) so that your cookoff will be sanctioned.

COOKOFF RELATED CASI RULES

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The following rules relate to regular cookoffs. Open championships (State, Regional, and International) are covered separately. Points refer to CASI Terlingua Championship qualification points. Useful addresses follow:

CASI, Inc. - P.O. Box 31183, Dallas, TX. 75231.

GGG - The Goat Gap Gazette (5110 Bayard Lane, #2, Houston, TX. 77006), announces cookoffs and forwards rule packets (for \$5). Publishing monthly (February through December), the copy deadline is 15th of the month preceding publication.

PRIOR TO A COOKOFF

1. **PUBLICIZE COOKOFF** - A cookoff must be published in the Goat Gap Gazette thirty (30) days prior to the final entrance deadline. Cookoffs outside of Texas must be published in the Goat Gap Gazette and/or another acceptable media. Validation must be sent to CASI. Any cookoff to be held within thirty days prior to the end of the chili year and not advertised in the Goat Gap Gazette at least thirty days in advance of the cookoff date will be suspended and points will not be awarded.
2. **OBTAIN CASI RULES PACKET** - It is the responsibility of the cookoff chairman to obtain a packet of Official CASI rules, judging system, and official winners' tally sheets. This package can be obtained from the Goat Gap Gazette for the sum of five dollars (\$5.00), or CASI. Additional copies of the official chili and showmanship judging sheets included in the rules packet should be made for use at the cookoff.

3. CASI RULES APPLY - CASI rules shall apply to all cookoffs seeking sanction by CASI. Current rules shall be used.

4. CASI JUDGING SYSTEM APPLIES - The chili judging must be by the CASI Secret Judging System (utilizing only the Official CASI Judging Sheets) as defined in the current official CASI rules packet obtained from the Goat Gap Gazette (or CASI). (See cookoff judging rules).

5. SITE SELECTION - Only one chili cookoff per CASI Terlingua Championship Year will be sanctioned at any one given location and/or by any one sponsoring group (with the exception of the Southwest Open Chili Championship whose sponsoring group is determined at the Annual Great Peppers Meeting). ~~If a sponsoring group chooses to use a location previously used by another sponsoring group, they may apply to the CASI executive director for approval for using the same location. A written approval must be given by CASI.~~

6. CHILI COMBINED WITH OTHER COOKOFFS - Terlingua is the original CASI Championship Cookoff. The purpose was and is to promote chili and chili only. However, another cookoff (i.e., barbecue, beans, gumbo, etc.) can be held in conjunction with a chili cookoff as long as CASI rules are followed with a separate judging and turn-in for the chili cookoff.

7. NO CASH PRIZES - Any cookoff giving cash prizes for chili cooking and showmanship will not be sanctioned, and no points will be awarded, with the exception being the state cookoffs. These may give state champions expense money to get to the CASI Terlingua Championship Cookoff. CASI may request proof that this money was used for expenses.

8. OBTAINING REFEREES - It is the responsibility of the cookoff promoter to contact the Regional Referee responsible for the location in which the cookoff is held. In the event the cookoff location is not represented by a regional referee, the promoter is responsible for contacting the CASI Executive Director to have a Regional Referee appointed to that cookoff. Once contacted by the promoter of a cookoff, it is the responsibility of the CASI Regional Referee or Executive Director to insure that a Referee is present in his/her region.

a. ALL COOKOFFS MUST BE REFEREED - All cookoffs must have a Regional Referee, or an area referee, or a CASI official, or a Great Pepper, or an authorized representative of one of the above, present.

b. OFFICIAL MUST SIGN TALLY SHEETS - The designated official must sign the tally sheets before being submitted to CASI for cookoff sanctioning. The designated official may wish to keep a copy of the tally sheet. (CASI should also make available a copy of the tally sheet to the appropriate Regional Referee if requested).

c. REFEREE AS A CONSULTANT - The above official shall attend as a consultant only and is not responsible for running the cookoff.

AT THE COOKOFF

9. NUMBER OF ENTRANTS NEEDED - A minimum of twenty-five (25) cooks, for 12 point States, present and cooking; one entry per individual per cookoff/or a minimum of twenty (20) cooks, for 9 point States/or a minimum of fifteen cooks for 6 point States. The number of cooks required to sanction a cookoff is based on the previous CASI Terlingua Championship year (Open, State and Regional cookoffs do not apply toward requirement). State requirements shall be based on the following criteria.

STATES HAVING: 11 or more cookoffs require 25 cooks
 6 - 10 cookoffs require 20 cooks
 1 - 5 cookoffs require 15 cooks

Open, State and Regional cookoffs require
25 cooks minimum and must be unlimited as to
the number of cooks that may enter.

- a. POINT COOKOFFS MUST BE OPEN TO 50 - All point cookoffs must be open to at least 50 cooks.
- b. AGE OF COOKS - All cooks must be 18 years of age or older as of the cookoff date.

10. TALLY SHEET, ENTRY LIST, AND FEES - A complete entry list with names and addresses must accompany the CASI Tally Sheet mailed to CASI. All cookoffs to be sanctioned will send ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00) for each entry entered in each cookoff to CASI (i.e.: 38 cooks entered, send CASI \$38.00 along with tally sheet and entry list).

11. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH CASI RULES - A cookoff that fails to comply with CASI rules will be placed on probation or suspension.

a. MINOR INFRACTIONS - A minor infraction will receive probation for one year and this probation will be published in the Goat Gap Gazette or official CASI publication. It must also be stated in next year's entrance forms and all advertising that the cookoff is on probation. Participants will not be penalized and will receive points for the CASI Terlingua Championship even though the cookoff is on probation. A CASI referee must be present at next year's cookoff and certify that the rules are followed in order for the probation to be lifted.

b. FLAGRANT VIOLATIONS - A flagrant violation of the rules will receive a suspension of two (2) years. That group or individual sponsoring and location will not be recognized by CASI for sanctioning during suspension period. Offenders will be published in the Goat Gap Gazette and/or official CASI publication. It will be determined on an individual basis whether the cooks will receive points or if they will be disallowed in a cookoff that received a suspension.

SANCTIONED COOKOFF JUDGING RULES

USING CASI SECRET JUDGING SYSTEM

COOKOFF CHILI DEFINED

1. CHILI COOKED ON SITE - All chili must be cooked on site the day of the cookoff from scratch. All chili will be prepared out in the open (no cooking inside motorhomes, etc.).

a. CHILI COOKED FROM SCRATCH - "Scratch" is defined as starting with raw meat. ~~Regular commercial chili powder is permissible but complete commercial chili mixes are not permitted.~~

b. NO FILLERS IN CHILI - No beans, macaroni, rice, hominy, or other similar items will be acceptable.

c. ONE CHILI PER COOK - Each head cook is responsible for cooking one pot of chili and turning in one judging cup from that pot! The head cook must prepare the chili that he or she intends to be judged—no more than one judging sample can be taken from any one pot.

d. SANITATION - Cooks are to prepare and cook the chili in as sanitary a manner as possible.

(1) COOKING CONDITIONS SUBJECT TO INSPECTION - These conditions are subject to inspection by the judging committee and/or a member of CASI's Regional or Area Referees. Failure to comply is subject to disqualification.

(2) YOU MAY HAVE TO TASTE YOUR CHILI - All chili cooks may be required, at the discretion of the referee or head judge, to remove the lid from the chili cup and eat a spoonful of their own chili before turning it in for judging. If the contestant refuses, the chili will be automatically disqualified.

2. PENALTIES - Failure to comply is subject to disqualification of the individual cook for that cookoff. Anyone disqualified will be notified immediately of the disqualification. Decisions of the official(s) are final.

PREPARATION FOR JUDGING

3. CUPS - These shall be between 12 and 20 oz. with lids. Styro works best; it holds the heat. All cups must be identical in color, size, shape, etc. Always make up extra cups.

4. COIN ENVELOPES - While not mandatory, coin envelopes (available at most office supply stores—get the smallest size available) are recommended to hold the secret number. The envelope (containing the number) subsequently is affixed to the bottom or side of the judging cup. Another coin envelope may be used to contain the duplicate secret number which is placed inside the cup.

5. **DUPLICATE SET OF NUMBERS** - A duplicate number system must be used. One part is to be concealed and affixed to the exterior of the judging cup. The second (duplicate) copy is to be placed in the interior of the same cup and the lid replaced. Commercial numbered paired theater/raffle tickets can be purchased by the roll and offer a uniform, easy to use, duplicate numbering system. Another method is to make a duplicate a set of numbers on slips of paper (one number pair for each cup used in judging). For instance #1, #1, #2, #2, etc. (The two numbers should be prepared in such a way that the number will not be confused or transposed as a similar number). Have extra help available to insure that no mistakes are made in placing the numbers on and in each cup. Cups should not be kept in order.

6. **EXPLAIN RULES AND DISTRIBUTE JUDGING CUPS**

a. **COOKS MEETING** - Holding a contestants meeting (usually some three hours prior to chili turn-in time) offers the opportunity to:

- (1) Explain chili and showmanship judging rules.
- (2) Distribute judging cups and have cooks sign their secret numbers.
- (3) Remind all contestants that discharge of firearms, use of explosives or noise producing pyrotechnics, and nudity/lewdness are not allowed.
- (4) Cover any local customs or procedures, and answer any other questions about the cookoff.

b. **DISTRIBUTE CUPS** - There should be an extra list of contestants so that each head cook or team member can initial that he or she has been given a cup.

c. **COOKS MUST SIGN THEIR NUMBER SLIPS** - The chili cooks must sign their secret numbers in ink at the time their cups are issued. Winners shall not be eligible if their secret numbers are unsigned when presented.

d. **YOU MUST HAVE YOUR NUMBER TO WIN - IMPORTANT:** Head cook should be told to remove the ticket from inside the cup and keep this ticket in a safe place. Remind the cooks that they cannot win if they have lost their numbers.

e. **DON'T FOOL WITH YOUR CUP** - Remind the cook not to remove or tamper with the number on the outside of the cup. Any altered cup may be disqualified.

f. **DAMAGED CUP** - If a cook damages a cup, another cannot be given without turning in the damaged cup and both numbers.

g. **LOST CUP** - Should a contestant lose a cup or number, a new cup and number can be issued, provided that the head judge or referee also signs the new secret number ticket that the recipient signs.

JUDGING THE CHILI

7. **JUDGING SHEETS** - The CASI Official Judging Sheet is included in the Official CASI Packet obtained from the Goat Gap Gazette or CASI. Make copies so that you have ample sheets for judging preliminary and final judging, as well as for semi-finals (if needed) and tallying. A sample tally sheet is included in the official CASI packet.

8. **FILLING CUPS** - Be sure to have cooks bring their chili in the judging cup 3/4 full to a designated place at a set judging time. Have the preliminary judges ready to judge at this time.

9. **TURN IN TIME** - All judging begins at the same time. **No more chilis will be accepted after judging commences.**

10. **HOLDING CHILI** - If possible, have an insulated cooler or warming oven in which to keep the chili at least warm.

11. **CHECKING IN AND MARKING JUDGING CUPS** - As cups for judging are turned in, have a judging official or officials place cups in large boxes until boxes are full or until all chilis are turned in, whichever may come first.

12. **RANDOMLY SELECT CUPS FOR JUDGING** - Have officials take the boxes to another official or officials (i.e., table monitors) and let these officials remove, at random, the predetermined number of chilis these officials remove, at random, the predetermined number of chilis that will be placed on each judging table and place these chilis in different, separate boxes.

13. **NUMBER THE CUPS** - After each official has determined the number of chilis in each box, they should number the cups one at a time and make a large letter and number on the side of the judging cup. Example, three judging tables A, B, C, therefore cups marked A-1, A-2..., B-1, B-2..., etc.). Continue this process until all cups turned in are properly marked and taken to the appropriate judging tables. Note: The numbers on the bottom or side of the cup remain unknown to the judges and the official writing the judging number on the cup exterior.

14. **RENUMBER CUPS AFTER EACH JUDGING STAGE** - The outside judging numbers on the cups must be changed at each stage of judging (preliminary, semi-final, and/or final). Marking over the previous numbers with a darker colored ink and using a different colored marker for each level of judging helps avoid confusion in the marking process.

15. **JUDGES NEEDED** - Judging will be done using preliminary and final judges, and when applicable, semi-final judges.

16. **SELECTION OF JUDGES**

a. **PRELIMINARY JUDGES** - With proper instructions on the judging criteria, any person who likes chili should be able to judge satisfactorily. Judges shall be adults. Head cooks or knowledgeable cooking team members may serve as preliminary judges.

b. **SEMI-FINAL JUDGES** - Semi-final judges shall not have been judges in the preliminaries.

c. **FINAL JUDGES** - Final judges should not be associated with any cook at that given cookoff (i.e., wife cooking/husband judging, or members of cooking team judging if another of same team is cooking). **Final judges shall abstain from tasting chili prior to judging.**

17. LEVELS OF JUDGING

a. PRELIMINARY - In judging, a minimum of four (4) chilis must come off each preliminary table and go to the next level of judging.

b. SEMI-FINALS - In large cookoffs when too many chilis would be on the final table, additional judging should be used.

c. FINALS - Judging should be divided among the prior tables so that the final table will end up with no more than twenty (20) chilis but no less than twelve (12).

~~d. TIES - Do not break ties in the predetermined chilis that must come off the preliminary judging tables or the semi-final judging table. They are to be passed on for further judging.~~

18. TABLE MONITORS - Have adequate help to insure that judging goes quickly and smoothly. Each table should have a knowledgeable table monitor to control table talk and answer questions. **Discussions of the chili will not be permitted.** It is the responsibility of the table monitor (especially on preliminary judging tables) to remove the lid, look at the chili, and check each cup for interior marks and fillers before passing it to the judges. Any questions as to disqualification of a chili will be directed to the referee/head judge by the table monitor for a final decision.

19. JUDGING CRITERIA - One score takes into consideration all criteria for scoring chili. That criteria being: aroma, consistency, red color, taste, and aftertaste. Included is a sheet of judging guidelines.

20. SCORING - Score each cup of chili on its own merits with a whole number score from 0 to 10; 10 being the highest. No plus (+) or minus (-) will be taken into consideration.

a. EACH CHILI MUST BE SCORED - Each judge must give a score to each cup of chili.

b. NEW SPOON - A clean/different spoon shall be used for each taste of chili.

21. CHECK COMPLETENESS OF JUDGING AND SCORE SHEETS - The table monitor should make sure that each judge at the table has judged each chili and scored each chili before releasing it. **A judge may not retaste a chili once it has been passed to the next judge.** Each chili is judged on its own merits, and the total points from all judges will determine the winner. Table monitors should insure that each judge signs the judging sheet before releasing the judges.

22. TABULATING - Tabulations should be done in the judging area and overseen by a referee and/or other CASI official.

23. TIE BREAKING - Judging sheets may be pulled at random and secretly to be used for breaking ties. If necessary, a tie breaking panel of three judges will be used to break ties on the final judging table. These judges should be composed of persons who have not cooked or judged that day.

24. MARKING WINNING CUPS - When the winning cups have been determined, the places they finished should be marked (in a manner not to be confused with a prior judging number) on the cup and the lid, both.

25. ANNOUNCING WINNERS - The top three or more showmanship winners and the top ten or more chili winners must be announced in reverse order of their finish, and ~~names and addresses recorded in order of finish. Note: Some entrants may have traveled some~~ distance to attend such that safe travel time becomes important; winners should be announced promptly (within 30 minutes of completion of final judging).

26. METHOD OF ANNOUNCING WINNERS - Winning chili numbers will not be revealed until time to announce winners. At that time, the secret number which was affixed to the outside of each cup will be passed to the cookoff referee and then to the announcer. Persons announcing, running judging, and refereeing may cook if they want to, however, they should appoint persons who did not cook that day to fulfill their duties on stage during announcement of the winners. The official must watch from off-stage to see that CASI rules are followed. Upon announcement of the winning numbers, cooks must present the signed, matching number to claim awards and points (as sanctioned by CASI). This will be the first time anyone will know the identity of the winners.

27. ALSO ANNOUNCE FINALISTS - The numbers of all chilis reaching the finals may be announced after the completion of the announcement of all winners.

TO APPLY FOR CASI SANCTIONING

28. SUBMIT PAPERWORK - Tally sheets (which are included in the Official CASI Packet obtained from the Goat Gap Gazette (or CASI) must be completed and submitted to CASI for sanctioning to occur. The tally sheets must be signed by an official monitoring the cookoff. These tally sheets must list the top ten (10) chili winners and the top three (3) showmanship winners, in the order of their finish, names and mailing addresses. The official checking the tally sheets should also note the number of chilis presented for judging. Both copies must be forwarded with a complete entry list of cooks, accompanied by a check for one dollar (\$1.00) per cook to: CASI, P.O. Box 31183, Dallas, TX. 75231. If sent to CASI incomplete (i.e., lack of referee's signature), it will be returned to sender. CASI will mail a copy of the tally sheet to the Goat Gap Gazette and its official CASI publication to be published after all sanctioning requirements are met.

29. SEND IN WITHIN 30 DAYS - If the preceding is not completed within thirty (30) days of the completion of the cookoff, points will be awarded at the discretion of CASI and the cookoff, at the discretion of CASI, could be automatically suspended for two years.

CASI SHOWMANSHIP RULES

The following rules apply to showmanship competition at cookoffs seeking CASI sanctioning. These rules also are for qualifying individuals and/or teams to participate in showmanship at the CASI Terlingua Championship. Showmanship offers entertainment at cookoffs and, like chili, should be in good taste. The following criteria serve as showmanship judging guides.

SHOWMANSHIP SHALL BE JUDGED ON:

1. Theme (originality, etc.)
2. Costume
3. Booth set up
4. Action
5. Audience Appeal

OTHER FACTORS AFFECTING SHOWMANSHIP

1. **AMPLIFICATION** - Battery-powered amplification may be used with limited volume so as not to interfere with adjacent contestants. Decision of volume is at the discretion of the official monitoring the cookoff. Failure to comply with an official's request can result in disqualification.
2. **NO PYROTECHNICS** - Disqualification will result for any contestant discharging firearms or using any other explosives or noise producing pyrotechnics. All cookoffs are urged to outlaw the practice. No show team can use any noise producing pyrotechnics or explosives in their show.
3. **SHOW STANDARDS** - Nudity and lewdness are banned from Showmanship. Intentional use by any contestant will result in disqualification.
4. **DECISIONS OF OFFICIALS ARE FINAL** - Major rule infractions can result in disqualification. Any contestant disqualified will be notified immediately. The official monitoring the cookoff (or the person in charge of showmanship judging) notifies the show team head and gives the reason for the disqualification.
5. **NO INTERFERENCE WITH SHOW** - There will be no entertainment or outside interference that would interfere with showmanship during the hours of showmanship (i.e., bands). Showmanship by teams must be limited so as not to interfere with other contestants.
6. **SHOW TEAMS MUST ALSO ENTER CHILI** - Showmanship teams must have a minimum of one cook entered in the cookoff in order to qualify for showmanship points. To be certain of being judged, contestants should declare their intention to do show prior to start of showmanship. This can be done when signing for the chili judging cup.
7. **ONE NAME PER SHOW TEAM** - Showmanship teams must enter all cookoffs under the same name and mailing address in order to avoid confusion in the recording of show points.

8. **SHOWMANSHIP PERIOD** - Judging shall be on a continuous basis for two hours during the cookoff, ending at least thirty (30) minutes prior to turn-in time of chili or beginning thirty (30) minutes after turn-in of chili.

a. **VARYING SHOW PERIOD** - Showmanship, under severe conditions such as rain, or extreme heat, can be shortened by the cookoff referee/head judge with the approval of all showmanship teams competing at that cookoff and the promoter.

b. **ONE COOKOFF PER DAY** - A Showmanship team may not be awarded points under the same name in more than one cookoff per day.

SHOWMANSHIP JUDGING PROCESS

8. **SELECTION OF SHOW JUDGES** - Judges should be chiliheads who know what constitutes showmanship. Any outside judges should be given an explanation of the criteria for judging showmanship. It is recommended that at least fifty (50) percent of the showmanship judges be chiliheads.

9. **ANONYMITY OF JUDGES** - Judges shall remain anonymous during judging. Showmanship judging sheets may be revealed after results are announced.

10. **SCORING** - Showmanship judging will be a one (1) to ten (10) point system, using the five categories above as criteria for determining a score of 1 to 10. The Official CASI Showmanship Judging Sheet is included in the official CASI rules packet which may be obtained from the Goat Gap Gazette (or CASI). Have ample sheets available for showmanship judging.

11. **RECORDING SHOW WINNERS** - Winners will be recorded on official tally sheets and mailed to CASI for sanctioning points to be awarded.

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

STATE, REGIONAL, AND INTERNATIONAL

1. **ESTABLISHING AN OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP** - All new CASI open championships must be approved by CASI. Such approval must be prior to any advertising being done implying a CASI-affiliated open cookoff.

2. **STATE MENS AND WOMENS OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS** - In addition to a State Championship, separate state mens and womens open championships may be applied for at the Annual Great Peppers' Meeting by a Pod or Pods in a state not having a currently recognized mens/womens state open championship who had a minimum of 15 CASI-sanctioned cookoffs in the cooking year prior to the year of requested sanctioning. Any state falling below the required 15-cookoff minimum, exclusive of the mens/womens state open championship in a cooking year may reapply when they can meet the minimum cookoff requirement stated above.

3. OPEN COOKOFFS ARE UNLIMITED - A State, Regional, or International Championship must be unlimited as to the number of cooks that may enter. A minimum of twenty-five (25) cooks must be present and cooking, one entry per individual per cookoff. All cooks must be 18 years of age or older as of the cookoff date.

4. REFEREES FOR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS - State, Regional, and International Open Championships shall have a Regional Referee, Great Pepper, or CASI designated official as Head Judge who is responsible for the judging process.

5. ESTABLISHING A REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP - A Regional Open Championship may be applied for at the Annual Great Peppers' Meeting based on the following criteria:

- a. Region involved must encompass a minimum of three states.
- b. Region involved must have a minimum of one CASI-recognized Pod in two of the three states involved.
- c. Region involved must have a minimum of one state who was at the 12-point requirement level in the cooking year prior to the year of requested sanctioning.
- d. Region involved must maintain the minimum requirements of application for continuance of a regional open championship. Any region falling below the minimum requirements may reapply per the initial requirements regarding a regional open championship.
- e. No state or pod may be official sponsors of more than one regional open championship per cooking year.

6. RECOGNITION OF REGIONAL OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS - In all Regional Open Championships, the top three winners will be recognized as the Regional Open Champions. The champion and two runners up will be entitled to the privileges of these titles; these championships will be roving championships within the defined region with the site to be determined annually at the Great Peppers' meeting.

CASI TERLINGUA CHAMPIONSHIP

QUALIFYING SYSTEM FOR COOKS AT THE CASI TERLINGUA CHAMPIONSHIP

1. QUALIFIED COOKS MUST BE:

- a. Past CASI Terlingua Champions. In addition, the current second (2nd) and third (3rd) place finishers will be eligible for the following CASI Terlingua Championship only.
- b. Current Men's State, Women's State and Open State championship and two runners up, current champion and two runners up from recognized international or regional championships. Current recognized regional and international championships are the Southwest Open and the Mexico International Chili Cookoff at Nuevo Laredo.

c. Cooks who have accumulated the required number of points for the state of their residence. Based on previous Chili Year, State requirements shall be based on the following criteria.

STATES HAVING: 1 - 5 cookoffs require 6 points
 6 - 10 cookoffs require 9 points
 11 or more cookoffs require 12 points

Open State, Regional, and International cookoffs
do not apply towards total cookoff requirements.

BASIS FOR QUALIFICATION

2. **CHILI YEAR** - The current CASI Terlingua Championship Year (chili year) runs from October 1 until midnight September 30 of the following year. Points will be accumulated during this period for the following November CASI Terlingua Championship Cookoff.

3. **EXCEPTIONS TO CHILI YEAR** - Exceptions to the chili year are the Luckenbach ladies cookoff and the Tucson, AZ fair cookoff whose results apply to the upcoming CASI Terlingua Championship. All other cookoffs after September 30 will be towards the following year's CASI Terlingua Championship.

4. **CASI CHAMPIONSHIP COOKOFF DATE AND SITE** - The CASI Championship Cookoff will be held each year on the first Saturday in November. The CASI Championship Cookoff presently is held at Terlingua (TX).

5. **CASI RULES APPLY TO CASI TERLINGUA CHAMPIONSHIP** - Rules for sanctioning CASI Cookoffs shall be observed at the CASI Terlingua Championship Cookoff.

CASI TERLINGUA CHAMPIONSHIP CHILI POINTS

6. **AWARDING OF CHILI POINTS** - Cookoffs that meet the preceding qualifications will be awarded points to cook in the CASI Terlingua Championship Cookoff on the basis of four (4) for first (1st), three (3) for second (2nd), two (2) for third (3rd), and one (1) point for fourth (4th) through tenth (10th) places, the exception being State, Open or Regional Championships; whereas the first (1st) through third (3rd) places residing in that state or region, respectively, will qualify to cook at the CASI Terlingua Championship Cookoff. Any cook finishing in the top three (3) places, but residing outside that state or region, respectively, will receive points towards the CASI Terlingua Championship Cookoff. Recognized International Championships may also qualify the first through third places to cook at the CASI Terlingua Championship Cookoff.

CASI TERLINGUA CHAMPIONSHIP SHOWMANSHIP POINTS

Points toward the CASI Terlingua Championship Cookoff will be awarded as follows:

7. **AWARDING OF SHOW POINTS** - Sanctioned cookoffs will award three (3) points for first (1st) place, two (2) points for second (2nd) place, and one (1) point for third place in showmanship.

8. NUMBER OF SHOW POINTS REQUIRED TO QUALIFY - It shall require the same number of points to qualify in showmanship for the CASI Terlingua Championship as it does for chili. All cookoffs including State Championships, Regional and Open Championship shall award points on this basis; (no automatic qualifications for show).

9. SHOW IS SEPARATE FROM CHILI AT THE CASI TERLINGUA CHAMPIONSHIP - Qualification for showmanship at the CASI Terlingua Championship does not automatically qualify one to cook. A show team qualified to participate in showmanship competition at the CASI Terlingua Championship need not have a qualified cook in order to participate in showmanship competition.

CASI AFFILIATED PODS

A SANCTIONED CASI POD

1. A pod must meet the following criteria for CASI affiliation:

- a. Works for the benefit and promotion of chili through CASI
- b. Maintains a paid up membership of at least 25 members
- c. Holds an annual election of officers
- d. Holds a CASI pod cook-off during the year, and
- e. Whose Great Pepper or authorized alternate attends the Annual CASI Great Peppers' Meeting. If a Pod is not represented at the annual meeting, the Pod will be placed on probation. If the Pod is not represented at the next annual Great Peppers' meeting, the Pod will be suspended.

2. All pods are requested to adjust their calendar year to coincide with the CASI chili year (10/1 to 9/30).

REFEREES

1. The duties of Area Referees are:

- a. To define the CASI rules to cookoff promoters when asked.
- b. They are to interpret rules only and are not required to help run a cookoff.
- c. They are observers to see that CASI rules are followed.
- d. Report to the appropriate Regional Referee any rules infractions, preferably in writing.

CHILI JUDGING GUIDELINES

BASIC RULE: Chili should **LOOK GOOD, SMELL GOOD, and TASTE GOOD!**

JUDGING TIPS:

1. Like chili - Take your judging seriously.
2. Pay attention - Listen to judging instructions.
3. Keep an open mind. Just because it doesn't look or taste like your chili doesn't mean it's not good chili. Use the judging criteria as guides.
4. Judge each chili on its own merit, do not attempt to compare. Once you have passed the chili on, you may not retaste it during judging.
6. Look it over, smell it, and stir chili before tasting. Basically, chili is a meat and gravy combination. Good chilis can be made either with cut (cubed) meat, ground meat (chili grind), or both.
7. Be careful not to burn yourself with stove-hot chili that can numb your taste in a manner similar to super-hot peppers.
8. Pace yourself, you have several chilis to judge. Usually a spoonful or two per chili will be sufficient for judging. Allow time enough to check the aftertaste and let the afterbite (if any) develop.
9. Use a different spoon per taste.
10. Clear your palate between tasting the different chilis.
11. You must judge and score each chili. Occasionally you may get a chili with such poor aroma, color, and/or consistency that you just can't bring yourself to taste it. In such instances you do not have to taste it, but you must score it.
12. Don't discuss chili during judging. If you have any questions, ask the table monitor.

SCORING:

1. Write your name and table number where designated. Sign your score sheet. Keep it folded when not entering your scores.
2. You place your score in the score sheet blank that corresponds to the judging number marked on the exterior of the cup you are judging. The table monitor will explain any details.
3. Score on a whole number scale from 0 to 10 (ten is high). Consider all of the factors to arrive at one composite score that represents your opinion of that chili.
4. Whether you tend to score high or low doesn't matter as long as you are consistent in your scoring pattern.

JUDGING CRITERIA

AROMA, RED COLOR, CONSISTENCY, TASTE, AND AFTERTASTE

JUDGES CREED

Each and every cook out here has worked hard all day in the elements to put together the very best pot of chili that they could. Keep that in mind and take your time. Be as fair and impartial with each of these chilis as you can, as each of them is as vitally important to someone, as yours is to you.

REMEMBER: Chili should **LOOK GOOD, SMELL GOOD, and TASTE GOOD!**

JUDGING GUIDELINES (CONTINUED)

JUDGING CRITERIA Chili should LOOK GOOD, SMELL GOOD, and TASTE GOOD!

AROMA: Chili should smell good. Beware of foreign aromas or just plain bad smells.

RED COLOR: Chili should look good (appearance). Allow some leeway when evaluating color. For example, "Red" chili may range from reddish to reddish-brown or nearly brown. Not so good are shades of gray, black, yellow, pink, or camouflage. Excessive grease also mars appearance. Lighting conditions vary which can affect color and appearance evaluation.

CONSISTENCY: Chili should be a good meat and gravy combination. Meat should be tender but not broken down.

TASTE: Chili should taste good above all else. Although individual opinions will vary, a really good taste will stand out.

AFTERTASTE: Residual taste should be pleasant. Also present may be afterbite, which is that glow that develops in the mouth and throat that says this is chili rather than soup or stew. The absence, presence, or level of bite is a matter of personal preference.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

JUDGING VARIATIONS: Chilis may vary according to locale. Taste preferences differ. Some judges like it hot, some like it mild, and others prefer spice; but all should like chili. A panel of judges is used so that variations will average out during the judging process. Some chilis will receive widely varying scores. More often the better chilis will receive consistently high marks. Good chili should stand out no matter where it is found or who judges it. Judge each chili on its own merit.

FILLERS: No beans, macaroni, rice, hominy, or similar items will be acceptable.

FOREIGN OBJECTS: Strictly speaking, foreign objects are items not indigenous to chili. There are many interpretations of what chili should be. Most would-be "foreign" objects merely are items that affect appearance and should be considered under the color and consistency criteria. For example, small pieces mixed throughout a chili may not seriously mar appearance; however, large chunks of onion, large pepper pieces or whole peppers, large chunks of tomato or bell pepper, garlic pods or big pieces of garlic, many pepper or tomato seeds, herb leaves and stems, etc., all may detract from appearance. Things like olives, carrot chunks, large celery stems, bay leaves, mushrooms, and potatoes have also been known to disturb chili judges decorum.

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 **OFFICIAL CHILI JUDGING SHEET** 

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WELCOME TO THE JUDGING TABLE.

 **FINE CHILI SHOULD LOOK GOOD, SMELL GOOD, AND TASTE GOOD! ACCORDINGLY, EACH CUP OF CHILI IS TO BE JUDGED ON FIVE CRITERIA TO ARRIVE AT ONE WHOLE NUMBER SCORE OF 0 TO 10, WITH 10 BEING THE HIGHEST. THE FIVE CRITERIA ARE:**

- AROMA
- RED COLOR
- CONSISTENCY
- TASTE
- AFTERTASTE


 **JUDGE EACH CHILI ON ITS OWN MERIT; DO NOT ATTEMPT TO COMPARE.**


 **MAKE YOUR DECISION THE FIRST TIME BECAUSE THE CHILI CANNOT BE RETASTED AFTER IT IS PASSED.**

 **USE A NEW SPOON FOR EACH TASTE.**

 **PACE YOURSELF BECAUSE YOU HAVE SEVERAL CHILIS TO JUDGE**

 **CLEAR YOUR PALATE BETWEEN TASTING THE DIFFERENT CHILIS.**

 **PLACE YOUR SCORE IN THE SCORE SHEET BLANK THAT CORRESPONDS TO THE JUDGING NUMBER MARKED ON THE EXTERIOR OF THE CUP YOU ARE JUDGING. KEEP YOUR SHEET FOLDED WHEN NOT ENTERING SCORES.**

 **DO NOT TALK TO YOUR FELLOW JUDGES ABOUT CHILI, OR COMPARE NOTES OR SCORES DURING JUDGING. IF YOU DO YOU WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE JUDGING AREA AND YOUR SCORE SHEET WILL BE DISREGARDED.**

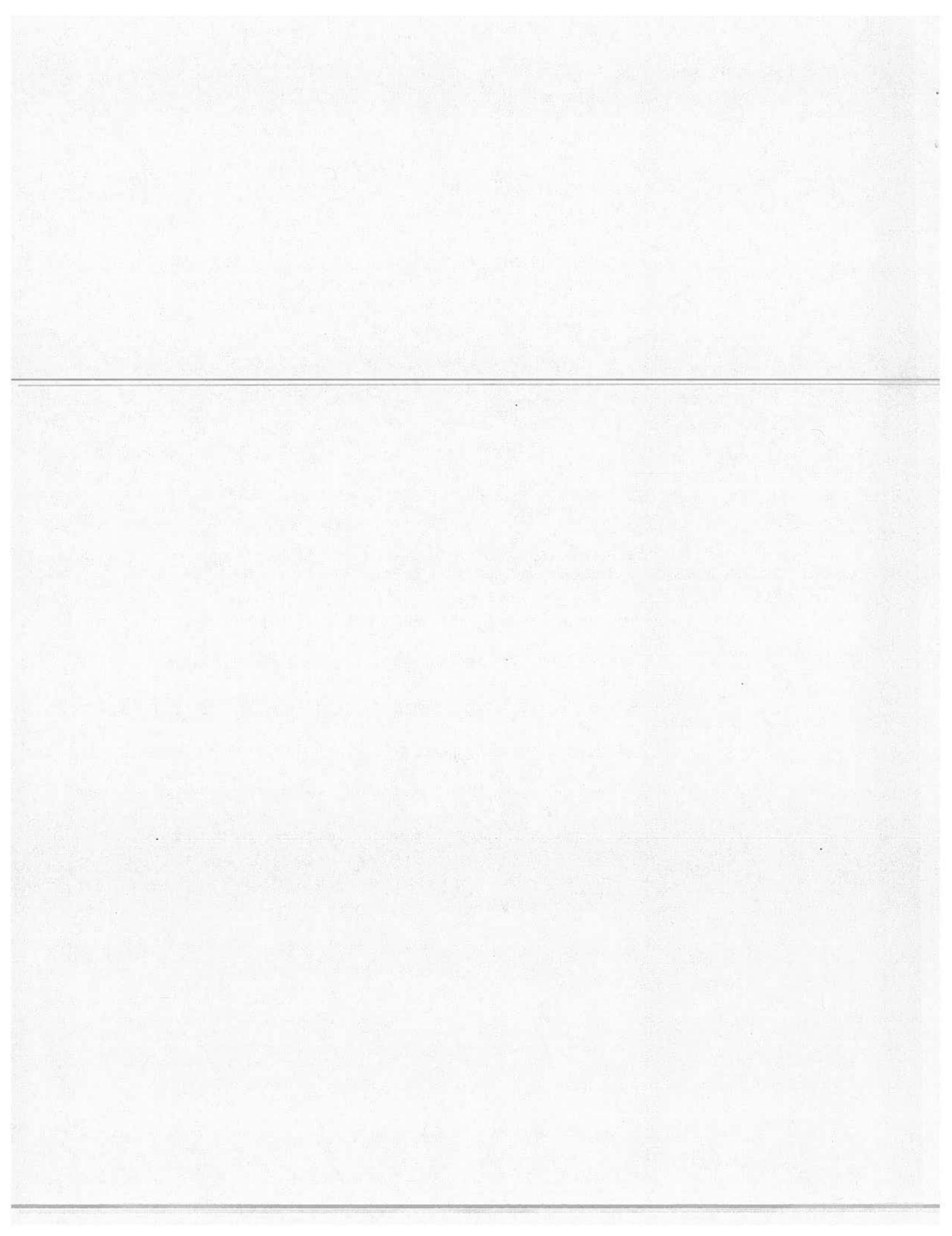
 **WHEN DONE, CHECK YOUR SCORE SHEET FOR CORRECTNESS. THE SCORES FROM THE JUDGES WILL DETERMINE THE WINNERS.**

 **IF YOU HAVE A QUESTION, PLEASE ASK YOUR TABLE MONITOR.**

ALL OF THE CHILI COOKS AND COOKOFF OFFICIALS APPRECIATE YOUR INTEREST IN JUDGING FOR THIS COOKOFF. MAY CHILIGULA BLESS YOUR DAY AND JOURNEY HOME.

TABLE # _____ JUDGES NAME _____

SIGNATURE _____



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YOU, AS A SHOWMANSHIP JUDGE MUST REMAIN ANONYMOUS DURING THE JUDGING PERIOD. JUDGE IN SUCH A WAY THAT THE TEAMS DON'T KNOW THAT YOU ARE A JUDGE. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, REFER THEM TO THE HEAD SHOW JUDGE. WHEN FILLING THIS TALLY SHEET, DO SO WHERE YOU CAN'T BE SEEN. ALSO, WHEN YOU WRITE DOWN ANY NOTES FOR YOUR JUDGING, DO SO IN A MANNER THAT WILL NOT BE OBSERVED.

SHOWMANSHIP WILL BE JUDGED ON:

- THEME
- COSTUME
- BOOTH SET-UP
- ACTION
- AUDIENCE APPEAL



USE CONTINUATION SHEET FOR ADDITIONAL TEAMS OR NOTES. USE MORE SHEETS IF NEEDED.



JUDGING WILL BE ON A CONTINUOUS BASIS THROUGHOUT THE TIME LIMIT.

SHOWMANSHIP BY TEAMS WILL BE LIMITED SO AS NOT TO INTERFERE WITH OTHER CONTESTENTS.

BATTERY-POWERED AMPLIFICATION MAY BE USED WITH LIMITED VOLUME SO AS NOT TO INTERFERE WITH SURROUNDING CONTESTANTS. DECISION OF VOLUME SHALL BE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE OFFICIAL MONITORING THAT PARTICULAR COOKOFF. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH AN OFFICIAL'S REQUEST CAN RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION. ANY TEAM DISQUALIFIED WILL BE NOTIFIED IMMEDIATELY.

DISQUALIFICATION WILL RESULT FOR ANY CONTESTANT DISCHARGING FIREARMS OR USING ANY OTHER EXPLOSIVE OR NOISE PRODUCING PYROTECHNICS.

NUDITY AND LEWDNESS ARE BANNED FROM SHOWMANSHIP. INTENTIONAL USE BY ANY CONTESTANT WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION.

SHOWMANSHIP JUDGING WILL BE ON A 1 TO 10 POINT SYSTEM USING THE FIVE CATEGORIES AS THE CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING YOUR FINAL SCORE. JUDGE EACH TEAM ON ITS OWN MERIT. THE TOTAL SCORE OF ALL JUDGES WILL PICK A WINNER.

MARK YOUR FINAL SCORES AT _____ AND TURN IN TO _____

TEAM NAME	NOTES	FINAL SCORE

JUDGES NAME _____ SIGNATURE _____



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AT BOTTOM CAREFULLY
TO GET THIS COOKOFF
SANCTIONED**

CHILI WINNERS

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SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS

1. Team Name _____
Team Captain _____
Address _____
City-State-Zip _____

2. Team name _____
Team Captain _____
Address _____
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3. Team Name _____
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**PLEASE HELP US TALLY THE
VALUE OF CHILI TO CHARITY.**

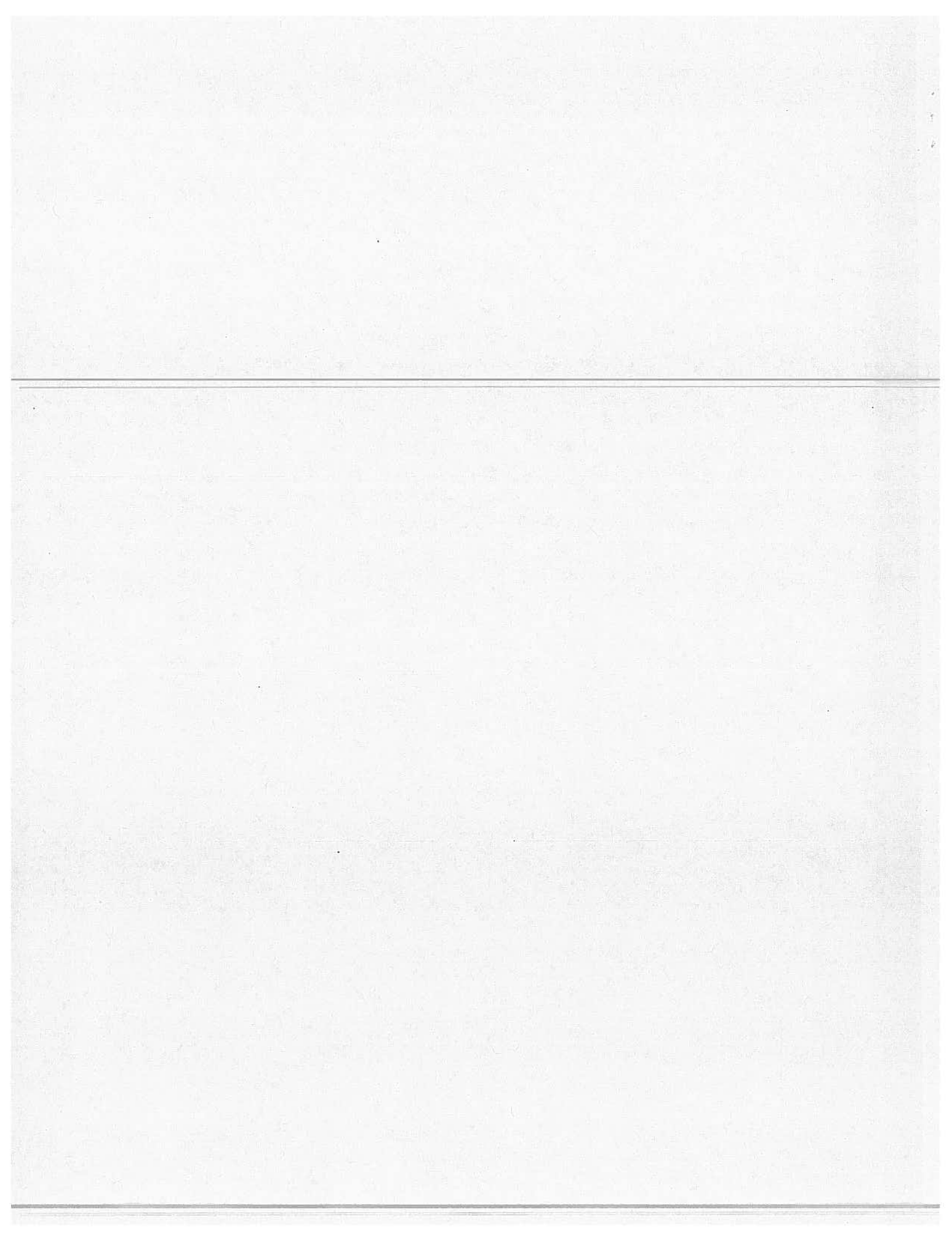
1. COOKOFF CHARITY _____

2. APPROXIMATE AMOUNT RAISED FOR CHARITY _____

COPIES OF THIS TALLY SHEET MUST BE MAILED IMMEDIATELY TO CASI INC., P.O. BOX 31183, DALLAS, TEXAS 75231. A COMPLETE LIST OF COOKS AND A CHECK (\$1.00 PER COOK) MUST BE SENT IN WITH THE TALLY SHEETS. THIS MUST BE COMPLETED FOR SANCTION!

COOKOFF DATE _____ LOCATION _____ NAME _____

NO. OF CHILIS JUDGED _____ REFEREE SIGNATURE: _____



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