



**NDWS 5th Annual Chili Cook-Off
OFFICIAL CONTESTANT FORM
(Must be completed in full)**

NAME _____

ORGANIZATION _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

TEAM NAME _____

CHIEF COOK _____

ASSISTANTS:

1. NAME _____ PHONE _____

2. NAME _____ PHONE _____

3. NAME _____ PHONE _____

4. NAME _____ PHONE _____

Number of people on support team? _____

Kitchen where Chili was prepared: _____

The above information is correct to the best of my knowledge. I have read the rules and regulations for Chili Cooks and if my application is accepted, I hereby agree to abide by such rules and regulations.

SIGNED _____ DATE _____

**Please return to the North Dakota Winter Show by 5:00pm, Friday February 27th, 2026, 700 7th St. SE,
Valley City, ND 58072, or e-mail ndws@northdakotawintershow.com
Questions? Please call 701-845-1401**

OFFICIAL RULES FOR COOKS
NDWS CHILI COOK-OFF
Tuesday, March 3rd, 2026, 4:00P.M. - 8:00P.M.
Doors Open @ 5:30 PM

THE FOLLOWING RULES ARE TO BE ADHERED TO BY ALL CHILI COOK-OFF TEAMS:

1. Entrants must fill out a registration form and return it to **North Dakota Winter Show by 5:00pm, Friday, February 27, 2026, 700 7th St. SE, Valley City, ND 58072, or e-mail ndws@northdakotawintershow.com**
2. NO alcohol/liquor will be allowed at the event.
3. Chili must be prepared and pre-cooked in a health safe environment. Fire regulations prohibit propane or natural gas in facility.
4. The NDWS will provide each team with the following:
 - a. 10' x 10' booth
 - b. table
 - c. electrical outlet
5. Each team is responsible for providing the following:
 - a. A minimum of 2 roasters of chili.
 - b. Cooking and serving provisions (must accommodate 110 volts ac).
 - c. Electrical extension cord (depending on your booth location, the outlets are sometimes multiple feet away so plan accordingly).
 - d. Plastic gloves, washing facilities and towels.
 - e. Sign with the Chili Cook-off team name they are using.
 - f. All display/promotional material/designs must be within the 10' x 10' booth.
6. Schedule
 - a. The west doors will open promptly at 4:00 p.m. to let vehicles in for setup. All vehicles must leave the arena at 4:45 p.m. All vehicles must enter and exit at the same time due to a new heating system in the building. Teams must be ready to serve for judging at 5:00 p.m.
 - b. Judging at 5:00 p.m. Be sure that all participants are present for group photo.
 - c. Cup sales to public beginning at 5:30 p.m.
7. Support team members may not exceed 12 people.
8. Demonstration of team spirit throughout the spectator area is encouraged. However, teams are asked to respect the visitors.
9. All contestants who have special requirements are asked to notify the NDWS at least three days in advance of the event.
10. All vehicles must be removed from the arena at 5:00 p.m.
11. Upon completion of chili tasting and trophy awards, all competitors must tear down their booth and remove all items from the arena.
12. Prizes will be awarded in the following categories:
 - 1st Place
 - 2nd Place
 - People's Choice
 - Best Decorated Booth
13. The decision of the judges shall be final.