The following rules and regulations will apply:

1. Chili is defined as any kind of meat or combination of meats cooked with chili, onions, peppers or other vegetables and various other spices and ingredients with the exception of rice or any type of pasta, which are forbidden. Beans are 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 16oz. of chili for judging.
4. The cooking period will be a maximum of five (5) hours.
5. Set-up and check-in begins at 8am. Contestant Meeting at 10am. Set-up/booth decorating during the hours of 8am-12pm. No more than five (5) people allowed in contestant assigned area when cooking commences and must have wristband.
6. STOVES WILL BE LIT PRECISELY AT 10:00PM TO BEGIN COOKING.
7. Contestants are responsible for supplying their own utensils, garbage can, etc. Bottled gas may be used and provided by the contestant. No electrical outlets will be available for use by contestants. All other equipment is to be supplied by the contestant team.
8. Each contestant must cook a minimum of four (4) gallons of chili. At least One (1) 16 ounce cup per competing team must be submitted for judging. The rest will be provided for sampling by the guests in the sampling cups provided for each team by Diamond Tattoos. 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 rim cup.
10. Competition chili will be judged based on taste, color, aroma, texture, use of spices and overall consistency. Judges encourages the use of unique ingredients to make your recipe stand out.
11. Sample chili for the public must be ready to serve by 2:30. The method of service is completely up to the ingenuity of the competitors. Sample chili will be what you 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. People’s Choice awards are: “Best Chili”, “Best Booth” & “Best Costume” of any cook assistant or team. This will be determined by the number of tickets in canisters provided by each vendor.
13. Each team must have a paid entry fee. Booth areas are 18’ x 18’ with a maximum tent size of 10’ x 12’. Teams are allowed as many assistants as they wish to decorate area until 12:pm. Contestants will provide the tent, cooking equipment, fuel, all cooking vessels, utensils and one fire extinguisher required per team and anything else you need. (Diamond Tattoo Chili Cook-off will ONLY be providing sample spoons and sample cups)
14. Bragging rights are up for grabs, so trash talking is not only legal, it is encouraged.
15. Above all this event is being held to provide the community to have some inexpensive fun. This imperative applies to the public, to the contestants and to the organizers.

AGENDA:
8:00am Registration & Setup
10:00am Contestants Meeting
10:30pm Burner Lit
2:30pm Samples ready for public
3:30pm Cooking ends & samples delivered to the judges table
4:00pm Judging begins
4:30pm Winner Announcement
PARTY!