

SOUP, STEW, CHILI & BREW JUDGING RULES & FORMAT OCTOBER 8, 2016

1. The judges' decision is final. There is no appeals procedure.
2. **There will be a mandatory "cooks meeting" at City Hall at 10 a.m.** This is when you will pick up the containers for food to be judged. You will also get an initial supply of bowls, cups, spoons, napkins, etc. **One person from each team must be present.**
3. Products to be judged must be turned in as follows:
 - a. **Brew** **12:30 pm (Brew is any non-alcoholic beverage)**
 - b. **Soup** **1:00 pm**
 - c. **Stew** **1:30 pm**
 - d. **Chili** **2:00 pm**
4. You will take your own products to be judged. **No one will pick them up.**
5. The turn-in table will be located in front of City Hall, 101 W. Main St.
6. Entries must be submitted in provided containers and no garnishes or decorations may be added to the product or the container. Each entry will be judged on its own merit.
7. At turn-in you will present your product(s), declare what category (brew, soup, stew, and chili) and give your name. Each container will then be given a random number in order to assure fair and unbiased judging. Judges will not be aware of whose product they are judging.
8. Judges will be awarding points based on three criteria:
 - a. **Appearance** **worth 1-4 points**
 - b. **Texture** **worth 1-8 points**
 - c. **Taste** **worth 1-8 points**
 - d. **Each Judge will then rank each entry in order of preference.**
9. In case of a tie the Judging Coordinator will have final say in determining the winner.
10. Each product will be judged by a panel of at least four judges and judging will be conducted in the following manner:
 - a. *Table Captain will present the container to each judge.*
 - b. *Each judge will give it a score of 1-4 points, with 4 being the highest, on general **appearance**.*
 - c. *Each judge will check the **texture** and then mark a score from 1-8, with 8 being the highest score.*
 - d. *Each judge will then taste the entry and award a score from 1-8 for the **taste**, with 8 being the highest score.*
 - e. *Each judge will then rank the entries, with 1 being the highest, on **overall appeal**.*

Once all entries are judged, the judges will turn the scoring card over to the Table Captain for tabulation.

The Judging Coordinator will review all scoring cards, check for errors and then assign first (1st) through third (3rd) place in each of the four categories: Soup, Stew, Chili and Brew

Awards will be presented at 3:30 pm at the Main Stage.

Stick around to congratulate the winners and taste the award-winning Soups, Stews, Chilis & Brews! The festival will conclude at 5:00 pm.