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## **LSVA Chili Cook-off – 2018 General Rules and Regulations**

- Contestants must pre-register to enter the contest. Registration the day of the contest is not permitted.
- Entry fee is \$100 – must accompany Chili Cook-off entry form (attached).
- Each team entry will be given a 10' x 10' spot. Canopies/tables can be set up in team spots.
- Electrical hookups are available, however could be up to 20' away from your spot, so teams will need to furnish their own extension cords and power strips.
- Teams are responsible for supplying all of their own utensils and products related to their chili submission and maintenance of its proper temperature for serving. Spoons and cups for use in serving chili to the general public will be provided. Condiments will not be provided.
- Teams are expected to be as sanitary as possible. Any blatant disregard in effort to be sanitary will result in disqualification.
- Each team is responsible for policing and cleaning up the area at the end of the day and removing all items from the area. There will not be an area for cleaning of dishes. No items shall be allowed to remain after the close of the Cook-off.

### **Cooking rules**

- Chili can be pre-cooked and brought to the cook-off ready to eat.
- ANY ingredients (including beans) can be used so long as they are prepared safely.
- Teams will be responsible for cooking a minimum of four (4) quarts of competition chili. A portion of this chili will be submitted to the judges and the rest will be for public consumption.
- A cooks meeting will be held at 10:30AM on the morning of the picnic. One member from each team must attend. At this meeting, each team will be given 1 official cup for entry. Cups will be collected shortly before the official judging time of 1:30 PM.
- Protect the Judging Cup – Once judging cups have been issued, each head cook is responsible for his or her judging cups. Cooks must not remove or tamper with the tickets on the bottoms of the cups. Any marked or altered cups will be disqualified.
- Cups should be filled  $\frac{3}{4}$  full.

The Lone Star Veterans Association is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that strengthens the community of post-9/11 veterans in Houston, Texas by connecting veterans to resources, opportunities, and other veterans.

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### Judging

- Chili will be judged with a designated panel of judges.
- Judges must abstain from inspecting or tasting chili prior to judging. Judges must not be associated with any cook or cook team competing.
- Judging Criteria and Scoring – Judges will score 5 categories, scoring each category from 1-7, for a maximum score of 35. The five categories scored are:
  - Aroma
  - Heat
  - Color
  - Taste
  - Overall Impression
- Awards – Awards will be given to the top 3 teams with the highest overall judges score. An additional “People’s Choice” award will be given to the team with the highest number of votes from those in attendance.