CZHILISPIEL 54
RULES & REGULATIONS

ATTENTION: ONLY ONE CASE OF BEER ALLOWED ON THE GROUNDS PER TEAM!
PLEASE SUPPORT CZHILISPIEL AND BUY THE REST OF YOUR BEER AT OUR BIERGARTEN! THANK YOU!

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COOKING AREA ADDRESS:
100 WEST NORTH MAIN ST. | FLATONIA, TX

I. CASI SANCTIONED CZHILI COOK-OFF RULES & REGULATIONS

1.**THERE IS NO SELLING OF ANY MERCHANDISE, OF ANY KIND, ALLOWED AT ANY CZHILI SPOTS.**
Czhilispiel is a registered trademark. You may ONLY print "Czhilispiel" on any Shirts, Koozies, etc.from our local licensed print shop: TreHouse Embroidery located at 107 East Main St., Weimar, TX 78962
2. **EARLY ENTRY FEE IS $25.00 IF RECEIVED BY September 30th, 2025**
3. **Entry forms received after the early deadline will be $30.00.**
4. **EACH TEAM WILL RECEIVE TWO 1-DAY PASSES, VALID FOR SATURDAY'S EVENTS ONLY. Additional passes may be purchased with your entry form. NO EXTRA PASSES FOR $10.00 WILL BE SOLD THE DAY OF THE COOK-OFF. Passes are required for each member of your team 12 years or older. No Exceptions. Please specify on your entry form. No more than 5 extra passes can be purchased. There are no refunds.**
5.**CASI CZHILI RULES & JUDGING:**

- CZHILI TURN IN TIME IS **2:00 P.M. ON SATURDAY, OCT. 25th.**
- Czhili will be judged on taste, red color, aroma, consistency, and aftertaste.
- Judging cups should be 3/4 full and turned in behind the Main Stage. 32 ounce cups will be used.
- You can begin cooking at any time.
- The top 10 Czhili's will receive awards and points to Terlingua next year. The top 5 showmanship teams will receive awards with the top 3 getting Terlingua points.

·**Cooking must be done outside and be made from scratch**. You must furnish your own ingredients and equipment. No fillers, such as: beans, rice, pasta, etc…can be used.
·**The Texas Department of Health has advised that all cook-off teams must maintain certain guidelines. (See page 5)**
6.**CHECK IN TIME IS SATURDAY MORNING FROM 7:00 A.M. TO 11:00 A.M. on Oct. 25th**

- All Czhili Cookers are asked to enter the gate at the West Gate of Czhilispiel on Hwy. 90 AKA West North Main Street.
- Please check in to get your spot number. If you would like to have a special spot, please advise us on your entry form. We DO NOT guarantee a specific spot….we try our best to accommodate your requests.
- Please get your entry in early to help us meet your special needs.
- The Czhili cookers will be up front, the teams entering Czhili & BBQ will be in the middle, NO EXCEPTIONS.
- If you enter the Czhili & Bar-B-Que Cook-off, your team will be set up in the middle of the Czhili Cookers the BBQ Cookers.

7.**COOKERS MAY STAY UNTIL SUNDAY. WE REQUEST THAT ALL COOKING SPOTS BE CLEANED UP BY 9:00 A.M. ON SUNDAY.**

- NO LOADING AFTER COOK-OFF UNTIL JUDGING IS COMPLETED.
- TO LOAD, PLEASE ENTER AT WEST GATES ON HIGHWAY 90.NO EXCEPTIONS.
- Do not bring anything that you plan to leave behind, such as: hay, sand, lumber, etc… Everything must be removed.

8.**COOKING SPOTS ARE LOCATED ON THE HIGHWAY, AND ARE APPROXIMATELY 10' X 15'.**

- Due to our limited site, RV's and Vehicles are no longer allowed in the cooking area during the event.
- Vehicles can enter once to load or unload.
- Please remember you are allowed to have coolers at your site only, which are brought in your vehicle when unloading.

·*ONLY ONE CASE OF BEER ALLOWED IN PER TEAM, PLEASE SUPPORT CZHILISPIEL AND BUY THE REST OF YOUR BEER AT OUR BIERGARTEN!*

- Please keep your cooking area clean.
- **Campfires are allowed at campsites only.**
- **NO PETS will be allowed in the Czhilispiel grounds.**
- **CAMPING SITES ARE ACROSS THE TRACKS SOUTH OF THE COOKING AREA**. No hookups are available. First come, first serve basis. PLEASE BE RESPECTFUL AND KEEP OUR ARE AREA CLEAN.

9.**SHOWMANSHIP JUDGING WILL BE FROM 11:00AM - 1:00PM.**

- Showmanship teams will be judged on theme, costume, booth set-up, actions and audience participation.
- **Showmanship teams will only be judged inside the fenced Cook Off Area!**
- No electricity may be used during showmanship judging. Showmanship teams will be disqualified for discharging firearms and for interfering with other showmanship teams.
- LOW TO MODERATE MUSIC IS ALLOWED AFTER SHOWMANSHIP.NO LIVE BANDS, KAROKE ETC…

10.**CASI RULES ARE THE LAW**. A copy of the rules can be obtained on the CASI Website, **www.chili.org**
11.**CZHILSIPIEL IS A FAMILY EVENT.**

- Lewdness and nudity will be grounds for disqualification.
- No alcohol shall be served from Czhili Booths. It is illegal as of 1994 CASI Rules.
- ONLY TWO WARNINGS GIVEN, BEFORE DISMISSALS AND DISQUALIFICATIONS FOR DISORDERLY CONDUCT.
- NO KEGS OR GLASS CONTAINERS ARE ALLOWED IN THE COOKOFF AREA!

12.**WE ASK THAT A COOK FROM EACH TEAM BE A JUDGE.** Please list your choice on the entry form.
If you have, any questions call us at 361-865-3920. If you wish to participate in the Bar B Que Cook-off on Saturday, please mark the appropriate box on your entry form.

II. HOMETOWN CZHILI COOK-OFF RULES & REGULATIONS

1. TO ENTER THIS CONTEST YOUR TELEPHONE NUMBER MUST START WITH THE 361-865 PREFIX.
YOU MUST HAVE A FLATONIA RESIDENCE. YOU WILL BE ASKED TO PROVIDE PROOF WITH PROPER ID.

2.EARLY ENTRY FEE IS $25.00 BY SEPTEMBER 30th 2026 & $30.00 AFTER SEPTEMBER 30th, 2026

- **Each team will receive two 1 day passes, for Saturday's events only. There are NO REFUNDS!**
- **5 extra passes can be purchased for $10.00 each if included on your entry form.**

3.THERE IS NO SELLING OF ANY MERCHANDISE, OF ANY KIND, ALLOWED AT ANY CZHILI SPOTS.

- **Czhilispiel is a registered trademark. You may ONLY print "Czhilispiel" on any Shirts, Koozies, etc.from our local licensed print shop: TX Printhouse located at 105 E North Main St., Flatonia TX 78941**

4.CHECK IN TIME IS SATURDAY MORNING FROM 7:00 A.M. TO 11:00 A.M.

- **All Czhili Cookers are asked to enter the gate at the West Fence of Czhilispiel on Hwy. 90 AKA West North Main St.**
- **Please check in to get your spot number. If you would like to have a special spot, please advise us on your entry form. We DO NOT guarantee a specific spot….we try our best to accommodate your requests.**
- **If you wish to cook near another team, we will try to accommodate your requests, but there are no guarantees. Please get your entry in early to help us meet your special needs.**
- **If you enter both CASI & Hometown Czhili Cook-offs, you will receive 1 space, not 2, for your entries.**
- **Please get your entry in early to help us meet your special needs.**
- **The Czhili cookers will be up front, the teams entering Czhili & BBQ will be in the BBQ section in back, NO EXCEPTIONS.**

5.CZHILI RULES & JUDGING:

- **CZHILI TURN IN TIME IS 12:30 P.M. ON SATURDAY, OCT. 24th**
- **Czhili will be judged on taste, red color, aroma, consistency, and aftertaste.**
- **Judging cups should be 3/4 full and turned in behind the Main Stage. 32 ounce cups will be used.**
- **You can begin cooking at any time.**
- **The top 5 Czhili's will receive awards. There will be no local showmanship.**

·Cooking must be done outside and be made from scratch. You must furnish your own ingredients and equipment. No fillers, such as: beans, rice, pasta, etc…can be used.

- **If you enter both cook-offs, Hometown & Czhilispiel (CASI) Cook-off, you will need a separate entry form & separate fee.**
- **The Texas Department of Health has advised that all cook-off teams must maintain certain guidelines. (See page 5)**

6.COOKING SPOTS ARE LOCATED ON THE HIGHWAY, AND ARE APPROXIMATELY 10' X 15'.

- **Due to our limited site, RV's and Vehicles are no longer allowed in the cooking area during the event.**
- **Vehicles can enter once to load or unload for no longer than 30 minutes.**
- **Please remember you are allowed to have coolers at your site only, which are brought in by your vehicle when unloading. *ONLY ONE CASE OF BEER ALLOWED IN PER TEAM, PLEASE SUPPORT CZHILISPIEL AND BUY THE REST OF YOUR BEER AT OUR BIERGARTEN! THANK YOU!***
- **Please keep your cooking area clean.**
- **Campfires are allowed at campsites outside of the event gates only.**
- **NO PETS will be allowed in the Czhilispiel grounds.**
- **NO KEGS OR GLASS CONTAINERS ARE ALLOWED ON CZHILISPIEL GROUNDS.**
- **NO LIVE BANDS, KAROKE, ETC. LOW TO MODERATE MUSIC IS O.K.**

7.COOKERS MAY STAY UNTIL SUNDAY. ALL COOKING SPOTS MUST BE CLEANED UP BY 9:00 A.M. ON SUNDAY.

- **NO LOADING AFTER COOK-OFF UNTIL JUDGING IS COMPLETED.**
- **TO LOAD, PLEASE ENTER AT WEST GATES ON HIGHWAY 90.NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- **Do not bring anything that you plan to leave behind, such as: hay, sand, lumber, etc… Everything must be removed.**

8.CASI RULES ARE THE LAW. A copy of the rules can be obtained on the CASI Website, www.chili.org. You may turn in your local entry from the same pot as the CASI pot of Czhili…but remember, only 1 head cook per pot. Committee rules are final.

9. CZHILSIPIEL IS A FAMILY EVENT.

- **Lewdness and nudity will be grounds for disqualification.**
- **No alcohol shall be served from Czhili Booths. It is illegal as of 1994 CASI Rules.**
- **TWO WARNINGS WILL BE ALLOWED BEFORE DISMISSALS AND DISQUALIFICATIONS**

III. BAR-B-QUE & BEANS COOK-OFF RULES & REGULATIONS

1.CATEGORIES TO BE JUDGED ARE BEEF BRISKET, PORK SPARE RIBS, One (1) CHICKEN HALF AND PINTO BEANS.

- $500 awarded to Overall Best BBQ, $300 1st Runner Up, $150 2nd Runner Up
- $250 will be awarded to each: Best Chicken, Best Pork, Best Beef
- (30%) of the Jackpot entry fees will be awarded for 1ST Place Beans
- (20%) for 2ND Place Beans, and (10%) for 3RD Place Beans.

2.ENTRY FEE IS $175.00 FOR ONE, TWO OR ALL THREE MEAT CATEGORIES AND $25.00 FOR PINTO BEANS. (ADDITIONAL FEES AFTER SEPT. 30th)

- Registration will be limited due to space and availability. SORRY, NO REFUNDS.
- If you would like to be assigned a space next to another team, please note on your entry form. We will do our best to accommodate your request, but no guarantees made. If your team is cooking Czhili and BBQ, your team will be placed in the middle of Czhili and BBQ.

3.SPACES ARE 20 X 30. Spaces are available to cook Czhili & Bar B Que.

4. IBCA Contest Rules Apply. Contest rules available at http://ibcabbq.org/organization-documents/

5.COOKS MEETING & TURN IN TIMES:

- Friday: 6:00 P.M. Head Cooks meeting with trays to follow.
- Saturday: (Standard Turn-In Times Apply Up To 100 Teams)
- 10:30 A.M. Beans
- 12:00 Chicken Turn In (1 (One) chicken half complete w/ breast, wing, thigh and drumstick)
- 1:30 Pork Spare Ribs (8 individual pork spare ribs)
- 3:00 Brisket (8 Full Slices)

6.ALL CONTESTANTS MUST BE IN PLACE BY 8:00 A.M. ON SATURDAY OCT. 24th, 2026 – Enter on Hwy 90 West AKA West North Main St.

- Cookers may enter grounds on Fri., Oct. 23th from 2:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m., or Sat., Oct. 24 starting at 7:00 am to unload/set-up.
- Saturday Evening - Loading may take place following announcement of Czhili & BBQ winners & must enter at west gate on HWY 90.

7.WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO INSPECT MEAT AT CHECK-IN.

- Meat must be raw and unseasoned at check in.
- Contestants may start cooking meat at 6:00 PM Friday, Oct. 23rd. REMINDER: HEAD COOKS MEETING AT 6:00 PM ON FRIDAY!
- Only one team or cook per pit!
- Each team is responsible for the storage of their meat.
- The Texas Department of Health has advised that all cook-off teams must maintain certain guidelines. (See page 5)

8.COOKERS MAY STAY UNTIL SUNDAY.

- All Cooking grounds must be cleared by 9 a.m. Sunday morning, October 25th.
- All teams are responsible for picking up around the space provided. Trash cans will be available for use.
- No loading after cook-off until judging is completed. To load, please enter at the West gates on Hwy 90. .

9.TEAMS CONSIST OF CHIEF COOK AND UP TO 4 ASSISTANTS.

- Armbands for the head cook and up to 4 assistants will be provided at check-in; additional armbands may be purchased for $10.00 with your entry form and limited to 5 extras per team. Armbands are required, AND MUST BE WORN.
- The Chief Cook will be held responsible for the conduct of his team.
- Excessive use of alcoholic beverages will be grounds for disqualification.
- BBQ and Beans must be prepared at the site assigned at the time of check-in.
- Vehicles are not allowed to remain on site after unloading. Unloading must be no longer than 30 minutes.

10.ALL TEAMS WILL BE ALLOWED TO BRING IN ICE CHESTS (NO GLASS CONTAINERS ALLOWED) upon arrival and set-up.

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- No more ice chests will be allowed through the gate after the first trip of set-up (ice chest must be on truck).
- LOADING AND UNLOADING WILL ENTER AT WEST GATE ON HWY 90.
- LOADING WILL TAKE PLACE AFTER ANNOUNCEMENT OF CZHILI AND BBQ WINNERS. NO EXCEPTIONS!!
- All teams are encouraged to give free samples, but no one is allowed to sell BBQ.

11.FIRES MUST BE WOOD OR WOOD SUBSTANCES, NO GAS GRILLS ALLOWED ON MEAT.

- All fires must be in containers. Holes or dug pits are not permitted.
- All teams must have a means of catching drip grease and ashes from pit.
- Contestants must supply all needed equipment and supplies.
- Generators are allowed; however, please try to use quiet ones.

12.COOK-OFF AREA RULES

- Music will be low to moderate based upon committee's discretion. No live bands, karaoke, amplifiers, etc.
- No firearms are permitted.
- No lewdness or nudity on cook-off grounds. This is a family affair. Poor taste in this area will be grounds for disqualification.
- Due to limited area, RV's & vehicles are no longer allowed in the cooking area during Czhilispiel.
- NO ANIMALS!! Except those used for handicap assistance.
- Czhilispiel is a registered trademark. No shirts, koozies, etc. can be given out or sold with the Czhilispiel name or logo.
- The Czhilispiel Committee will not be responsible for accidents or for theft of or damage to equipment.
- The BBQ Cook-off Committee reserves the right to make additional regulations as situations warrant.
- Decisions of the Committee and Judges will be final.
- Two warnings will be given. Thereafter are grounds for dismissal and disqualification.

IV. JACKPOT MARGARITA & BLOODY MARY COMPETITION

1. ALL RULES THAT APPLY TO THE CZHILI COOK-OFF APPLY TO THE MARGARITA CONTEST.
2. YOU MUST BE ENTERED IN EITHER THE CZHILI OR BBQ CONTEST TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS EVENT. This contest is an addition to the Czhili & BBQ cook-off. If you have any questions please contact the Czhili Cook-off Committee.
3. EARLY ENTRY FEE IS $25.00 IF RECEIVED BY Sept. 30th, 2026. Entry forms received after the early deadline will be $30.00 per entry.
4. Entries do not receive a cooking spot on the cooking grounds & do not receive any extra armbands.
5. JUDGING:
·Turn in time is at 11:00 am on Saturday, Oct. 24th , 2026 at the Czhili stage.
·No entries will be accepted after judging starts.
·Entries will be judged on taste only.
·A cup will be furnished to use for your margarita
·Tequila will be the main alcohol ingredient used. You may choose the tequila brand you prefer.
·May use pre-mixes & regular spices or ingredients. Make sure pre-mix is tequila based & not wine or another alcohol based mix.
6.PRIZES:
a. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top 3 winners based on the above criteria.
b. Cash prizes will be based on the number of entries, which will determine the amount awarded.
8. NO REFUNDS! SEE YA AT CZHILISPIEL!!!

V. TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH REGULATIONS

The Texas Department of Health has advised that all cook-off teams must maintain certain guidelines.

These guidelines are:
1.Food preparation area must be covered.
2.Cooked products must maintain 140 degrees or above, and cold foods must be maintained at 41 degrees or colder. Personnel shall maintain a high degree of personal cleanliness and conform to good hygienic practices.
A hand wash sink or a container of water with a spigot, a catch basin, soap and sanitary towels should be provided for hand washing.
3.Three suitably sized basins, with detergent, rinse and sanitizer, should be provided for cleaning equipment and utensils and food preparation areas.
4.Meat thermometers are required. If you do not have a thermometer, please get one before the cook-off. It is the responsibility of the Chief Cook to ensure that all team members abide by the Health Department rules and regulations. Failure to comply with any of these rules and regulations may result in immediate disqualification.