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**Lenexa Chili Challenge  
Mid West Regional Open Championship  
Presented by 94.9 KCMO**

As a sanctioned contest, The Lenexa Chili Challenge, Mid West Regional Open Championship will follow the 2011 Chili Appreciation Society International, Inc. (CASI) Rules and Regulations. For complete C.A.S.I. rules and regulations go to [www.chili.org](http://www.chili.org)

The following are clarifications and additions to the 2010 CASI Rules & Regulations.

**ADDITIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS TO 2011 CASI RULES:**

**RULES & REGULATIONS**

1. **COOKS MEETING:** The Cooks meeting will be held Saturday morning October 15, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. at the Lenexa Community Center. The Contest Director and the Chief Judge will give final instructions and answer any questions at that time.

2. **JUDGING:** Judging for both categories of chili (CASI and Home Style) and Salsa will start at **NOON** on Saturday, October 15, 2011. Judging for Hot Wings will begin at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 15, 2011.

3. **SAMPLE TURN IN TIMES WILL BE:**

Salsa	10:30 a.m. (Lenexa Community Center)
CASI Chili	Noon (Lenexa Community Center)
Home Style Chili	Noon (Lenexa Community Center)
Hot Wings	1:30 p.m. (Lenexa Senior Center)

4. All chili must be prepared at the cook's assigned booth. Each contestant is responsible for providing all cooking utensils and equipment. Contestants must use grills or self-contained gas stoves. **NO GROUND FIRES WILL BE PERMITTED.** All chili must be cooked on site from scratch the day of the cook off. All chili must be prepared in the open (no cooking in motor homes, etc.). NO electrical hook-ups are available and generators are not permitted. Each team is responsible for the cleanliness of its site during and after the contest. Non-cooperation of the cleanliness standard may result in disqualification from future **Lenexa Chili Challenges.** Chili **MUST NOT** be accessible to the public or handled in an unsanitary manner. Everyone within the confines of the cooking and serving area **MUST** wear shirts and shoes **AT ALL TIMES.** For safety reasons, contestants **WILL NOT** be able to remove any vehicles from the site until all awards have been announced and the public has vacated the site.

5. No more than one (1) quart of chili from each division will be collected at the end of the cooking period for purposes of judging. Each contestant will be allowed to enter (1) one sample from each division.

6. There will be two divisions of chili judged in this contest: "CASI Chili" and "Home Style Chili."

**CASI CHILI** is described as any kind of meat or combination of meats cooked with chili peppers, various other spices and other ingredients, with the exception of items such as beans or spaghetti, which are strictly forbidden.

**HOME STYLE CHILI** is described as any kind of meat or combination of meats cooked with various spices and other ingredients, which may include any variety of beans, spaghetti, or other fillers.

**SALSA** is described as any kind of sauce containing various spices, herbs, etc. typically tomato based, that can be used as a dip for chips. Excludes Guacamole and Cheese dips. Excessively hot salsas will be disqualified. Cooks must be willing to eat their own salsa.

**HOT WINGS** is described as a chicken wing either whole or part that may be cooked with various spices and other ingredients. Wings must be cooked on site. All cooking methods (deep fried, grilled, smoked, etc.) accepted for judging. Excessively hot wings will be disqualified. Cooks must be willing to eat their own wings.

7. In order to be good neighbors with the Old Town Lenexa businesses, contestants may check in and set up between the hours of 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 14 and between 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 15. All vehicles must leave the site and will be denied access to the site after 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 15. Any contestants needing special arrangements need to call Lindsay Hart at 913-477-7130. We will try to accommodate you as best we can. All props, motor homes, vehicles, tents, or any equipment related to these items may not exceed the boundaries of the assigned space. If you need more than the assigned space, you should let us know so we can try to accommodate your request. In consideration of our neighbors and the fellow contestants, bands, combos and/or loud amplification of music is prohibited after 11:00 p.m. on Friday, October 14 and all day on Saturday, October 15.

8. Teams will consist of one (1) Chief Cook and at most four (4) Assistant Cooks. No cooking or preparation of any kind may begin until the ingredients have been inspected. For HOME STYLE CHILI, pre-cooked or canned beans may be added. Inspectors will be available during the check-in times. Once the ingredients have been inspected, they may not leave the site. All meat used in any chili must start out raw. No precooked, pre-salted or pre-marinated meats are allowed. Sausage need not be ground and/or stuffed on site, but it must be raw.

9. The decisions of the **Lenexa Chili Challenge** Director, the Chief Judge, and/or the judges are final.

10. Refund of team entry fees will be given ONLY IF a replacement can be found for your booth space.

11. The entry deadline for booth assignments is Friday, September 23, 2011. All entries received after September 23, 2011 will receive first available booth placement.

12. Security will be provided from 10:00 p.m. on Friday, October 14 through 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 15. The City of Lenexa Kansas, its employees, volunteers and officers and the sponsors and their employees, volunteers and officers are not liable for theft of or damage to personal or group property and are not liable for any and all injuries suffered during the event.

13. **EXCLUSIVITY RULE:** The Lenexa Chili Challenge, Mid West Regional Open Championship relies on corporate sponsors to promote and underwrite the event. Because of

their involvement, major corporate sponsors have exclusive rights to distribute their products and display signage. Therefore, teams competing in the event and/or other companies may not distribute products or display signage for companies that directly or indirectly compete with the major corporate sponsors of the Lenexa Chili Challenge.

At this time sponsors are: Presenting Sponsor 94.9 KCMO

**14. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES:** Alcoholic beverages are allowed in the event site during the Chili Challenge as per City Ordinance 3-9G-2. Only alcoholic beverages brought in by teams during the check-in process (see rule #3), or purchased at the concession area will be allowed. No "carry in" alcohol is allowed at the contest. It is the responsibility of the Chief Cooks of all teams to ensure that only legal consumption of alcoholic beverages occurs in their booths. Excessive use of alcoholic beverages may be grounds for disqualification. Violations may result in disqualification and/or in arrest.

**15. DOGS AND OTHER ANIMALS/PETS:** The Lenexa Chili Challenge allows Seeing Eye dogs and other service dogs for people with disabilities. No other dogs or pets are allowed at the Lenexa Chili Challenge or on the grounds at any time.

**16.** Any person with a disability needing to be accommodated for the purpose of attending or participating in the **Lenexa Chili Challenge** needs to call Lindsay Hart at (913) 477-7130. Please give us at least 48 hours notice to arrange for your accommodation.

**17.** Awards for the Lenexa Chili Challenge will be presented at the conclusion of the judging process. Tentative time of awards is scheduled for 4:00 pm on October 15, 2011. The following shall serve as the order for awards;

**Peoples Choice Award**

3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	\$10.00 Gift Certificate & Ribbon
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	\$20.00 Gift Certificate & Ribbon
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	\$50.00 Gift Certificate, Plaque & Ribbon

**Salsa Division**

3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	\$10.00 Gift Certificate & Ribbon
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	\$20.00 Gift Certificate & Ribbon
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	\$50.00 Gift Certificate, Plaque & Ribbon

**Hot Wing Division**

3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	\$10.00 Gift Certificate & Ribbon
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	\$20.00 Gift Certificate & Ribbon
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	\$50.00 Gift Certificate, Plaque & Ribbon

**Home Style Chili Division**

10 <sup>th</sup> Place	Ribbon
9 <sup>th</sup> Place	Ribbon
8 <sup>th</sup> Place	Ribbon
7 <sup>th</sup> Place	Ribbon
6 <sup>th</sup> Place	Ribbon
5 <sup>th</sup> Place	Ribbon
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	Ribbon
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	\$50.00 Gift Certificate & Ribbon
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	\$125.00 Gift Certificate & Ribbon
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	\$200.00 Gift Certificate, Plaque & Ribbon

**C.A.S.I. Chili Division**

10 <sup>th</sup> Place	Ribbon
9 <sup>th</sup> Place	Ribbon
8 <sup>th</sup> Place	Ribbon
7 <sup>th</sup> Place	Ribbon
6 <sup>th</sup> Place	Ribbon
5 <sup>th</sup> Place	Ribbon
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	Ribbon

**Showmanship Award**

3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	\$10.00 Gift Certificate & Ribbon
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**C.A.S.I. Chili Division**

3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	\$50.00 Gift Certificate & Ribbon Qualifies for 2011 Terlingua
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**Showmanship Award**

2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	\$20.00 Gift Certificate & Ribbon
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**C.A.S.I. Chili Division**

2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	\$125.00 Gift Certificate & Ribbon Qualifies for 2011 Terlingua
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**Showmanship Award**

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	\$50.00 Gift Certificate & Ribbon
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**C.A.S.I. Chili Division**

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	\$200.00 Gift Certificate, Plaque & Ribbon Qualifies for 2011 Terlingua + paid travel expenses
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