

**TASK FORCE**  
**JUDGING PROCESS**

**JUDGES** –

Provide hand sanitizer for use during judging and immediately after rather than gloves. Gloves would necessitate changing after each cup of chili.

Each judge would have their own 'judging packet' consisting of spoons, napkins, pencils, judging sheet and pre-packaged condiments such as individually packed crackers. They would also have an additional empty bag for disposal.

Have judges walk around the table sampling the chili rather than being seated. This would somewhat eliminate the need for 'distancing' that seated in chairs would present. Also, the chili cups would not be touched by the judges. Lids would be removed by the monitor and replaced at the conclusion of judging. NOTE: This is an alternative judging method and can be very effective in meeting the contact/distancing health guideline. If done, all chili cups would be placed on the table at the same time using the CASI ticketing system and the CASI cup labeling method.

Non-seating of judges would require a clipboard or like item for them to use for marking judging sheet. NOTE: A manila folder with score sheet stapled inside could used as it would be a proper writing surface.

Adjust number of judges to 4 on lower levels. When necessary, reduce number of Final Table judges required.

**OR**

If decided to continue using the sit down method of judging:

Provide each judge with enough paper towels for the number of cups on the table plus 2. Each judge would use a paper towel to pass the cup and then dispose of the paper towel.

**CONDIMENTS**–

Provide only individually packaged crackers.

**TABLES** –

Sanitize after each use. Sufficient spacing to allow for distancing from one table to the next.

**CHAIRS**–

Sanitize after each use.

**PENCILS**–

Sanitize after each use.

Golf pencils would be an alternative to regular pencils. They are fairly inexpensive. They can be ordered online in boxes of 144 for about .06 each. One site sells them for 7.95 a box.

**SPOONS**

Individually wrapped spoons to be handed out in the judging packets.

### SEATING –

Partitions between judges (much like in local elections). These would require sanitizing after each seating. Tables and chairs would have to be sufficiently separated to keep judges on other tables safely distanced.

To accurately follow the CDC guidelines on distancing, without partitions, you would need table at least 14' feet long to accomplish this.

### JUDGING CRITERIA –

Checking 'aroma' puts a judge extremely close to the contents of the cup. Judge aroma from spoon of chili, rather than leaning over cup.

### HAND SANITIZER–

To be used by judges and monitors prior to and immediately after each judging round.

MASKS AND GLOVES – To be worn by all associated with judging process. NOTE: As stated in JUDGES above, this would necessitate changing of gloves after handling of each cup.

### CUP TURN-IN –

Several tables for turning in chili that are safely distanced from each other. Each cook would place their cup in the box rather than someone accepting it.

If it is a large cookoff, have several mules placed in specific areas with chili boxes. The cooks would turn-in cups at these different locations instead of one central location. This method was used for years at Chilympiad.

### BEVERAGES –

Sanitize can prior to providing. Communal pitchers/cups are not used. ALL beverages must be factory sealed. Can/bottle beer, bottled water. Do not use keg beer. Faucet water etc.

### MONITOR CUP CHECK –

Monitor sanitizes cup before providing to judges.

### SIGNAGE –

Sign with display of 'judging packet' advising how the judging items were handled and precautions taken.

### TALLY TEAM–

CASI rules require 2 individuals to tally; enforce that.

### ADVANCING CUPS –

Cups brought by Monitor to common area. Since to this point the cups have only been handled by sanitized hands, no need to sanitize. Cups are shuffled and moved back to judging table OR re-sleeve cups after each round of judging.

### CONCERNS

Availability of gloves, masks and hand sanitizer.

Judges moving around the table would have to manage many items and still score chili.

ICS system would necessitate all chilis on the table at the same time.