



TUSTIN STREET FAIR & CHILI COOK-OFF

CHILI TEAM APPLICATION



APPLICATION DEADLINE - MONDAY, JUNE 1

APPLICATION PROCESS

To be considered for the Chili Cook-Off, applicants must provide the following information to the City of Tustin by **Monday, June 1**. An email will be sent when your application is approved and a confirmation email will be sent prior to the event with additional details.

- Completed application
- Payment (**for Salsa Teams only**) - cash, credit/debit card, or check payable to the City of Tustin **\$15 per Salsa Team**

TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION

- Mail (no credit/debit card payment) or drop off completed application with to:
 - Tustin Parks and Recreation Department**
 - Attn: Erika Jennings**
 - 300 Centennial Way**
 - Tustin, CA 92780**
- Email completed application to Erika Jennings at ejennings@tustinca.org





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TEAM INFORMATION

Organization Name: _____

Main Contact: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

CONTEST ENTRY

Please check box(es) for each contest you are entering. You may compete in more than one contest.

- Judge's Chili**
 - No entry fee
 - Recommended amount of chili - 20 gallons
 - No ICS Membership required
 - May pre-cook at an approved food facility

- Restaurant Chili**
 - Food service providers and/or industry affiliations *only*
 - Same rules as Judge's Chili

- Last Call Chili**
 - Limited to 15 teams
 - See Page 3 for Rules and Regulations

- Judge's Salsa** - \$15 entry fee. No rules. One (1) quart required.

ICS Entries - Membership required to participate in ICS Category. Refer to ICS Rules and Regulations for membership structures. Four (4) gallons of chili required for all ICS entries.

ICS Membership Number: _____

- ICS Red Chili**
- ICS Homestyle**



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TEAM SPONSOR INFORMATION

If your team is being sponsored, please disclose all details including sponsor name and type of sponsorship.

AMOUNT OF CHILI

Please include how many gallons of chili your team is bringing so that we can purchase supplies

BOOTH INFORMATION

- 8 ft. X 8ft. pre-built wooden booths are provided to all chili teams
- One (1) table and two (2) chairs are provided to each chili booth space
- The City of Tustin does not provide canopies, cooking devices, or extra supplies.
- All chili teams are required to bring their own equipment and extra tables and chairs
- If electricity is required, we will do our best to accommodate your needs. Electricity is available at 9:30am and chili teams must bring their own extension cord

I would like to request electricity I do not require electricity

LOCATION REQUEST

Please indicate your request below. Map layout is modified every year and there is no guarantee of the same space location as the previous year.

WAVIER

The above information is correct to the best of my knowledge. I have read the international Chili Society official rules, and Tustin Street Fair & Chili Cook-Off regulations, OC Health Agency requirements, and I hereby agree to abide by such rules and regulations.

Print Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Signature: _____

OFFICE USE ONLY

Received by _____ Date received _____ Paid DEC Letter Mailed OCEH Initial _____

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JUNE 7, 2026

VENDOR VEHICLE ENTRY FORM



NEW REQUEST CHANGE REQUEST

Applicant Name _____

Organization/Food Truck Name _____

EACH VEHICLE IS REQUIRED TO BE PRE-REGISTERED AND WILL BE ISSUED A SECURITY PASS TO ENTER THE EVENT SPACE.

THIS IS FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL PATRONS AND VENDORS. NO ONE IS ALLOWED INTO THE EVENT SPACE WITHOUT PRE-REGISTRATION, THIS INCLUDES JUST DROPPING OFF EQUIPMENT. YOU WILL BE TURNED AWAY BY THE TUSTIN POLICE DEPARTMENT IF YOUR VEHICLE IS NOT PRE-REGISTERED.

THE NAMED PERESONS MUST BE PRESENT WITH A VALID ID AT THE TIME OF VEHICLE ENTRY.

Driver's Name #1: _____

Driver's License #1: _____ Date of Birth: _____

License Plate Number: _____ Make: _____ Model: _____

Driver's Name #2: _____

Driver's License #2: _____ Date of Birth: _____

License Plate Number: _____ Make: _____ Model: _____

Driver's Name #3: _____

Driver's License #3: _____ Date of Birth: _____

License Plate Number: _____ Make: _____ Model: _____

The above information is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signed _____ Date _____

Accepted by _____ Date _____

Tustin Street Fair and Chili Cook-Off Committee Member

OFFICE USE ONLY

RECIEVED: _____ APPROVED: _____ INPUTTED: _____

All Salsa Contestants need to submit Contestant Form and a \$15 check made payable to the City of Tustin.

All Chili Contestants need to submit Contestant Form, Health Declaration, and Temporary Food Facility Permit.

**To: Tustin Chili Cook-Off
Attn: Erika Jennings
300 Centennial Way
Tustin, CA 92780**

ATTACHMENT I

DECLARATION OF FOR-PROFIT ENTITY

This declaration is to affirm that _____
(Name of for-profit food facility)

is requesting exemption under provision of Section 113789(c) (4) of the California Retail Food Code, and will be giving or selling food at:

Tustin Street Fair and Chili Cook-Off

(Name of Event)

200 South C Street

(Address or Location)

Tustin, CA 92780

(City, Zip)

Date(s) of Event **Saturday, June 7, 2026**

For the benefit of **Tustin Area Senior Center Fund, Inc.**
(Name of Sponsoring Nonprofit Association)

I declare under penalty of perjury that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I further certify that the above named for-profit entity (retail food facility) will not receive any monetary benefit and will donate all proceeds to the nonprofit association organizing this event. The only benefit the for-profit entity will receive will be recognition for participating in the event.

Name _____ Phone (____) _____
(Print)

Email _____

Facility Address _____ City _____

Signature _____ Title _____

Approved by: _____ Date _____
(Environmental Health Specialist)

UNPACKAGED FOOD BOOTH STRUCTURE BASICS

- **Hand Wash Station in EACH Booth**

- Events up to 3 days
- Warm (at least 100F) Water On Demand
- Soap
- Paper Towels
- Bucket to Catch Waste Water



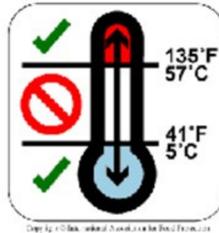
- **Enclosure To Protect Food**

- Adequate Food Compartments
With Tight-Fitting Lids or

- **Adequate Temperature Control**

- Refrigeration for cold foods at or below 41F
 - Ice chests

- Hot holding for hot foods at or
- Approved TPHC
- Ice chests
- Steam tables
- Must not violate fire code
- Probe thermometer available



- **Food Maintained off the Ground**

- No cross contamination



TUSTIN STREET FAIR & CHILI COOK-OFF

RULES AND REGULATIONS



Chili Competition Categories:

Ballot Chili - Competitors competing in any of the following chili categories qualify.

Restaurant Chili - Exclusive to food service providers and industry affiliations. Same rules as Judges Chili.

Judges Chili - No rules. Requesting 20 gallons of chili. Can be pre-cooked at an approved food facility.

"Last Call Chili" - Can be pre-cooked at an approved food facility. Must have 15 gallons of chili to start serving at 1:00 pm.

Salsa Competition Category:

Judges Salsa - No rules. 1 quart required. \$15 entry - Make checks payable to the City of Tustin.

ICS Sanctioned Categories:

ICS Red Chili - ICS membership required. Refer to ICS rules. 4 gallons of chili minimum entry.

ICS Homestyle Chili - ICS membership required. Refer to ICS rules. 4 gallons of chili minimum entry.

3 options for ICS membership:

- \$10 for one Cook-Off within one year from sign-up
- \$25 for three Cook-Offs within one year from sign-up
- \$45 for unlimited Cook-Offs within one year from sign-up

All ICS rules and membership forms are available online at www.chilicookoff.com

Competition entry is conditional:

A team member or representative must be present at their designated mandatory meeting(s) to receive important competition information and competition cup(s).

Note: Competition cups must be submitted on time to the Judge's Booth.

Each chili taste must be exchanged for (1) one chili ticket. Do not accept cash. No exceptions. Please note that the proceeds from this event benefit our local non-profit organizations.

All chili tickets are nontransferable. Accepting or transferring tickets between competitors is strictly prohibited.

All chili tickets must be turned in to the Information Booth at the designated time.

The OC Health Care Agency requires that vendors follow proper sanitation and safe food handling procedures. ANY CHILI VENDORS WHO ARE PREPARING FOOD ON-SITE MUST PROPERLY PROTECT THEIR FOOD.

Tustin Street Fair and Chili Cook-Off

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Can I enter in more than one competition?

A: Yes! The more the better! You just need to satisfy the requirements for each category and follow any relevant rules. Restaurants can compete in all categories except for Judge's Chili.

Q: Can I make my chili at home?

A: All ICS Chili competitions for ICS judging must be made on-site during preset competition times. Please closely read the ICS rules. The OC Health Care Agency requires that vendors follow proper sanitation and safe food handling procedures. ANY CHILI VENDORS WHO ARE PREPARING FOOD ON-SITE MUST PROPERLY PROTECT THEIR FOOD.

Q: How do I cook or heat my chili?

A: You need to bring your own stove. Typically, participants use propane camping stoves. We do not allow open flames (i.e. charcoal BBQ pits). A fire extinguisher and washing station may be required (contact staff for information).

Q: Is there electricity?

A: Yes, but it is limited and you **MUST** pre-register and request electricity. If you pre-registered, you must bring a heavy duty up to 50ft. extension cord and a heavy duty power strip. Electricity is available starting at 9:30am.

Q: Can we decorate our booth?

A: Yes! We will be giving out two different awards: Chairman's Best Decorated Booth and Chairman's Most Spirited Award. You can tape, staple, or nail your banners and decorations to the booth. You must **REMOVE** and **CLEAN** up your booth by 6:30 PM. Please do not dump anything in gutters!

Q: What size is the Chili booth?

A: All teams will be provided a three-sided, non-covered 8ftX8ft wood booth (see picture to the right). VENDORS ARE ALLOWED TO BRING THEIR OWN CANOPY AS LONG AS IT FITS WITHIN THE 8FTX8FT BOOTH.

Q: Does the City provide any stoves or canopies?

A: No, you are required to bring all your own equipment including all cooking supplies. We strongly suggest you bring a canopy for shade that fits into the 8ftX8ft wood space.

Q: What does the City provide?

A: We will provide you with a table, two chairs, and an 8ftx8ft three-sided wooden booth. We will provide chili teams with tasting cups, spoons, and napkins.

Q: How do the "tastings" work?

A: Anyone who wants to try or "taste" your chili, must give you a ticket. In return, you will give them a sample cup filled with your chili. All tickets can be purchased at any of the City ticket booths.

Q: How is the Judges Chili or Restaurant Chili judged?

A: The winner will be determined on a two-part system. **Part one:** Selected members of the community will be part of the judging panel scoring on your submitted chili. **Part two:** Based on the number of tickets you collect. You need to put all tickets in the bag we provide you. All tickets need to be turned in to the information booth at a pre-determined time, no later, **even if you still have chili**. We will then weigh all tickets to determine who has collected the most. Based on the combination of taste and tickets scores, there will be a winner!

Q: How is the ICS Chili and Judge's Salsa judged?

A: They are each judged by a panel of experts and other community members. For ICS Chili, please read the ICS rules on their website. It specifically goes over the criteria.

Q: How is Ballot Chili judged?

A: By the people! For every ten (10) - \$1 chili tickets purchased at the City's ticket booths, chili consumers will receive one (1) ballot to vote for their top three favorite chilis. Based on voting scores on the ballots, there will be a winner!