



# 2026 PMA CHILI COOKOFF

Do you have the best **CHILI** in your Lodge, District, or even PMA? Will your Lodge be the one to represent the Pennsylvania Moose Association at Moosehaven's annual Chili Cookoff?

## Rules:

1. All chili entries **can be any type or color of chili provided it contains beans and must be homemade**. Participants may use their own combination of meats, vegetables, spices, and other ingredients.
2. Participants **must** be in good standing with their Lodge.
3. Participants may supply toppings (cheese, peppers, sour cream, etc.). Please note that to protect anonymity, toppings cannot be limited to one entry. Tasters are free to use topping on all entries. Palate cleansers are permitted.
4. Judging is done by paper ballots. Each Taster is given one ballot to vote for their favorite chili. Participants may be Tasters!
5. The person with the highest number of votes is crowned the winner and advances to next level of the competition (Lodge, District, PMA). In the event of a tie, a second round of voting between only those contestants is suggested.
6. Host venue supplies all cookers, tasting containers, utensils, and paper ballots.
7. Participants may bring their chili in their own container. It is the host venue's responsibility to keep the entries anonymous. Host venue registers all participants, uses their own numbered cookers to present the chili to preserve anonymity, announces the winner, and keeps the number ballots on record.
8. Lodges, Districts, PMA are responsible for making the arrangements for their respective winner to be entered at the next level of competition, including all required fees as promoted.
9. It is recommended that the Lodges consider additional event prizes and having entertainment in conjunction with your event.

**The key ingredient is promoting Food, Fun, and Fellowship whether it is in your Lodges, Districts, or Association.**



# CHILI RULES!!!

## Fees:

- Level I – Lodge Level: \$10 Entry; \$5 Tasting
- Level II – District Level: \$40 Entry; \$5 Tasting
- Level III – State Level (PMA Annual Convention): \$200 Entry; \$5 Tasting
- **Level IV – Association Champion – PMA will pay the entry fees and provide \$2000 toward Travel Cost/Expenses at Moosehaven's Annual Chili Cookoff in 2026. PMA will supply the winner with team T-shirts or aprons for up to five (5) team members.**

## Competition Timeline:

- All Lodges select Winner up to **one week prior to District Meeting**
- All Districts select Winner by **Sunday, August 2, 2026**
- PA Moose Association Convention: **Saturday, August 15, 2025**
- Moose International at Moosehaven: **Saturday, November 14, 2026**

## Lodges and Districts:

- Lodge must notify their District President or Secretary no later than one week prior to their District meeting that they are entering a contestant for their Lodge.
- The Lodge is expected to pay the \$40 entrance fee at the District level.
- District Secretaries must notify the Chili Cookoff Chairman by the first Sunday in August if they plan to enter a contestant at the state level.
- Districts are expected to pay the \$200 entrance fee at the PMA level.
- **The PMA State Winner and team are expected to be proud PMA ambassadors and obey all rules and restrictions while representing the PMA at Mooseheart!**