

Beans Contest Rules:

- Entry fee \$25. Payouts will be from the entry fees. 20% to the contest, the rest will be split: 50% Grand Champion and 30% to the Reserve Grand Champion, 20% to 3rd of what's left.
- Scoring: The standard KCBS weighted scoring system will be used for Appearance/Visual Appeal/Creativity/Level of Difficulty, Taste/Flavor/Smell and Texture/Tenderness/Quality:
 - Appearance: .5600 (14.00% of total score)
 - Taste: 2.2972 (57.43% of total score)
 - Tenderness/Texture: 1.1428 (28.57% of total score)
- Some notes regarding criteria used to judge:
 - Appearance/Visual Appeal/Creativity/Level of Difficulty: Does this recipe present beautifully? Do your eyes make you want to eat the beans before you even smell or taste it?
 - Taste/Flavor/Smell: Does this recipe taste great with every bite? Does it have mass appeal? Would you want to make this recipe over and over again based on taste alone? Does it contain interesting, yet gratifying flavor combinations? 50% of total score
 - Texture/Tenderness/Quality: Does this recipe have a great texture and “mouth-feel”?
 - Spoons will be provided for the judges so that the teams don't have to worry about cramming six spoons into the box.
 - The judges will be provided small sampling cups to use if any teams choose to submit their bean entry as one entry as opposed to submitting six separate samples inside the box.

No side dish will contain more than 7.5% meat or fish products. The combined total of scores from each category will determine the overall champion. All safe handling of food and sanitation regulations required by KCBS apply to the Side Dish Contest. Each team may have only one entry per category. Six judges will judge your entry. You may turn in either six (6) separate portions or one large portion with enough for six judges. Your entry must fit into the Styrofoam container provided with the lid closed. The label with your team number must be on the top of the container. All entries must be prepared on site and within your team's assigned space. You may use any heat source to cook your entry at any time after your team has checked in. Garnish is optional; however, the lid must close on your container. Do not do anything to your entry that identifies that it came from your team.