

CASI Policy on State Championships (Revised 07/2016)

NEW Championships:

The CASI rules state that CASI must approve new State Championships. This is interpreted to mean that the Board of Directors may approve a State Championship if it is not expedient for the Great Peppers to do so.

Sponsors/promoters interested in starting a new state championship cookoff should complete the State Championship Cookoff Questionnaire and return it to the CASI Executive Director. The CASI Championship Events Committee will then review the applications for completeness and content. If multiple applications are received, the committee may give their suggested priority of the applications to the board.

Once granted a State Championship, the sponsor retains the right to hold the event each year without a special request to CASI. The Championship must advertise as being the Championship, with automatic qualification for TICC according to the current CASI rules on qualifications. All other CASI rules apply.

In the event a State Championship is not held in a chili year, the right of the sponsor to the title "State Championship" lapses. Any prospective sponsor may then apply to CASI as if the State Championship were a new cookoff.

Relinquishing an EXISTING Championships:

If an existing championship's sponsor relinquishes their right to hold the event, by notifying the CASI Executive Director or President, then the following will be the steps to select a new sponsor:

A. The CASI Executive Director will announce that the existing state championship is available and sponsors/promoters interested in obtaining the rights to hold the event should complete the State Championship Questionnaire and return it to the CASI Executive Director. The Executive Director will announce the deadline for applications to be accepted.

B. The CASI Championship Events Committee will then review the applications for completeness and content. If multiple applications are received, the committee may give their suggested priority of the applications to the board.

C. The Executive Director will distribute the applications to the Great Peppers of the Pods in the state in which the championship is being reviewed. The Executive Director will conduct a caucus consisting of these Great Peppers at the Great Pepper's meeting and will conduct a vote to award the rights of the state

championship to a new sponsor/promoter/group.

D. In case of a tie in the voting of the Pods involved in the state in which the championship is in question, then the Board of Directors will vote and the majority vote of the board will break the tie.

E. In cases where there are less than three Pods involved in the state, then the Pods will review the applications and the Great Pepper of those Pods will make a recommendation to the Board of Directors. The Board will then take a vote and the majority of votes will award the rights to the state championship.

EXISTING Championships:

A. In states where the existing championship may have dwindling numbers in cooks attending, spectator crowd dwindling, or dwindling support to and/or from the sponsors, a majority of the Great Peppers in that state may petition the Championship Event Committee to review the reported cookoff results and the committee may make a recommendation for review of the Board.

B. A motion may be made by the Board and a majority of the votes will determine if the existing championship remains with the current sponsor/promoter or if the Board will follow the Relinquishing Existing Championship Policy and seek applications for a new sponsor/promoter.