

“Free Kick” Ultimate Party Meatball Sub

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Meatball Mixture

- 2 pounds ground beef
- 1 cup seasoned bread crumbs
- 2 whole eggs
- 2 tablespoons dried parsley

Sauce

- 1 14oz. can Ocean Spray® Jellied Cranberry Sauce
- 1 12oz. bottle Heinz® Chili Sauce

Sub Goodies

- 6 6-inch sub rolls
- 2 red peppers, cleaned, cut into strips and rubbed with olive oil
- 1 large onion, cut in 6 round slices and rubbed with olive oil
- 1 cup shredded Mozzarella cheese

1. In a large bowl, combine the Meatball Mixture. Divide the mixture into four equal piles. You should be able to make eight or nine meatballs from each pile.
2. Preheat a large sauté pan over medium heat and cook the meatballs until they appear brown and firm. Check one for doneness. This can also be done on the grill.
3. In a large saucepan, combine the jellied cranberry sauce and chili sauce. Cook over medium-low heat and stir until smooth.
4. Add cooked meatballs to the sauce. Simmer for five minutes stirring occasionally and then serve.
CLEVER TIP: If you're in the “two-minute drill” preparing for your tailgate party, premade frozen meatballs can be substituted. Go Team! Makes approximately 30 appetizer-sized meatballs.
5. At the same time you place the cooked meatballs in the sauce, grill the onions and peppers for a couple minutes on each side. This can also be done in a sauté pan with some olive oil.
6. To build the subs, cut the rolls lengthwise, without cutting all the way through the rolls. Place some cooked onion and pepper in the roll. Add the cooked meatballs and sauce and top with shredded Mozzarella cheese. Makes six subs.

TAILGATE TIP: If you plan to enjoy this at home, feel free to prepare meatballs and hold warm in a crock pot. Sauté or grill the onion and pepper and keep warm. If you plan to enjoy this recipe away from home, you may want to prepare the meatballs at home and cut the onion and peppers in advance. Refrigerate everything. Transport prepped items in sealed containers in a cooler with sufficient ice or ice packs. Make the sauce at your event and add the meatballs to the sauce. Heat meatballs until hot. Cook the onion and peppers at your event.

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