



# TEXANA CHILI SPILL

## Cook-off Rules

November 7-9, 2024



### Salsa

- **Turn-In Time - Friday 6:00 p.m.**
- No purchased or packaged mixes may be used. Entries must be homemade.
- Salsa may be prepared prior to the cook-off.
- Containers must be picked up from the Judging tent Friday evening.
- Entries must be in provided container marked “S” at turn-in.
- Entries must be turned into the judging tent at or before deadline time, or the entry will be disqualified.

### Margarita

- **Turn-In Time - Friday 6:00 p.m.**
- Margarita must be traditional lime-flavored.
- No purchased or packaged mixes may be used. Entry must be homemade.
- Margarita may not be frozen or with ice.
- No garnish allowed.
- Containers must be picked up from the Judging tent Friday evening.
- Entries must be in provided container marked “M” at turn-in.
- Entries must be turned into the judging tent at or before deadline time, or the entry will be disqualified.

### Sausage

- **Turn-In Time - Friday 7:30 p.m.**
- Entries must be homemade.
- Sausage brought in for judging must be whole and at least 10” length.
- No garnish allowed.
- Containers must be picked up from the Judging tent Friday evening.
- Entries must be in provided container marked “SG” at turn-in.
- Entries must be turned into the judging tent at or before deadline time, or the entry will be disqualified.

### Go-Texan Dutch Oven

- **Turn-In Time - Friday 7:30 p.m.**
- Entry must be cooked on site.
- Containers must be picked up from the Judging tent Friday evening.
- Entries must be in provided containers at turn-in.
- Entries must be turned into the judging tent at or before deadline time, or the entry will be disqualified

## **Chef's Choice**

- **Turn-In Time - Friday 8:00 p.m.**
- Chef's Choice is your choice. No desserts will be accepted.
- Entry must be cooked on site.
- Containers must be picked up from the Judging tent Friday evening.
- Entries must be in provided containers marked "CC" at turn-in.
- Must provide approximately 20 bite-sized pieces. Must be labeled with the name of the item.
- Entries must be turned into the judging tent at or before deadline time, or the entry will be disqualified.

## **Bloody Mary**

- **Turn-In Time – Saturday 9:00 a.m.**
- Entries will be judged on taste and showmanship (container presentation).
- Participants may enter their Bloody Mary for showmanship in any container; however, no distinguishable marked containers will be permitted with the name of the team or team logo.
- An additional sample of only the mix must be in provided container marked "B" at turn-in.
- Vodka will be the only permitted alcohol ingredient.
- May use pre-mixed juices. Regular spices only.
- Containers must be picked up from the Judging tent Friday evening or Saturday morning.
- Entries must be turned into the judging tent at or before deadline time, or the entry will be disqualified.

## **Chili and Bean**

- **Turn-In Time – Beans -Saturday 11:00 a.m.    Chili – Saturday 3:00 p.m.**
- No purchased or packaged mixes may be used. Entries must be homemade.
- Cooking must be done on site.
- Entry must be prepared in a sanitary manner.
- Containers must be picked up from the Judging tent on Saturday morning.
- Chili entry must be in provided container marked "C" at turn-in.
- Bean entry must be in provided container marked "B" at turn-in.
- Entries must be turned into the judging tent at or before deadline time, or the entry will be disqualified.

## **Gumbo**

- **Turn-In Time – Saturday 1:00 p.m.**
- No wild game may be used. Gumbo and roux must be made on site and homemade. No purchased or packaged mixes or roux. Entry must be prepared in a sanitary manner.
- Containers must be picked up from the Judging tent on Friday evening.
- Entries must be in provided container marked "G" at turn-in.
- Entries must be turned into the judging tent at or before deadline time, or the entry will be disqualified.

## **General Information (Go-Texan Entries)**

- All entries must be cooked on-site. No precooked meat allowed.
- All entries must be cooked on wood or charcoal. No electric or propane cookers are allowed.
- All meat is subject to inspection.
- There will be a meeting for all cookers beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday at the Judging Tent.
- Containers must be picked up from the Judging Tent.
- Entries must be placed in the containers provided at the scheduled turn-in time.
- Cookers must place name and contact # on site map at meat tag in.

## **Go-Texan Jackpot Chicken**

- **Turn-in time is 12:30 p.m. on Saturday to the Go-Texan judging tent.**
- Chicken turn-in will be from one whole chicken. Half will be sliced into bite sized pieces, stacked around the remainder of the chicken. The chicken may be butterflied but must remain in one piece throughout the cooking process. No Cornish game hens are allowed.

## **Go-Texan Jackpot Ribs**

- **Turn-in time is 2:00 p.m. on Saturday to the Go-Texan judging tent.**
- Cooking Team must cook a minimum of two slabs of pork ribs. **PORK SPARE OR ST. LOUIS STYLE RIBS ONLY** can be cooked for judging. No country style, baby back or loin back will be allowed to be turned into the judging tent.
- A total of ten (10) full ribs cut apart must be turn-in for judging.
- No pre-marinated, pre-soaked or pre-spiced ribs are allowed

## **Go-Texan Jackpot Brisket**

- **Turn-in time is 3:30 p.m. on Saturday to the Go-Texan judging tent.**
- Beef brisket must be tagged at Go-Texan judging tent on Friday from 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. or Saturday at 8:00 a.m. Once tagged, cooking may begin.
- Two tagged beef briskets per paid entry. Cookers may have more than one (1) entry per pit.
- Pre-seasoned brisket is allowed; however, precooked brisket **is not** allowed.
- No garnish, sauce or other markers are allowed.
- Barbeque brisket must be turned in from one brisket, not mixed. There must be 12 slices of brisket turned in for judging. A team member will turn in the brisket container to the judging tent at the appropriate time.

## **Top Gun 50/50 Jackpot**

Cook off teams will have the opportunity to participate in the Top Gun 50/50 Jackpot for \$50.00. The Go-Texan Top Gun award is presented to the overall winner of brisket, chicken and ribs and receives a trophy and \$500. If the “Top Gun” winner is participating in the “Top Gun 50/50 Jackpot” (\$50.00), they will receive 50% of the jackpot. The remaining 50% will go to Go Texan Scholarships and LNRA.

## **Cook-Off Registration**

- This year we are excited to implement our **NEW** online registration process! All Cook-Off registration entry forms must be completed **ONLINE**. The online registration form can be found on the Texana Chili Spill website [www.texanachilispill.com](http://www.texanachilispill.com)
- Early Registration for 2023 participants begins on Monday, September 2nd and ends on Monday, September 30th. Please note - **If participating in early registration, you must register in either the Go-Texan Ribs, Chicken, or Brisket Categories.**
- Open registration kicks off October 1, 2024. Online registration ends on Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. **Fees must be paid at the time of registering.**
- On Site Registration: Friday, November 8th from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. for Salsa and Margarita and until 7:00 p.m. for Dutch Oven Dessert, Sausage, and Chef's Choice at the judging tent.
- On Site Registration: Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. at the judging tent.

## **Cook-Off Site Rules**

- Each team must have a team name and designated contact.
- Bar-B-Que cook-sites (sites # 1-85, 89-103) are 30' x 30'. One vehicle per booth with cook-site pass.
- Chili, Bean, Gumbo, and Salsa cook-sites (sites # 86-88) are 10' x 20'. No vehicles are allowed in this area.
- **No vehicle traffic will be allowed in the cook-off site area on Friday after 7:00 p.m. (other than cook teams checking in), and between 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Saturday or until the conclusion of the awards.**
- No glass containers will be allowed at the event. If found, they will be confiscated.
- Participants may set up on Friday after 8:00 a.m.
- All site items must be removed by Sunday at 12:00 p.m.
- Participants are expected to keep their cooking area clean.
- Excessive noise will not be tolerated.
- **Amplified music will not be allowed during the awards on Friday from 9:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. and during the awards and scholarship auction on Saturday, from 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. or until the conclusion of the awards.**
- Cook-off sites located on the perimeter (sites # 1-32A, 81-85) have electricity and water available. If you choose one of these sites, you will be required to pay an additional \$10.00 electricity and water fee, regardless of whether it is used or not. All other sites do not have water or electricity available.

### **Turn-In Times**

Salsa	Friday 6:00 p.m.
Margarita	Friday 6:00 p.m.
Sausage	Friday 7:30 p.m.
Dutch Oven Dessert	Friday 7:30 p.m.
Chef's Choice	Friday 8:00 p.m.
Bloody Mary	Saturday 9:00 a.m.
Beans	Saturday 11:00 a.m.
Jackpot Chicken	Saturday 12:30 p.m.
Gumbo	Saturday 1:00 p.m.
Jackpot Ribs	Saturday 2:00 p.m.
Chili	Saturday 3:00 p.m.
Brisket	Saturday 3:30 p.m.

### **Awards**

Awards will be presented at the Main Stage for Friday’s cook-off at 9:00 p.m. on Friday. Saturday awards will be presented after the scholarship auction, which begins at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday.

Bloody Mary	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	\$250
Salsa	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	\$250
Margarita	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	\$250
Sausage	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	\$350
Chef’s Choice	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	\$350
Gumbo	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	\$350
Beans	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	\$350
Chili	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	\$500

*All 1<sup>st</sup> place winners will also receive a plaque in addition to the cash award.*

2 <sup>nd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> Places	Salsa, Sausage, Gumbo, Beans, Chili & Chef’s Choice– Plaque
2 <sup>nd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> Places	Margarita, Bloody Mary – Plaque
Showmanship	Bloody Mary - Plaque

Go-Texan Brisket	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	*\$3500 and a plaque
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	*\$1000 cash and a plaque
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	*\$ 500 and a plaque

*\*Payout is contingent upon 80+ entries*

Go-Texan Jackpots	50% of entry fees go to payout and 50% go to Go-Texan
Go-Texan Jackpot Chicken	1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> place will receive a cash prize and a plaque 3 <sup>rd</sup> place will receive a plaque.
Go-Texan Jackpot Ribs	1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> place will receive a cash prize and a plaque 3 <sup>rd</sup> place will receive a plaque
Go-Texan Dutch Oven	1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> place will receive a cash prize and a plaque 3 <sup>rd</sup> place will receive a plaque

Go-Texan Barbeque Cook-Off “Top Gun” will receive a trophy and \$500. Brisket, Ribs and Chicken are calculated for “Top Gun” award. If the “Top Gun” winner is participating in the “Top Gun 50/50 Jackpot” (\$50.00), they will also receive 50% of the jackpot. The remaining 50% will go to Go Texan Scholarships and LNRA.

Go-Texan Most Colorful Cook-Off Team: will receive a trophy.

\*Winning Go-Texan events does not constitute a trip to the Houston Livestock Show Cook-Off.

*If you have any questions, please call:  
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or email Jackson County Go-Texan Ambassador, Brian Hunt - [brian@huntcontractors.com](mailto:brian@huntcontractors.com)*

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