

Brazoria County Fair World Class Barbecue Cook-Off Contest

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Sanctioned by CBA (Champion Barbecue Alliance)
The most current CBA rules will be used: <https://cbabbq.com>

Team Entry Fee and Dates

Entry form and fee must be done for each individual spot

Early Bird Registration: \$200, June 5- July 7, by 5 pm

Open Registration: \$225, July 10- August 25, by 5 pm

Last Call Registration: \$250, August 28- September 23, by 5 pm, or until full

Jackpot Contests: \$20 each

BCFA BBQ Head Cook's/Packet Pickup Meeting

Tuesday, September 26, 2023 at 7 pm, BCFA Auditorium

Cook-Off Arrivals Times

Thursday, October 5, 2023, 7am- 7pm, Friday, October 6, 2023, 7 am-11 am

CBA Head Cooks/Container Pickup Meeting

Friday, October 6, 2023, at 12 noon, Cook-Off Pavilion – Tray pickup starts at 12 noon

Meeting at 1:00 pm

(Times are at the discretion of the CBA Head Judge)

Judging Times

Auxiliary Categories - Friday, October 6, 2023

3:00 pm- Beef Fajitas Jackpot

4:00 pm- Dessert Jackpot

5:00 pm – Beans Jackpot

6:00 pm- Friday Night Feast Jackpot

Sanctioned Categories – Saturday, October 7, 2023

12 noon - Chicken Turn In

1:00 pm - Pork Ribs

2:00 pm - Pork

3:00 pm - Brisket

Rules

Registration and entry fee payment will be available online only. Entries will be limited to the first 137 entrants on a first come first serve basis. The online entry form is at:

<https://www.brazoriacountyfair.com/events/2023/bbq-cook-off>

1. Entries can be submitted starting the first Monday in June (June 5th). Entries and Fees must be registered and paid **INDIVIDUALLY** NO LATER THAN 5 PM FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2023. NO ENTRIES WILL BE TAKEN AFTER THAT DATE.

Teams in good standing will be assigned to the same cooking site as 2022 if entry form is received by 5 pm on Friday, September 29, 2023, or until full. Otherwise, cooking sites will be selected at the BCFA BBQ Head Cook's and Packet Pickup meeting to be held Tuesday, September 26, 2023, at 7 pm, in the auditorium at the fairgrounds, Angleton, Texas, based on date and time of receipt of the paid entry form at the Fair Office.

IT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED THAT A TEAM REPRESENTATIVE LISTED ON THE ENTRY FORM BE PRESENT AT BCFA BBQ HEAD COOK'S MEETING.

Any returning team wanting additional spaces must fill out a registration form for EACH additional requested spot. A maximum of four (4) spaces will be allowed for any team or related-teams. Only one extra spot or new team is allowed to be obtained a year. There will be a waiting list of teams that are not able to obtain an entry to the 2023 BCFA BBQ Cook-Off due to space limitations each year. If the teams on the waiting list turn in a registration the next year before the deadline, they will maintain their position on the waiting list for a space the following year if new spots become available.

2. Entrants for the Barbecue Cook-Off will be those persons who have completed the online registration, submitted an entry fee **FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL SPOT**, been approved, and satisfactorily met the Rules and Regulations governing the contest. Any new and returning teams wanting additional spots, paying entry fee does not entitle you to a spot, but only puts you on the waiting list to select spots at head cook's meeting. Any team that paid entry and did not receive spot at the head cook's meeting will receive a refund in 7 to 10 business days following the day after head cook's meeting.

3. For the purpose of assigning team space - the person signing as coordinators, owners, or chief cook's signature on online registration form will be considered as owner of that team name and Use of a name of another team from the previous year will not be allowed. If a different team name is desired, the team must fill out the registration form using last year's name first, followed by the new name. No change of team name will be allowed after entry application form is accepted by the Fair Office.

4. Five (5) wristbands, for head cook and assistant cooks, will be given to each team to provide admission to the BBQ gate ONLY and ensure the right to stay on site after hours. Additional wristbands will be available for purchase and signed out by the Head Cook ONLY. Team members must have wristband fastened around wrist so that it cannot be slipped off. Wristbands used at BBQ Gate 4 ONLY.

5. All contestants must check in between 7 am and 7 pm Thursday, October 5, 2023, or between 7 am and before 11 am on Friday, October 6, 2023. All vehicles without a BBQ vehicle sticker (B sticker) must be out by 11:30 am on Friday, October 6, 2023. The entrance gate will be open between noon and 7 pm on Wednesday, October 4, 2023, for move-in/drop off of equipment and supplies only. Teams may spot their equipment on their space and leave the contest area. No one will be permitted to stay in the cook-off area after 7 pm on Wednesday.

6. Each entry will receive one 1 (B) vehicle parking sticker for entry to the contest area. Only vehicles with proper parking permits will be allowed into the contest area. Parking stickers must be in plain sight and remain on the vehicle at all times while the vehicle is in the contest area. Vehicles can move around only during open gate hours. Two (BU) unloading vehicle passes will be issued per team space. This pass is to be used by vehicles unloading equipment or supplies only. These vehicles should exit the contest area as soon as the unloading is complete. No vehicles will be allowed in to or out of the contest area before or after gate hours. Vehicles left inside the cooking area must be parked within the limits of the assigned cooking site and cannot be moved until the next open gate hours. Contestants will not be permitted to bring any wheeled transportation, i.e., golf carts, three wheelers, four wheelers, bicycles, etc., into the contest area at any time.

7. Each entrant will be assigned a 30' wide by 36' deep cooking site. Props, trailers, tents, vehicles, motor homes, or any other contestant equipment must not exceed assigned space. **ANY AXELED VEHICLE OR TRAILER MUST HAVE THE WHEELS CHOCKED.** Contestants are not allowed to use ditches, unused spaces, unused roads, or walkways for any reason for any use. The Barbecue Committee reserves the right to

adjust spaces, site, walkways, ditches, or roads as needed. The Fair Association will supply space and two standard 120 volt 15 amp plugs for electricity.

8. Any special entertainment (i.e., bands, promotions, skits, shows, demonstrations, contests, etc.) must be fully described in writing and submitted to the Fair Office prior to September 23, 2022, for approval by the Chairpersons of the Barbecue Committee.

9. No additional ice or alcoholic beverages may be brought into the BBQ area after 11 am Friday, October 6, 2023, through any BCFA entrance gate or RV area. Additional beer and ice may be purchased from the Fair concessions.

No single-serve glass bottles will be allowed in the cook-off contest area. Consequences will be as follows:

First offense - Glass bottles in violation will be confiscated.

Second and/or subsequent offenses - Glass bottles confiscated, loss of same cooking space the next year, and person or persons in violation will be escorted out the fair gate.

10. Due to TABC laws, there will be No open bars, NO margarita or other slush machine for liquor, NO general area for liquor in your assigned area, and NO jello shots.

11. The Chief Cook will be held responsible for the conduct of his team and guests. EXCESSIVE USE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND/OR UNACCEPTABLE CONDUCT WILL BE GROUNDS FOR DISQUALIFICATION IN CURRENT AND FUTURE PARTICIPATION PLUS FORFEITURE OF AWARDS AND SITE NEXT YEAR.

12. Each entry must have its own pit and members. Team members are not allowed to participate on more than one team in the cook off. Each entry must cook on their own pit for all categories you enter. Entries cannot share the same cooking pit. We reserve the right to inspect at any time.

13. Each team must post a sign in the cook site (minimum size 11" x 17") listing the space number, team name, head cook and all team members' names. The sign must be posted on the outside space perimeter where the sign can be clearly seen from the walkway in front of the team's space.

14. Holes or pits are not permitted. Absolutely no holes from stakes, tent poles, BBQ pits, etc., are permitted in FLY-ASH. You must have Pit-Bibs to catch your pit grease. Any equipment or devices that may damage the surface area of the contest site in any way are prohibited.

15. Absolutely no pets are allowed in the BBQ area.

16. All generators, chillers, RVs, and other powered equipment, brought to the cook-off, must be "whisper quiet" models. Any other type will not be allowed, unless approved in writing by the Chairman of the BBQ Cook Off Committee BEFORE 5 pm on Friday, September 29, 2023.

17. No Fundraising of any kind is allowed during the BBQ Cook-Off by any Cook-Off Teams.

18. It is the responsibility of the contestants to see that their respective areas are kept clean at all times, and that the cooking sites are cleaned and policed following the Cook-Off Contest. Any space left in disarray or with trash, garbage, hay, etc... could result in non-acceptance in next year's contest and/or forfeiture of site location next year.

19. One trash receptacle will be provided for each cooking space. It is the responsibility of the cook-off team to pull each trash bag from the receptacle and place it outside their cooking space. BCFA will periodically come

around to pick up the trash bags and provide additional trash liners if needed. Trash receptacles located in the BBQ Pavilion for use by the BBQ Committee are NOT to be removed from the Pavilion.

20. All equipment in your space must be removed Sunday from 8 am to 5 pm. After awards, a 2-hour window will be available for teams to leave the cook-off area if they wish. Teams must notify the BBQ Chairman.

21. The Brazoria County Fat Stock and Fair Association, Inc. WILL NOT be responsible for theft or damage to property.

22. All participants must comply with the Brazoria County Fair Association General Rules and Regulations (available online), unless otherwise specified. <https://www.brazoriacountyfair.com/>

23. The Barbecue Cook-Off area will be closed to the general public at the following times: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2023 AT 12 MIDNIGHT, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2023 AT 12 MIDNIGHT SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2023 AT 1 AM.

24. Fires must be wood or wood substances. Contestants must take all precautions necessary to prevent fire hazards. All fires must be contained in a suitable manner. Contestants may be disqualified if precautionary measures are not followed, or unsafe conditions exist.

25. Each cooking team will be required to have on site at each pit, for inspection at any time during contest, a fire extinguisher for types A, B & C fires, minimum five pounds that is in current date. One fire extinguisher shall be provided for each pit within your assigned areas. One large fire extinguisher will not suffice for multiple pits.

26. There are eight cooking competitions: They are Beef Fajitas, Dessert, Beans, Friday Night Feast, Chicken, Pork Ribs, Pork and Brisket.

Beef Fajitas, Dessert, Beans, and Friday Night Feast are JACKPOT contests.

Chicken, Pork Ribs, Pork, and Brisket are CBA SANCTIONED judging contests.

27. Barbeque may not be sold to the general public.

28. During the cook-off, the BBQ Committee reserves the right to request one person provided by EACH team to help judge any category if so needed. Judges for all contest categories must be 21 years of age or older

29. All Friday auxiliary contests are optional jackpot contests, which must be bought into separately from team entry. Cost is \$20 per category. Opportunities to buy into jackpot contests occur at either Head Cooks meeting.

30. Beef Fajitas are to be placed in the judging container with no garnishing, condiment, sauce, foil or other items are permitted in or on the meat or container. Do not pour sauce, etc... onto any meat after finishing cooking it.

31. Dessert must be cooked onsite, in the spot registered. No alcohol of any kind shall be placed in the judging container, including beer, wine, jello shots, ect., but may be used in the cooking process. Failure to comply will result in the entry being disqualified.

32. Only pinto beans allowed in bean contest. Any seasoning, meat, or garnish added must be smaller than the size of the bean, any larger will be disqualified.

33. The Friday Night Feast entry must contain at least 4oz of animal protein, such as beef, chicken, pork, fish, lamb, ect.

No alcohol of any kind shall be placed in the judging container, including beer, wine, jello shots, etc., but may be used in the cooking process. Failure to comply will result in the entry being disqualified.

34. The Showmanship contest is an OPTIONAL, FREE contest that begins at 5pm on Friday, October 6, 2023. Teams that choose to participate in showmanship will be judged on appearance, theme, hospitality, entertainment, and their rig/pit area. First, second, and third place will be given awards.

35. The Kid Cook Off Competition will be held on Saturday, October 7, 2023, and will consist of two age divisions, Junior (6-11 years old), and Senior (12 to 17 years old). Entry fee per cooker is \$25, and each division is open to 20 cookers.

Registration will begin on Monday, July 31, 2023, and closes when full or at 12 pm on Friday, September 22, 2023. <https://www.brazoriacountyfair.com/events/2023/kids-cook-off>

36. Awards will be given for the following:

Grand Champion

Reserve Grand Champion

Brisket - First Place, Second Place, and Third Place

Chicken - First Place, Second Place, and Third Place

Pork- First Place, Second Place, and Third Place

Pork Ribs - First Place, Second Place, and Third Place

37. Decisions of the Barbecue Cook-Off Contest Committee Chairman and Chairpersons will be final.

Steven Ohler, Young Guns BBQ #4
2022 Grand Champion

Jessica Ohler, Mrs. O's BBQ
2022 Reserve Grand Champion

Barbecue Cook-Off Scholarships

The Barbecue Cook-off will present scholarships to students selected by the Scholarship Committee of the Fair Association in 2023. Additional scholarships will be awarded based on total fundraising opportunities and optional event entries...

Past and Present BBQ Cook-Off Scholarship Recipients

2022 Megan Unruh

2020 Callie Grigsby

2020 Justin Rossow

2020 Carolyn Stallman

2020 Bryanna Hardin

2019 Reanna Santos

2019 Jessica Armstrong

2019 Megan Lazrine

2019 Hollie Berg

2018 Brooke Farrer

2018 Mason DeVille

2017 Dylan Harris
2017 Kolby Brown
2017 Madisson Leopold
2016 Skyler Bell
2016 Taylor Williams
2016 Natalie Spillars
2016 Tara Otto
2015 McKayla McIntyre
2015 Brent Garner
2015 James Payne
2014 Tyler Sweeny
2014 Andrew Stanton
2014 Jacob Jakubec
2014 Collin Hopkins
2014 Jordan Brown
2014 Haley Holder
2013 Justin Cole
2013 Shalea Gonzales
2012 Randelyn Roberts
2012 Sarah Bolton
2012 Zachary Bryson
2012 Ashley Riley
2011 Clint Kresta
2011 Katherine Hall
2010 Jordan Symon
2010 Jessica Williams
2009 Tyler Pekar
2009 Andrew Ingram
2008 Bianca Chambless
2008 Megan McNeil
2007 Anthony McNeil
2007 Dustin Valusek
2006 Rayna Chambless
2006 Robbin Follett
2005 Jenna Kay Reid
2005 Kaci Mullins
2004 Kimberly Kresta
2004 Sarah Ingram
2003 Heath Woodall
2003 Sarah Wollam
2002 Angelina Fonseca
2002 Lindsay Allen
2001 Curtis Sheffield
2001 Lonnie Walling
2000 Amanda Christman
2000 Erin Loggins
1999 Matthew Koether
1999 Brian Simmon
1998 Jeremy Wollam
1997 Jeremy Peltier