

Brazoria County Fair World Class Barbecue Cook-Off Contest

Chairman – TJ McAvoy

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

Team Entry Fee and Dates

Entry form and fee must be completed and paid for each individual spot.

Registration - Regular Spot: \$400

Registration - Premium Spot: \$525

Jackpot Contests: \$20 each

Legacy and Returning Teams

Lottery Meeting – May 14, 2024, at 7 pm, BCFA Auditorium

Registration: June 3 – 28, 2024, by 5 pm

Spot Selection Meeting – August 20, 2024, at 7 pm, BCFA Auditorium

Open Registration

July 1 - UNTIL FULL or Thursday, October 10, 2024, by 5 pm

BCFA BBQ Head Cook's/Packet Pickup Meeting

Tuesday, September 17, 2024, at 7 pm, BCFA Auditorium

Cook-Off Arrivals Times

Thursday, October 10, 2024, 7 am – 8 pm

Friday, October 11, 2024, 7 am – 12 noon

CBA Head Cooks/Container Pickup Meeting

Friday, October 11, 2024 - 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 11, 2024

2:00 pm - Beef Fajitas Jackpot

3:00 pm - Dessert Jackpot

4:00 pm - Beans Jackpot

5:00 pm - Friday Special Jackpot

Sanctioned Categories - Saturday, October 12, 2024

12 noon - Chicken Turn In

1:00 pm - Pork Ribs

2:00 pm - Pork

3:00 pm – Brisket

4:30 pm - Awards

Rules

Registration and entry fee payment will be available online only. Entries will be limited to the first 93 entrants on a first come, first serve basis. The online entry form is at:

<https://www.brazoriacountyfair.com/events/2024/2024-bbq-cookoff>

1. Legacy or (2023) returning team entries and fees can be submitted starting the first Monday in June (June 3rd). Team entry and fee must be registered and paid **INDIVIDUALLY**. Legacy or (2023) returning teams in good standing will be entered into a lottery for spot selection IF the ENTRY FORM AND FEE are RECEIVED BY 5 PM, FRIDAY, JUNE 28, 2024. THE SPOT SELECTION MEETING WILL BE ON AUGUST 20, 2024, AT 7 PM.

Any legacy or (2023) returning team wanting additional spaces must fill out a registration form for the additional requested spot.

2. Open registration team entries and fees can be submitted starting the first Monday in July (July 1st). Team entry and fee must be registered and paid **INDIVIDUALLY UNTIL FULL OR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2024, BY 5 PM. NO ENTRIES WILL BE TAKEN AFTER THAT DATE AND TIME.**

If team registration and fee payment has been received before or at the HEAD COOKS MEETING TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2024, then teams can pick their spot at the meeting. If registration and fee is received after September 17, 2024, the BBQ Committee Chairman will choose a spot location.

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

3. **A maximum of two (2) 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 cannot obtain an entry to the 2024 BCFA BBQ Cook-Off due to space limitations each year. If the teams on the waiting list turn in a registration the following year before the deadline, they will maintain their position on the waiting list for a space the following year if new spots become available.
4. Entrants for the Barbecue Cook-Off will be those persons who have completed the online registration, submitted an entry fee **FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL SPOT**, have been approved, and satisfactorily met the Rules and Regulations governing the contest. For any new and returning teams wanting additional spots, paying an entry fee does not entitle you to a spot but only puts you on the waiting list to select spots at the head cook's meeting. Any team that paid entry and did not receive a spot at the head cook's meeting will receive a refund in 7 to 10 business days following the day after the head cook's meeting.
5. For the purpose of assigning team space - the person signing as coordinator, owner, or chief cook's signature on the online registration form will be considered the owner of that team name, and the 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 the Fair Office accepts entry application form.

6. 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. An additional five (5) wristbands will be available for purchase (\$40/each) and signed out by the Head Cook **ONLY**. Team members must have wristbands fastened around their wrists so they cannot be slipped off. Wristbands are used at BBQ Gate 4 ONLY.
7. All contestants must check in between 7 am and 8 pm Thursday, October 10, 2024, or between 7 am and before 11:30 am on Friday, October 11, 2024. All vehicles must be out by 12 noon on Friday, October 11, 2024. Teams may spot their equipment in their space and leave the contest area. **No one will be permitted to stay the night in the cook-off area after 8 pm on Thursday.**
8. Each entry will receive three hanging (BU) unloading vehicle passes to enter the contest area. This pass is to be used by vehicles unloading equipment or supplies only. Only vehicles with vehicle passes will be allowed into the contest area. Passes must be in plain sight and always remain on the vehicle while the vehicle is in the contest area. Vehicles can move around only during open-gate hours. These vehicles should exit the contest area after the unloading is complete. No vehicles will be allowed into or out of the contest area before or after gate hours. **NO VEHICLE CAN STAY IN COOKING SPOTS DURING CLOSED GATE TIMES OR OVERNIGHT.** 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.
9. Each entrant will be assigned a regular 30' wide by 36' deep or a **premium 45' wide by 40' deep** cooking site. Props, trailers, tents, motor homes, or other contestant equipment must not exceed the 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, sites, walkways, ditches, or roads as needed. The Fair Association will supply space and two standard 120-volt 15-amp plugs for electricity.
10. Any special entertainment (i.e., bands, promotions, skits, shows, demonstrations, contests, etc.) must be fully described in writing and submitted to the Fair Office before September 13, 2024, for approval by the Chairpersons of the Barbecue Committee.
11. **Noise levels from cooking sites must not interfere with or disrupt ongoing concerts.**
12. No additional ice or alcoholic beverages may be brought into the BBQ area after 12 noon on Friday, October 11, 2024, through any BCFA entrance gate or RV area. Additional beer and ice may be purchased from the Fair concessions.

NO OUTSIDE ALCOHOL WILL BE ALLOWED INTO THE DESIGNATED CONCERT AREA.

No single-serve glass bottles will be allowed in the cook-off contest area. The 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.

13. 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.
14. 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.
15. Each entry must have its own pit and members. Team members are not allowed to participate in the cook-off on more than one team. 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.
16. Each team must post a sign on 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.
17. Holes or pits are not permitted. No holes from stakes, tent poles, BBQ pits, etc., are permitted in FLY-ASH. You must have Pit-Bibs to catch your pit grease. No dumping of food or grease on the ground or down drains. Use trash receptacle. Any equipment or devices that may damage the surface area of the contest site in any way are prohibited.
18. Absolutely no pets are allowed in the BBQ area.
19. 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 13, 2024.
20. No Fundraising of any kind is allowed during the BBQ Cook-Off by any Cook-Off Teams.
21. The contestants must ensure that their respective areas are kept clean 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.
22. One trash receptacle will be provided for each cooking space. The cook-off team is responsible for pulling each trash bag from the receptacle and placing 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.
23. All equipment in your space must be removed **Sunday from 7 am to 12 noon**, using the BBQ Gate 4 ONLY.
24. The Brazoria County Fat Stock and Fair Association, Inc. WILL NOT be responsible for theft or damage to property.
25. Unless otherwise specified, all participants must comply with the Brazoria County Fair Association General Rules and Regulations (available online).
<https://www.brazoriacountyfair.com/p/about-us-/general-rules>

26. The Barbecue Cook-Off area will be closed to the general public on Friday, October 11, 2024, at 12 midnight and Saturday, October 12, 2024, at 1 AM. All other BCFA gates will follow BCFA gate hours.
27. Fires must be wood or wood substances. Contestants must take all precautions necessary to prevent fire hazards. All fires must be contained properly. Contestants may be disqualified if precautionary measures are not followed or unsafe conditions exist.
28. Each cooking team will be required to have on-site, for inspection at any time during the contest, an unexpired fire extinguisher for types A, B & C fires, a minimum of 20 pounds. One fire extinguisher shall be required for each of your assigned spots.
29. There are eight cooking competitions: Beef Fajitas, Dessert, Beans, Friday Night Special, Chicken, Pork Ribs, Pork, and Brisket.

JACKPOT contests include Beef Fajitas, Dessert, Beans, and Friday Special.

Chicken, Pork Ribs, Pork, and Brisket are CBA SANCTIONED judging contests.
30. Barbeque may not be sold to the general public.
31. During the cook-off, the BBQ Committee reserves the right to request one person provided by EACH team to help judge any category if needed. Judges for all contest categories must be 21 years of age or older.
32. 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.
33. Beef Fajitas are to be placed in the judging container with or without garnishing. Only the meat will be judged.
34. Desserts must be cooked on-site, in the spot registered. No alcohol 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.
35. Only pinto beans are permitted for use in the bean jackpot contest.
36. Each Friday Night Special entry must contain at least 4 oz of animal protein, such as beef, chicken, pork, fish, lamb, etc.

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37. The Showmanship contest is an OPTIONAL, FREE contest that begins at 5:30 pm on Friday, October 11, 2024. Teams participating in showmanship will be judged on appearance, theme, hospitality, entertainment, and rig/pit area. First, second, and third place will be given awards.

38. The Kids Cook-Off Competition will be held on Saturday, October 12, 2024, and will consist of two age divisions: Junior (6-11 years old) and Senior (12 to 17 years old). The entry fee per cooker is \$25, and each division is open to 20 cookers.

Registration will begin on Monday, July 29, 2024, and closes when full or at 5 pm on Friday, September 20, 2024. <https://www.brazoriacountyfair.com/events/2024/kids-cook>

39. Awards will be given for the following:

Grand Champion

Reserve Grand Champion

Chicken - First Place, Second Place, and Third Place

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

Pork - First Place, Second Place, and Third Place

Brisket - First Place, Second Place, and Third Place

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

2023 Grand Champion – Bill Purvis, Chicken Fried BBQ

2023 Reserve Grand Champion – Trent Lycka, Bar T BBQ

Barbecue Cook-Off Scholarships

The Barbecue Cook-off will award a BBQ Cook-off scholarship to a student who has actively participated in at least two consecutive BCFA events, with one of those events being either the Kids Cook-off or Main Cook-off. The recipient will be selected by the Scholarship Committee of the Fair Association at the beginning of 2025. Additional scholarships will be awarded based on total fundraising opportunities and optional event entries...

Past and Present BBQ Cook-Off Scholarship Recipients

2024	2015 Brent Garner	2008 Megan McNeil
2023	2015 James Payne	2007 Anthony McNeil
2022 Megan Unruh	2014 Tyler Sweeny	2007 Dustin Valusek
2020 Callie Grigsby	2014 Andrew Stanton	2006 Rayna Chambless
2020 Justin Rossow	2014 Jacob Jakubec	2006 Robbin Follett
2020 Carolyn Stallman	2014 Collin Hopkins	2005 Jenna Kay Reid
2020 Bryanna Hardin	2014 Jordan Brown	2005 Kaci Mullins
2019 Reanna Santos	2014 Haley Holder	2004 Kimberly Kresta
2019 Jessica Armstrong	2013 Justin Cole	2004 Sarah Ingram
2019 Megan Lazrine	2013 Shalea Gonzales	2003 Heath Woodall
2019 Hollie Berg	2012 Randelyn Roberts	2003 Sarah Wollam
2018 Brooke Farrer	2012 Sarah Bolton	2002 Angelina Fonseca
2018 Mason DeVille	2012 Zachary Bryson	2002 Lindsay Allen
2017 Dylan Harris	2012 Ashley Riley	2001 Curtis Sheffield
2017 Kolby Brown	2011 Clint Kresta	2001 Lonnie Walling
2017 Madisson Leopold	2011 Katherine Hall	2000 Amanda Christman
2016 Skyler Bell	2010 Jordan Symon	2000 Erin Loggins
2016 Taylor Williams	2010 Jessica Williams	1999 Matthew Koether
2016 Natalie Spillars	2009 Tyler Pekar	1999 Brian Simmon
2016 Tara Otto	2009 Andrew Ingram	1998 Jeremy Wollam
2015 McKayla McIntyre	2008 Bianca Chambless	1997 Jeremy Peltie

Can Calf Sponsorship be added too?