



Thank you for your interest in the 2024 Humble BBQ Cook-Off! We are excited to bring another year of fun and great awards to all our amazing cookers. Again this year the Humble BBQ will be sanctioned by the Champions BBQ Alliance (CBA). CBA will have each and every cookers result, ready for them electronically, after the awards ceremony.

You will have the option to select if you wish to be on the gravel parking lot or the concrete parking lot, at time of registration, and we will do our best to accommodate everyone. **PLEASE NOTE: Teams with a new team name will be considered a new team and will therefore not hold the returner status for placement on the grounds.**

Registration will be done online and must be paid for in full at time of registration - NO EXCEPTIONS. Registration is open to EVERYONE on October 1, 2023. Returning cookers will have till October 31st to register and request their previous space. We have Title Sponsors that will be added to the grounds which will take up some of the prime spots therefore the BBQ Chairman will do his best to work with you on your location on the BBQ grounds but there are no guarantees of your placement. November 1st all spaces will be assigned on first come first served bases. Please read rules fully before signing off on the acknowledgement sheet and returning. Rules acknowledgement sheet must be signed and returned before your space(s) will be reserved for you. Please e:mail signed rules acknowledgement sheets to Cooks Captain below.

BBQ Cook-Off Committee	EMail
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Josh Burk – Chairman	humblebbqcookoff@humbleroodeo.com
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Kris Wiliams – Registration	kwiliams@humbleroodeo.com

Item	Cost
Humble BBQ Cook-Off Entry Fee	\$300 for one 30x40 space – entry into 4 main meat categories (maximum 4 spaces can be purchased per team) – NO REFUNDS after 12/01/23
Margarita Contest	\$30 each entry – each team is allowed to register for 1 entry, per space purchased
Bloody Mary Contest	\$30 each entry – each team is allowed to register for 1 entry, per space purchased
Port-O-Let	\$120, includes Saturday morning clean out by Waste Management
Handicap Port-O-Let	\$175, includes Saturday morning clean out by Waste Management
Handwashing Station	\$175/Each
Gray Water Tank	\$240/Each
Spectator Fees	\$20/weekend wristband, kids under 5 are free (Cookers will have a specific wristband that MUST be worn)

Important Date	Time	Information
January 24, 2024	8AM – 8PM	Professional Tent Companies and Port-O-Lets Setup – NO OTHERS
January 25, 2024	8AM – 8PM	Teams may begin setup – NO GATHERINGS ON SITE TONIGHT
January 26, 2024	8AM – 2PM 2PM 4PM-11PM	Teams can finish setup. Vehicles MUST be out of cook-off area, or maybe towed Cook-Off Open to the Public.
January 27, 2024	7AM-11AM	Cookers can restock – Cook-off reopens at 12:00 Noon
January 28, 2024	7AM-12 Noon	Tear down and all items must be gone by 12:00 Noon

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS:

1. The BBQ Contest will be held at the Humble Civic Center, located at 8233 Will Clayton Pkwy, Humble, TX 77338.
2. Applications will be available online at <http://www.humblerodeo.com>.
3. First time contestants will be placed on map on a first come, first serve basis after **October 31, 2024**.
4. Head Cook must sign the 2024 Release of Liability to be turned in prior to entering the grounds for the event. This release of liability will be the release of liability for the entire cook team and its members.
5. The Humble Rodeo and BBQ Cook Off Committee reserves the right to relocate any team for the betterment of the event.
6. The Humble Rodeo and BBQ Cook-off Committee will not be responsible for theft or damage.
7. The Humble Rodeo and BBQ Cook-off Committee reserve the right to make any or additional changes to the rules and regulations, at any time and without notice.
8. Decisions of the Humble BBQ Cook-off Judges are FINAL.
9. Those attending or participating in the Humble BBQ Cook-off Contest are required to wear appropriate clothing at all times. (No one will be allowed without shoes or shirts.)
10. The Humble Rodeo and BBQ Cook-off Committee reserve the right to refuse to rent cook-off space to any team or head cook.
11. NO Team is allowed to give their Cook Space(s) to another Person or Cook Team without consent from the BBQ Committee.
12. The Violation of any Rules and Regulations in this document are grounds for immediate expulsion with no guarantee to be allowed back.
13. Humble BBQ Cook-off committee members will, at all times, have free access to the contestant's area.
14. Animals of any kind will not be permitted in designated food preparation areas. Animals must be contained by being crated, caged, or on a leash at ALL times.
15. Restocking of cook teams needs will be allowed on Saturday, January 27th, from 7AM – 11:00AM. **Gates will be closed for re-entry at 11:00AM** and closed to exiting vehicles at 11:30 AM.
16. Humble BBQ Cook-off committee will offer ice for sale, in 40 pound bags, during the cook-off event - **CASH ONLY**. No outside ice may be brought into the cook-off area, except during restocking time on Saturday.
17. Humble BBQ Cook-off will have an official TABC certified bar offering alcohol beverages to the public, therefore no alcohol maybe brought in or out of the area (with the exception of the restocking time frame).

COOKER RULES AND COOKER PARKING:

1. A team consists of a head cook and four (4) assistants with a unique team name. Names may not be offensive and are subject to approval. No team (or team member, including head cook) can cook on more than one team during the competition.
2. The head cook of the team must be physically present and available to the contest management team if called upon.
3. Each space purchased will allow a team to enter the four main meat (chicken, ribs, pork, and brisket) competitions and allow the team to purchase entry for the Margarita and/or Bloody Mary competition. 1 entry per space purchased/per team. Each entering team must have its own team name, head cook, and pit per CBA Rules. Teams are not allowed to share cooking equipment.
4. Up to three (3) additional spaces per team (a maximum of 4 spaces per team allowed) can be purchased and will be awarded if available. **NO EXCEPTIONS**. Each additional space allows for an additional cook team to enter the competition but each additional team must also have their own team name, head cook, cook team and pit. There can be no more than one team per space.
5. Each **cooking team** will receive one (1) parking pass that is good for the cookers parking lot, at the east end of the arena. Cookers **MAY NOT** park in the VIP parking lot and no parking passes will be sold for this lot. Vehicles left in the cook-off area, after 2PM on Friday (*not within your cooking space*) or parked in the VIP Parking Lot will be towed at the owner's expense. Cookers may also park at Humble High School free of charge, where a shuttle bus will be running to and from the BBQ Cook-off.
6. No vehicle will be allowed to enter, or leave, the contest area after 2 PM on Friday, January 26th, till the end of the BBQ Cook-off at 11:30 PM Saturday, January 27th (with the exception of restocking on Saturday from 7 AM – 11 PM).
7. Each cooking team will receive five cooker (5) wristbands – one (1) for head cook and one (1) for other 4 cookers. These wristbands **MUST** be worn to come and go from the cook-off area. **Please note these will need to be on to take your entry to the judging area at the pavilion.**
8. Additional spectator wristbands can be purchased at time of registration, and will be in your cookers packet upon arrival. Please check your packet prior to pulling away from check-in, "missing" wristbands will not be replaced unless you notice them, and tell those volunteers, at check-in – during check-in. It is also the head cooks responsibility to be certain that none of the adult wristbands purchased are put on anyone under 21.
9. Contestants must supply needed equipment and supplies.

SPACE/ TENT SET-UP RULES:

1. Each cooking space is approximately 30'x40'. **EASEMENTS ARE NOT OFFERED FOR SALE** and cannot be encroached on.
2. Hired tent companies may not be scheduled to arrive for set up until Wednesday, January 24th – 7AM. Tear down of such tents must be done on Sunday, January 28th. All team items (those rented and those not rented) must be gone from the cook-off area by Sunday afternoon.
3. All tents needing to be tied down must be done so with water barrels and no stakes (**this includes gravel parking lot**). Water is available on site (near arena) but there are no hoses provided to use across the grounds. No water may be dumped in the cook-off area, during set-up or during the cook-off itself. Water barrels may not be dumped on grounds until after the cook-off has ended on Saturday – January 27th at midnight.
4. All tents must be within your 30' x 40' space, including water barrels, etc. No part of the tent setup can be outside of your space, including sound speakers, etc.
5. Props, trailers, and motor homes, etc. or any other part of cook team equipment must not exceed the boundaries of the assigned space. Easements are not to be used. Safety access is needed during the event.
6. Holes or dug pits are not permitted.
7. Tent stakes or other devices that damage the blacktop, concrete surface, or gravel lot in any way are prohibited.
8. Damage to any utilities will be the responsibility of the cook team, to be billed by Humble Rodeo & BBQ Cook-off.
9. Port-O-Lets must be reserved and **paid for at time of registration**, no port-o-let will be assigned to your space if it was not paid for at time of registration. **Moving a port-o-let, that is not paid for by your team into your space, is reason for disqualification.**
10. Waste Management is the formal provider of all port-o-lets. No other port-o-let company is allowed to bring port-o-lets, wash stations, or any other item offered by Waste Management, on the cook-off grounds.
11. Port-O-Lets must be within your 30'x40' space. It will be cleaned Saturday morning at no charge to your team. Port-o-lets **MUST** be within 50' of the entry for the port-o-let to be cleaned out on Saturday morning.
12. Metal pans must be provided under the opening of the firebox to prevent damaging the blacktop, concrete surface, gravel lot and/or catching the grass on fire.
13. No electricity will be provided on the grounds. All generators must be grounded at all times.
14. All generators are subject to approval by the City of Humble Fire Marshall. The Humble BBQ Cook-off committee will not refuel generators.
15. Teams with air conditioning must furnish their own drain line and water overflow must be drained into the city-drain systems or a concealed container. Disbursement of the drain water is the cooker's responsibility. Under no circumstance may drain water be drained into adjoining cooking spaces or easements.
16. Cook teams should plan on moving in and out without the assistance from Humble BBQ Cook-off committee/volunteers.
17. Each cook space is responsible for fully cleaning their area, during the cook-off and after the cook-off. Trash receptacles, plus trash bags, will be available at the check-in gate, until they have all been handed out. Trash pickup will be provided for bags placed in front of your space by 8AM on Saturday – **NO FREE LIQUID** is allowed in trash bags.
18. It is the responsibility of the cook team to be certain their area is in the condition in which they found it, upon leaving. If any team leaves items (equipment, tents, trash, etc) behind after Sunday, January 28th, they will be charged a cleaning fee (minimum of \$300). Cook teams will not be allowed to participate in future cook-off's until this fee has been paid and upon approval of the Humble Rodeo and BBQ Cook-off committee.
19. Humble Rodeo and BBQ Cook-off is not responsible for items left behind.

BEHAVIOR, CONDUCT AND ENTERTAINMENT (BANDS)

1. The head cook is responsible for the conduct of their team members and guest.
2. Excessive use of alcoholic beverages may be grounds for disqualification.
3. **NO ONE UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE SHALL BE SERVED OR ALLOWED TO CONSUME ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON THE GROUNDS.** Each team must monitor its own area as it pertains to minors.
4. Each cook team must comply with all laws pertaining to the serving and consumption of alcoholic beverages.
5. Any cook team having inappropriate music, entertainment, contests, etc. may be asked to leave the contest area immediately.
6. Excessively loud music, horns, air horns, etc. are strictly prohibited.
7. Security officers and committee personnel will be permitted to all areas of the Cook Off, including all Cook Off team tents, etc. and will have authority to handle matters in accordance with the law.
8. **NO LEWD OR INAPPROPRIATE ACTS** will be tolerated. Any cooks, guests, staff, etc. participating in or allowing inappropriate

- activities in their assigned spaces will be disqualified from the Cook Off, the cooker's event will be shut down, and the team involved will be removed from the premises immediately and not allowed to participate in future Humble BBQ Cook Offs.
9. Under no circumstances will any contestant, or member of the public, be allowed to bring onto the grounds: golf carts; motor vehicles; carts; bicycles; roller skates; skate boards; scooters; motorized coolers or any type of transportation, with the exception of wheelchairs for handicapped individuals. Use of any of the above mentioned items would justify cook team disqualification.
 10. No smoking in enclosed tents is allowed.
 11. Cook teams are NOT PERMITTED to charge for entry into their assigned space(s) during the cook-off.
 12. Cook teams are NOT PERMITTED to sell any items (alcohol, goods, or food) during the cook-off, without permission of the Humble BBQ Cook-off executive team.
 13. Cook teams with an enclosed area, to which the public is not allowed, SHALL provide their own security and mark tent as "Private".
 14. Friday or Saturday Nights, all music **MUST END at 11:00 PM**, per the City of Humble Noise Ordinance. A security officer will determine excessive noise and any request made to teams for noise to be shut down or turned down must be obeyed. If an officer has to ask a team more than a couple times, the team maybe shut down for the evening.
 15. All band members must have a general admission wristband to enter the Cook-Off.
 16. Normal band/entertainer load in can be done prior to 2PM on Friday evening or during restocking on Saturday from 7AM-11AM – but must have their vehicle out of the BBQ grounds by 11 AM when gates close. No bands will be allowed to drive in after 2PM Friday or 11AM Saturday. If bands miss these open time frames, they will be required to carry their equipment in through the front gate.

SAFETY/HEALTH

1. **Portable fire extinguishers must be present** for the type of fire or oil being used per 30 X 40 per space, in full view.
2. No smoking in enclosed tents. Smoking tobacco is not permitted in food serving area.
3. The Fire Marshall will be tagging "occupancy limits" on all enclosed tents.
4. Hay bales are not permitted inside or outside your tent areas.
5. Ash containers are on site; it is required that you use them. **DO NOT put ash in dumpster, only designated ash containers.**
6. A cover is required over all open food preparation areas and all food must be covered.
7. Keep cold food stored on ice or refrigerated at all times. The food must be maintained at 45 degrees Fahrenheit.
8. Heated food should be maintained at 140 degrees Fahrenheit.
9. Three containers of water must be utilized at all times, one gallon minimum each:
 - First Bucket – Soap and water for washing, unless sink and running water are available and useable
 - Second Bucket – Clean water for rinsing, unless a sink and water are available and useable
 - Third Bucket – One cap of bleach per gallon of water for sanitizing
10. All generators must be grounded at all times
11. No glass bottles are allowed (**THIS MEANS NO GLASS BEER BOTTLES**)
12. Pyrotechnics of any kind are **STRICTLY PROHIBITED**.

CATEGORIES AND JUDGING:

- Main Meats: Brisket, Chicken, Ribs and Pork
 - Please refer to the CBA Cooking Rules.
 - Each paid cooking space allows a team to enter all meat categories for their \$300 entry fee.
 - Quantities for turn-in will be announced at the Head Cooks' meeting on Friday, January 26th.
 - Turn-in times on Saturday, January 27th, will be announced at the Head Cooks' meeting.
 - Cash Prizes will be awarded for places 1-10.

- Margarita Contest:
 - Judging for the Margarita Contest will be held on Friday evening January 26th.
 - Judging for the Margarita Contest will be held at the Public Plaza area of the BBQ Cook-off.
 - Entry fee is \$30 per space, non-refundable and due at time of online registration.
 - Entries will be limited to the first seventy-five (75) teams.
 - Participants should prepare margaritas for six (6) judges. *Judging will not be done by CBA.*
 - Judging will be on presentation of drink by contestant; view of the overall drink and taste.
 - Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.
 - Bloody Mary Contest:
 - Judging for the Bloody Mary Contest will be held on Saturday morning, January 27th.
 - Judging for the Bloody Mary Contest will be held at the Public Plaza area of the BBQ Cook-off.
 - Entry fee is \$30 per space, non-refundable and due at time of online registration.
 - Entries will be limited to the first seventy-five (75) teams.
 - Participants should prepare bloody mary for six (6) judges. *Judging will not be done by CBA*
 - Judging will be on presentation of drink by contestant; view of the overall drink and taste.
 - Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.
 - JUDGING – To be held at the Civic Pavilion.
 - Turn-in time will be within 10 minutes of judging. It is the contestant's responsibility to have the entries delivered to the respective judging area in a timely manner.
 - Cookers are required to have a cookers wristband on to get to and from the cook-off area and judging area.
 - All measures will be taken to ensure that judges will not know which entry is being judged at any given time.
 - Judging will be conducted in accordance with **CBA rules and guidelines**, and the judges' decision will be final.
 - Only one entry, per team.
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Thank you for your interest in the 2024 Humble BBQ Cook-off. We look forward to a great event. Now that you have read the rules completely, please fill out the next sheet two sheets:

1. RELEASE OF LIABILITY
2. RULES ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Please e:mail it to Sabrina@humblerodeo.com. Your space(s) **WILL NOT** be reserved until at which time we receive the above two forms filled out and signed by the head cook.

2024 EXHIBITOR/PARTICIPANT
HUMBLE RODEO AND BBQ COOK OFF
RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

In consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, for being allowed entry into and participation in activities (the "Activities") associated with the Humble Rodeo and BBQ Cook Off, the undersigned hereby enters into this RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT (this "Agreement") as of the date set forth below.

1. **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISKS:** The undersigned recognizes and understands that there are risks associated with their participation in the Activities including, but not limited to, bodily injury or death to persons and damage to property. The undersigned further acknowledges and understands that they will be held liable and responsible for any and all damage to persons, livestock, vehicles, property and/or improvements to property that is caused by them and/or any persons (including, but not limited to, minors) under their care and control, and that arise out of, or are related to, the undersigned's entry into and participation in the Activities.
2. **APPLICABILITY AND SCOPE OF RELEASES AND INDEMNITIES:** For purposes of this Agreement, "Claims" shall mean any past, present and future claims, losses, costs, expenses, liabilities, demands, or causes of action, and costs of defense or settlement (including, without limitation, attorneys' fees and court costs) associated with or relating to or arising out of the Activities. The releases, waivers, and indemnities contained in this Agreement expressly shall apply regardless of whether the Claims to be released, waived, or indemnified against arise, or are alleged to arise, from (i) NEGLIGENCE (WHETHER SOLE, JOINT OR CONCURRENT), GROSS NEGLIGENCE, NEGLIGENCE PER SE, and/or STRICT LIABILITY, of the Humble Rodeo and BBQ Cook Off Committee or its present and former officers, directors, members, subsidiaries, affiliates, employees, volunteers, staff, and/or agents and any other person, firm, or corporation bound to defend or pay judgments against them (the "Released Parties"); (ii) personal injury, death or property damage; (iii) acts under the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act ("DTPA"); (iv) acts of any other persons or guests; (v) theft, burglary, assault, or other crimes; (vi) fire, water, wind, rain and/or smoke and/or (vii) any other risks and hazards associated with the undersigned's entry into and participation in the Activities, including, but not limited to, the general conditions at the Activities, animals both wild and domestic that may be diseased and/or potentially dangerous, persons with firearms both on and off the premises used in connection with the Activities, and the driving or riding in any vehicles, whether belonging to Released Parties or to other persons.
3. **RELEASE FROM LIABILITY:** The undersigned hereby RELEASES, ACQUITS AND FOREVER DISCHARGES, and WAIVES any and all Claims against any of the Released Parties that arise from or relate to their entry and participation in the Activities—including, but not limited to, the types of claims enumerated in Paragraph 2—and agrees not to sue any of the Released Parties for such Claims. Without limiting the foregoing, the undersigned agrees that the Released Parties shall not be liable to them, their family, or their guests, for personal injury, property damage, or any other Claims arising from or related to the undersigned's entry into and participation in the Activities.
4. **AGREEMENT TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS:** The undersigned agrees to INDEMNIFY and HOLD HARMLESS the Released Parties against any and all Claims arising from or related to the undersigned's entry and participation in the Activities—including, but not limited to, the types of Claims enumerated in Paragraph 2. In addition, and without limiting the foregoing, the undersigned agrees to INDEMNIFY the Released Parties for any Claims for injuries to any minors under their care and control and/or his or her parent/guardian, and for any Claims asserted by, through or under the undersigned, arising from or related to the undersigned's entry into and participation in the Activities—including, but not limited to, the types of Claims enumerated in Paragraph 2. As used herein, "INDEMNIFY" means to agree to assume the Released Parties' liability in a situation, thereby relieving them of responsibility, and/or reimbursing the Released Party for Claims asserted against them.
5. **PHOTOGRAPH/INTERVIEW RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT:** The undersigned GRANTS PERMISSION to be PHOTOGRAPHED or INTERVIEWED in connection with the Activities. The undersigned understands that any such photograph or interview may be used by the Released Parties or television, film, video, visual, graphic or printed media. The undersigned agrees to RELEASE and INDEMNIFY the Released Parties with respect to any Claims related to the usage of such photographs or interviews by the Released Parties or any media—including, but not limited to, the types of Claims enumerated in Paragraph 2.

As further inducement to the Humble Rodeo and BBQ Cook Off Committee to permit the undersigned's entry into and participation in the Activities, the undersigned represents that they thoroughly and completely understand that this is a complete and final release and indemnity agreement, that they are freely and voluntarily entering into this Agreement, and that no representations, promises or statements made by any Released Party, or any agent, attorney or other representative of any Released Party has influenced the undersigned in causing them to sign this Agreement.

The undersigned understands that this agreement shall be binding on their heirs, executors, successors and assigns, that the Agreement will be governed by the laws of Texas, and that jurisdiction and venue for resolution of any dispute regarding this Agreement shall lie in a Texas State Court in Harris County, Texas. If any part of this Agreement is determined to be invalid or unenforceable, it does not affect the validity of the remainder of this Agreement. The undersigned agrees to the terms and conditions above, and acknowledges receipt of this Agreement.

Signature – Exhibitor/Participant

Date

Name Printed

If the person on whose behalf this Agreement is being executed is a minor, a parent or legal guardian must also execute this Agreement.

Signature – Parent/Guardian

Date

Name Printed

RELATIONSHIP TO MINOR: _____

Humble Rodeo & BBQ Cook-Off

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I acknowledge that I am a registering as a cooker of the 2024 Humble BBQ Cook-Off and acknowledge the below (*initial squares and sign below*):

- ☐ I have read the 2024 Humble BBQ Cook-off Rules
- ☐ I agree to abide by all rules set forth
- ☐ I am responsible for myself and my team to follow all rules
- ☐ I understand the dates/times set forth and will follow them
- ☐ I understand the BBQ is a CBA Sanctioned Event
- ☐ I understand I must email this form and the Release of Liability form in (signed) before my space(s) will be assigned and my registration considered complete.

I understand:

- ☐ Repeated violation of any rules or guidelines could cause tent closure.
- ☐ Spot checking by committee members is allowed at any and all times.
- ☐ As Head Cook, I will be responsible for my tent; cooks; and visitors to my tent.
- ☐ I am solely responsible for the monitoring of alcohol consumption; and prevention of alcohol consumption of minors.

Team Name

Head Cook – Printed

Head Cook - Signature