

PASADENA LIVESTOCK SHOW & RODEO
41ST ANNUAL CHAMPIONSHIP BBQ COOK-OFF
September 13 & 14, 2024



RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The BBQ Contest will be held at the Pasadena Rodeo Grounds, located at 7601 Red Bluff, Pasadena, Texas
2. Applications will be available online at <http://www.pasadenarodeo.com> or in the office of the Pasadena Livestock Show & Rodeo during regular business hours
3. The contestants from the 2023 cook off will have first right of refusal until 5:00 p.m. June 14, 2024
4. First time contestants can be admitted on a first come, first serve basis after June 21, 2024
5. Payment in full is due by August 9, 2024
6. **ALL COOK TEAMS MUST HAVE A REGISTER CREDIT CARD WITH OFFICE PRIOR TO START OF COOK-OFF TO PURCHASE DIESEL, SODAS, BEER OR ICE (NO CASH WILL BE ACCEPTED)**
7. PLS&R reserves the right at the discretion of the BBQ Committee to relocate any team for the betterment of the event
8. Contestants must supply their own personal equipment and supplies
9. Holes or dug pits are not permitted
10. Metal pans must be provided under the opening of the firebox to prevent damaging the concrete surface or catching the grass on fire.
11. No Tent stakes are permitted/allowed on the fairgrounds per City of Pasadena Ordinance
12. PLS&R will not be responsible for theft or damage
13. PLS&R reserves the right to make changes to the rules and regulations
14. Decisions of the PLS&R Judges are FINAL
15. Those attending or participating in the 41st Annual Championship BBQ Contest are required to wear appropriate clothing at all times. (No one will be allowed without shoes or shirts.)
16. The Pasadena Livestock Show and Rodeo reserves the right to refuse to rent cook-off space to any team or head cook
17. NO Team is allowed to give their Cook Space(s) to another Person or Cook Team without consent from the BBQ Committee
18. The Violation of any Rules and Regulations in this document are grounds for Expulsion.
19. APPLICANT AGREES TO ABIDE BY ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS SET FORTH BY THE PLS&R BARBEQUE COOKOFF COMMITTEE AND HOLDS PLS&R HARMLESS IN THE EVENT OF INJURIES OR LOSS

Entry Fees

1. The entry fee is \$450.00 for regular spaces and \$975.00 for midway spaces. **(No Refunds)**
2. Each numbered space (40x40) will receive five (5) cooker wristbands, each team will be given 2 band parking passes per registered band/DJ for the band parking area for Friday and Saturday, (Passes will only be included for bands that are pre-registered before/by August 30, 2024)
3. Additional tickets up to 25 per space, per day, may be purchased for \$10.00 each at the rodeo office up till the end of the cooks meeting on Wednesday, September 11, 2024. After September 11, 2024, cooker passes and all general admission tickets will be \$15.00 at the gate. All passes may be purchased from the PLS&R office.
4. No admission will be charged to:
 - Contestants with cooker wristbands
 - All Pasadena Livestock Show & Rodeo Committeemen wearing badges

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Check In

1. Wednesday, September 11, 2024: 8:00 am. Move In, All equipment (cooking rigs, trailers, etc.)
2. Thursday, September 12, 2024: 8:00 a.m. Move In until 4:00 p.m. - cooking rigs and equipment
3. Contestants are restricted to 200 pounds (Five 40lbs bags) of ice for move in. There is a 25 cases of beer per cooking space.
 - a. The reason for the restriction of beer is that these items are a main source of income during cook off and contribute to the scholarship fund.
 - b. All beer must be in during check in times between Wednesday, September 11, 2024 and Thursday, September 12, 2024 by 4:00 p.m.

Vehicles

1. Gates to ALL traffic will be locked at 4:00 p.m., Thursday, September 12, 2024.
2. No vehicle will be allowed to enter or leave the contest area after 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 12, 2024 (The BBQ Cook –Off committee at their discretion can make Exceptions.) Under no circumstances will contestants block any aisle after set up period ends at 4:00 p.m. Thursday, September 12, 2024.
3. Vehicles not removed by 4:00 p.m. Thursday, September 12, 2024, and/or left unattended, will be subject to removal by a wrecker, at the contestant’s expense.
4. Under no circumstances will any contestant, member of the public, or member of PLS&R be allowed to bring onto the grounds: golf carts, motor vehicles, carts, bicycles, roller skates, skateboards, scooters, motorized coolers or any type of transportation, with the exception of wheelchairs for handicapped individuals. *Any Exceptions will be approved by the BBQ Committee

Cook-off Spaces

1. Each team will be allocated 40' x 40' space(s). NO EXCEPTIONS WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION / DISCRETION FROM PLS&R BBQ COMMITTEE., ADDITIONAL SPACE MAY BE AVAILABLE AT A COST OF \$100 per 10 x 40 SQ.FT. Easements are not for sale.
2. Props, trailers, motor homes, tents (including water barrels), etc... covering any other part of cook team equipment must not exceed the boundaries of the assigned space. Easements cannot to be occupied (Unless approved by the BBQ Committee). Utility access is needed during the event.
3. Tent companies may start setting up Monday September 9, 2024 7:00am. **(Tent stakes are prohibited)**
4. Tent companies can tear down beginning Sunday, September 15 after 7:00 a.m.
5. Due to unpredictable weather, it is suggested that contestants bring suitable shelter for their space/team.
6. **Damaged to any utilities will be the responsibility of the cook team. (To be billed by PLS&R)**
7. ALL TENTS MUST BE TIED DOWN AND SECURED BY WATER BARRELS ONLY! NO STAKES IN THE GROUND ALLOWED PER THE CITY OF PASADENA ORDINANCE - NO EXCEPTIONS.
8. Cook teams may not exceed a maximum of three cook-off spaces that qualify for Competitions

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Electrical, Water and Diesel

1. The PLS&R Championship BBQ committee provides spaces with:
 - a. 1 ea. 110 volt 20-amp plug
 - b. 1 ea. 110 volt 30-amp plug
2. Water is also provided for each space. Cook teams must provide their own hoses.
3. All generators must be **diesel, and grounded at all times**. PLSR Diesel Committee will refuel generators at designated times, to be discussed at the Cook's meeting. Current prices will apply. (NO GASOLINE GENERATORS)
4. **MUST HAVE CREDIT CARD ON FILE WITH OFFICE PRIOR TO START OF COOK-OFF TO RECEIVE DIESEL (NO CASH WILL BE ACCEPTED)**

Cook Team Responsibilities

1. Each cook team with air conditioning must furnish their own drain line, and water over flow must be drained into the city-drain systems or a concealed container.
 - a. Disbursement of drain water is the cooker's responsibility.
 - b. Under no circumstance may drain water be drained into adjoining cooking spaces or easements.
 - c. Cook teams should plan to move in, and out, without the assistance from the Rodeo Association. In the event, that lifting equipment is available, PLS&R may assist. It is the cook team's responsibility to coordinate all move in, and move out themselves.
2. The Responsible Party / Chief Cook is responsible for the conduct of his/her team and guests.
3. **NO ONE UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE SHALL BE SERVED OR ALLOWED TO CONSUME ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON THE GROUNDS.**
4. Liquor bottles will be store behind the bar.
5. Each cook team must comply with all laws pertaining to the serving and consumption of alcoholic beverages.
6. Any cook team having inappropriate music, entertainment, contests, etc. can be asked to leave the contest area.
7. Contestants with an enclosed area to which the public is not allowed, shall furnish their own security
8. It is the responsibility of each BBQ team to see that their CONTEST AREA REMAINS CLEAN AT ALL TIMES. Please remember that we are trying to keep costs down, therefore we are requesting the help of each team in this matter.
 - a. PLS&R IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR CLEAN UP OF SPACES.
 - b. IF A COOK TEAM SPACE IS NOT CLEAN AT THE END OF THE BBQ COOK-OFF, THE TEAM WILL BE BILLED FOR THE COST OF CLEAN UP, (MINIMUM OF \$300), AND SAID TEAM WILL BE SUBJECT TO EXCLUSION FROM PARTICIPATING IN THE 2024 BBQ COOK-OFF.
9. Tear down may begin on Sunday, September 15, 2024 at 7:00 a.m.
10. **ALL TENTS, GENERATORS AND AC UNITS ETC. MUST BE PICKED UP / REMOVED FROM GROUNDS NO LATER THAN NOON ON MONDAY SEPTEMBER 16, 2024.**

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Trash

1. Trash receptacles will be placed throughout the contest area for each contestant's use.
2. MIDWAY SPACES MUST HAVE A REAR ACCESS FOR TRASH PICK-UP (NO TRASH ON MIDWAY).
3. It is the contestant's responsibility to have their trash readily available to be emptied into the garbage trailer when it arrives at the space. (Plastic trash liners will be furnished after check in.)
4. No free liquid to be put/poured into trash bags.
5. Grease collection containers are on site; please use them.

Pits

1. Contestants are not allowed to share cooking equipment.
2. If contestants have more than one cook space, and plan to cook at each cooking space, they must have a different name, must have One Pit for each cook space per turn-in (Max three turn-in) Ex: Two spaces, Two Pits, Two turn-ins
3. Any Commercial or homemade, trailered, or un-trailered, pit or smoker normally used for competitive barbeque. A BBQ Pit may include gas or electricity for starting the combustion of wood or wood products but NOT to complete cooking. Pit should be of a permanent design that contains separate individual cooking chambers and heat sources (no sharing of heat sources). Pellet cookers are allowed. Electrical accessories such as spits, augers or force drafts are permitted. The use of heat lamps, proofing cabinets or any other electrical heating or holding device is prohibited. The process of Sous Vide, boiling, or frying of competition meat is not allowed.

Port a Cans

1. PLS&R requires each cook team to utilize the contracted port-a-can company, for said services.
2. It is the responsibility of the cook team to contact the port-a-can company to reserve and pay for this service, prior to the cook off. (See Form on web site)
3. For cleaning access, the port-a-can should be placed within the team's allocated space, within 50 feet of the entry.

Safety

1. Portable fire extinguishers 10 lb. Type "K" or (1) 10 lb. ABC per 40X40 per space, in full view.

Health

1. The City of Pasadena Health Department recommends the following guidelines. All teams are required to follow these guidelines.
2. A cover is required over all open food preparation areas.
3. Three containers of water must be utilized at all times, one-gallon minimum each:
 - a. First Bucket – Soap and water for washing, unless sink and running water are available and useable
 - b. Second Bucket – Clean water for rinsing, unless a sink and water are available and useable
 - c. Third Bucket – One cap of bleach per gallon of water for sanitizing
4. Keep all food covered.
5. Keep cold food stored on ice or refrigerated at all times. The food must be maintained at 45 degrees Fahrenheit.
6. Heated food should be maintained at 140 degrees Fahrenheit.
7. Smoking tobacco should not be permitted in food serving area.

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Beer and Ice

1. The Pasadena Rodeo Championship BBQ Committee will sell beer and ice.
2. Contestants will not be allowed to re-stock beer or ice from outside the cook off.
3. No glass bottles are allowed (THIS MEANS NO GLASS BEER BOTTLES). (City of Pasadena Ordinance).
4. Under no circumstance will outside BEER, ICE or COLD DRINK VENDORS be allowed into the BBQ cook off area.
5. The sale of any drinks or food is strictly prohibited by cook teams.
6. Prior to 4:00 p.m. Thursday, September 12, cook teams will be allowed to bring in 200 pounds of Ice (total) & (only) 25 cases of beer, per space. After 4:00 p.m. September 12, 2024, cook teams must purchase beer, ice and soft drink products from the Beverage Committee.
7. Team spaces will be inspected at check in or after set up.
8. MIDWAY SPACES MUST HAVE A REAR ACCESS FOR BEER AND ICE DELIVERIES.

Bands

1. Bands must be pre-registered. In order to plan for entry, any cooking team having a band (or musical equipment) that has to be brought in to the cook off area after 4:00 p.m. Friday or Saturday, MUST register their band via <http://www.pasadenarodeo.com>, or contact the Rodeo office ON or BEFORE August 30, 2024.
2. **Thursday, Friday and Saturday Nights, all music MUST end at 11:00pm**
3. Friday & Saturday upon check in at band entry gate, please schedule your band pick up time.
4. The whole band must be ready for pickup at your designated pick up time. No partial band pickups.

General Rules

1. Each cook team will be assigned a Committee person (Team Rep) as a Contestant Supervisor; the assigned committee person will, at all times, have free access to the contestant's area.
2. Should any cook team have any complaints toward their Contestant Supervisor, or any committee person, they should report their complaints immediately to the PLS&R office. The office will contact the appropriate person to take any further action.
3. The Responsible Party/Chief Cook meeting will be held in Convention Center Wednesday, September 11, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. **ALL COOK TEAMS SHALL PICK UP THEIR CONTAINERS AT THIS TIME!**
4. Cook teams are not permitted to charge for entry into their assigned space(s) during the cook off.
5. Cook teams are not permitted to sell ANY items within the confines of their assigned areas during the cook off.
6. Excessively loud music, horns, air horns, etc. are strictly prohibited (PLS&R discretion).
7. No outside speakers are allowed. All speakers must be set to entertain guests inside the contestant space only.
8. Due to environmental safety, the Pasadena Livestock Show & Rodeo will not allow hay or any flammable material to be used in your space(s). Only biodegradable/Non-flammable material may be used
9. Animals of any kind will not be permitted in designated food preparation areas.
10. Animals of any kind must be contained by being crated, caged, or on a leash at all times.

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Meat Inspection:

1. Friday, September 13, 2024 between the hours of **9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon** meat will be inspected
2. Each cook team will be allowed to cook two (2) briskets per space; only ONE (1) of which will be allowed entry into competition.
3. Only one cut of brisket will be judged per each cook team space.
4. Brisket must be in vacuum packed packaging from manufacture before the inspection begins
5. Pre-cooked, salted, seasoned or marinated meat is not allowed.
6. No cook team shall start cooking before briskets are Inspected.

Judging

1. JUDGING - TO BE HELD AT A LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED BY THE COMMITTEE.
2. The above entry fee entitles teams to enter the, Brisket, Chicken, Pork Ribs, and Beef Fajitas contests.
3. Cooks Choice and Margaritas, Twenty Dollar entry fee per entry (See Entry Form)
4. Turn-in time will be within 30 minutes BEFORE judging (except for brisket). It is the contestant's responsibility to have the entries delivered to the respective judging area in a timely manner.
5. Competition brisket will be inspected prior to cutting for turn in to judging area, and will be retrieved by a PLS&R committee member.
6. PLS&R utilizes a blind judging system that is based on a duplicate numbered ticket which will be utilized in all judging categories, except Cook's Choice and Margaritas.
 - a. Blind judging consists of one-half of the double ticket being enclosed in a small envelope, and being secured by duct tape to the **bottom** of the turn-in container.
 - b. The second half of the ticket is placed inside the judging container. **The contestant must retain this ticket.**
 - c. Teams with multiple spaces that turn in multiple entries, must have different pits, chief cooks, and space numbers.
 - d. Overall Cooking awards will be awarded by space.
7. Any container that appears to have been deliberately marked or altered will be referred to the Director / General Chairman of the BBQ committee, who will rule on disqualification.
8. All entries will be scored on a scale of 1 to 10 in each of the judging criteria, with 10 being the best.
9. In case of a tie in the meat categories, the computer will be used to determine the final places.
10. In addition to the categories listed below, a trophy will also be awarded for the Showmanship.
11. Only one entry, per team, per space. Two entries per midway space. Maximum of Three entries for shared spaces.

Categories:

- a. **Cooks Choice:** One (1) entry per space. Maximum of two (2) entries for shared spaces.
 - a. **Judging BEGINS Thursday, September 12 at 6:00 p.m.**
 - b. Entry Fee is \$25 per space (Non-Refundable)
 - c. Entries will be limited to the first Seventy-five (75) teams (See Form on web site)
 - d. Judging will be at the cook space(s).
 - e. In the event of inclement weather, the contest will be moved to an appropriate location.
 - f. Participants should prepare food for four (4) judges.
 - g. Trophies will be awarded for 1st thru 5th places, Cash Prize for 1st and 2nd place.
 - h. **See Application for Specifics**

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- b. **Bloody Mary Contest:** One (1) entry per space. Maximum of two (2) entries for shared spaces.
- Judging BEGINS, Friday, September 13 at 9:00 a.m.**
 - Bloody Mary (Vodka based)**
 - Entry Fee is \$25 per space (Non-Refundable)
 - Entries will be limited to the first seventy-five (75) teams. (See Form on web site)
 - Judging will be at the cook space(s).
 - In the event of inclement weather, the contest will be moved to an appropriate location.
 - Participants should prepare ONE (1) same type of Bloody Mary for four (4) judges**
 - Trophies will be awarded for 1st thru 5th places, Cash Prize for 1st and 2nd place.
 - See Application for Specifics**
- c. **Fajitas Contest:** BEEF ONLY
- Judging BEGINS, Friday, September 13 - at 11:00 am.**
 - Fill tray approx., 16 oz. of cooked meat.
 - Sauces, garnishes or foil will not be allowed in the judging container, and will be grounds for disqualification.
 - Trophies will be awarded for 1st thru 5th places.
- d. **Chicken Contest:**
- Judging BEGINS, Friday, September 13 - at 1:00 p.m.**
 - 1/2 chicken, fully jointed, domestic chicken that includes breast, wing, thigh, and drumstick.
 - NO CORNISH GAME HENS
 - Required: additional cut up pieces of both white & dark meats **must** be included in the turn in container.
 - Sauces, garnishes or foil will not be allowed in the judging container, and will be grounds for disqualification
 - Trophies will be awarded for 1st thru 5th places.
- e. **Rib Contest - PORK SPARE RIBS ONLY:**
- Judging BEGINS, Friday, September 13 - Pork Ribs at 3:00 p.m.**
 - Fill tray with ribs (minimum 8, **bone in, knuckle off**)
 - Sauces, garnishes or foil will not be allowed in the judging container, and will be grounds for disqualification.
 - Trophies will be awarded for 1st thru 5th places.
- f. **Brisket Contest:**
- Brisket pick-up, will BEGIN at 12:00 p.m. (NOON), Saturday, September 14, 2024.
 - Fill tray with full width slices of brisket approx. 1/4" to 3/8" thick, aligned with the hinge of the container. (double elimination judging for top ten).
 - Judging BEGINS Saturday, September 14, 2024 at 1:00 pm.**
 - 15 minutes per space will be allowed for inspecting, and brisket cutting.
 - Cookers must provide the PLS&R representative with their brisket entry before the 15-minute time limit expires or face possible disqualification.
 - Sauces may be used during the cooking process but cannot be applied for entry presentation or judging.
 - Sauces, garnishes or foil will not be allowed in the judging container, and will be grounds for disqualification.
 - Trophies will be awarded for 1st thru 5th places.

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- g. **Margarita Contest:** One (1) entry per space. Maximum of two (2) entries for shared spaces.
- Judging BEGINS, Saturday, September 14 at 2:00 p.m.**
 - Margarita (Tequila based)**
 - Entry Fee is \$25 per space (Non-Refundable)
 - Entries will be limited to the first seventy-five (75) teams. (See Form on web site)
 - Judging will be at the cook space(s).
 - In the event of inclement weather, the contest will be moved to an appropriate location.
 - Participants should prepare ONE (1) same type of margaritas for four (4) judges per entry**
 - Trophies will be awarded for 1st thru 5th places, Cash Prize for 1st and 2nd place.
 - See Application for Specifics**
- h. **Overall Winner:**
- In the event of a tie for any of the positions, the tie breakers will be the scores received as follows: in 1st Brisket, 2nd Ribs, 3rd Chicken and 4th Fajitas.
 - Scores for the Overall will be accumulated by space number/chief cook, NOT team name.
 - Trophies from Thursday and Friday contests must be claimed by Saturday, September 14, at 10 a.m. Category trophies claimed late will not be counted in Overall Contest.
 - Trophies will be awarded for Grand and Reserve Grand.
Grand Champion will receive one 40x40 Space for 2025 Cook-Off.
- Specialty Items are not Included in Scoring of Overall Contest for Grand and Reserve Grand

Health Protocol

Any Health protocol for the Pasadena BBQ Cook-off will be determined at a date closer to the date of the cook-off. The protocols set by the governmental officials fluctuate so PLS&R will follow the protocol in place at the time of cook-off.

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Important Dates and Times

Wednesday August 28, 6:30 pm Cook Team Packet Pickup, front of Rodeo Office

Wednesday September 11, 6:30 pm Cooks Meeting in Convention Center

Friday September 13, 5:00 pm in Convention Center
***Bloody Mary, Cooks Choice, Fajitas, Chicken and Ribs Awards**

Saturday September 14, 5:00 pm in Convention Center
***Margaritas, Brisket, Specialty Trophies and Overall Awards**

Thank you for participating in the 2024 Pasadena Livestock Show and Rodeo Cook Off. In order to provide scholarships to local students each year, we depend on you, our wonderful contestants, for the success of this event. If we can do anything to make your participation in our cook off more pleasant, please let us know.

Again, THANK YOU for being part of our team, and helping us support youth through education.

Sincerely and Good Luck,

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