



# 6th Annual SMOKIN' HEROS' BBQ COOK-OFF RULES & GUIDELINES

**Location:** Veterans Memorial Sports Complex, 904 Pancho Maples Drive, La Feria, TX

**PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED** with cut off Friday, June 24, 2016 @ 4:00pm

**Entry Fee per team:**

\$150.00 will qualify you to cook one or all meat categories. The categories are Brisket, Pork Spare Ribs, 1/2 Chicken. Entry Fee is NON-REFUNDABLE

**LATE ENTRY FEE - additional \$25.00**

**Jackpot Categories:**

\$25.00 per category entered, Pinto Beans, Fajitas, Pan de Campo

75% Pay Out for Jackpots: 1<sup>st</sup> – 50% plus plaque, 2<sup>nd</sup> – 25% plus plaque

**Set up Time:**

Friday, July 1, 2016 starting at 1:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Meat Inspection between

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Overnight grounds security will be provided.

(Meat inspection must be done before the Head Cooks meeting scheduled for 8:00 a.m. on Saturday)

**Saturday, July 2nd: Turn in times**

8:00 a.m. Head Cooks Meeting

9:00 a.m. Beans

10:00 a.m. Fajitas (NO sirloin fajitas)

11:00 a.m. Pan de Campo

12:00 p.m. BBQ Chicken Division

1:30 p.m. Pork Spare Ribs Division (NO BABYBACK RIBS)

3:00 p.m. Brisket

Once the time is set and announced no changes will be made. A turn-in window of ten (10) minutes before and after the set turn in times will be recognized. Judging trays received before or after that time will not be accepted for judging. This will be a Blinded Entrance on all categories.

1. ONE ENTRY FORM IS REQUIRED FOR EACH 30X30 SPOT
2. Props, trailers, coverings (including stakes), or any other equipment must not exceed the boundaries of the space provided. (NO STAKES ALLOWED ON PAVED AREAS)
3. A team will consist of a Chief Cook and up to three (3) assistants.
4. Cooks are to prepare and cook in as sanitary manner as possible. Cooking conditions are subject to inspection by judging committee. Infractions identified by the judging committee shall be immediately corrected or the team will be subject to disqualification.
5. All meats must be prepared on site. Meat inspection will be done on Friday between 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Meat cannot be marinated or seasoned before inspection.
6. Judging of ALL DIVISIONS will be on the following:
  - a) Aroma, b) Taste, c) After Taste, d) Appearance, and e) Tenderness
7. Garnish will not be allowed in any division. Only meat is allowed in the containers in all divisions; no pickles, onions, sauces, etc. poured on top. BBQ Chicken samples cannot include bacon wrapping, stuffing or condiments in the sample container.
8. Turn in amount: **Brisket** – turn in Nine (9) full slices recommend ¼” to 3/8” thick – All Blocking must be done before cooking – the fat cap may be rimmed or cut away before the slices are placed into the tray, **Pork Spare Ribs** – turn in Nine (9) individual cut ribs (bone in) NO BABYBACKS **Chicken** (2 fully jointed 1/2 chickens)
9. Once you have turned in your final entry; the teams may then sell their Pork Spare Ribs and the Brisket in a taco/sandwich form. The Chicken Half may be sold as quarters or half.
10. Jackpot items may also be sold once they have been judged as well.  
**(You must obtain a Cameron County Health Permit in order to sell any of your products)**
11. The Cook-Off committee can inspect any cook-off area at any time, with or without cause, to determine rule compliance.
12. During the event we ask that all teams place their trash within the teams 30x30 spot. A dumpster will be provided at the end of the event.
13. A fire extinguisher will be required in each team area.
14. Any commercial or homemade, trailered or untrailered, 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)
15. The Chief Cook will be responsible for the conduct of the team and guests. Excessive use of alcoholic beverages will be considered grounds for disqualifications.
16. All personal alcoholic beverages must remain in the cook-off area. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in disqualification! **NO GLASS CONTAINERS ARE ALLOWED IN THE PARK! ANYONE GIVING ALCOHOL TO MINORS (UNDER 21) WILL BE PROSECUTED TO THE FULLEST EXTENT OF THE LAW!**
17. The La Feria Independence Day Celebration committee is not responsible for theft, damage, or accidents; that may occur on Friday, July 1 or Saturday, July 2, 2016.
18. The Cook-off Committee reserves the right to make additional rules as the situations warrant.
19. **ALL DECISIONS OF THE COOK-OFF COMMITTEE AND THE JUDGES ARE FINAL.**



**This Cook Off is an IBCA Sanctioned Event.**