



**INDEPENDENCE  
DAY**  
*Celebration*



## **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

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

**PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED** with cut off Friday, July 5 2019 @ 4:00pm

**Entry Fee per team:**

\$100.00 will qualify you to cook one or all meat categories. The categories are Fajita, Brisket, Chicken. Entry Fee is NON-REFUNDABLE

**LATE Entrée Fee \$25.00 ( July 2<sup>nd</sup> – July 5<sup>th</sup> )**

**Jackpot Categories:**

\$25.00 per category entered, Pan de Campo, Beans, Baked Goods  
100% Pay Out for Jackpots: 1<sup>st</sup> – 50%, 2<sup>nd</sup> – 30%, 3<sup>rd</sup> – 20%

**Set up Time:**

Friday, July 5, 2019 starting at 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.  
Overnight grounds security will be provided.

**Saturday, July 6th: Turn in times**

- 8:00 a.m. Head Cooks Meeting
- 11:00 a.m. Beans (Dry Pinto Beans Cooked on Site)
- 12:00 p.m. Fajitas (Traditional, No Sirloin Fajitas)
- 1:00 p.m. Pan de Campo
- 2:00 p.m. Chicken (2 Fully Jointed domestic 1/2 chicken with skin)
- 3:00 p.m. Baked Goods (Cobbler or brownie)
- 4:00 p.m. Brisket (9 Full Slices, 1/4" to 3/8" thick)

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. NO Prep cutting, Marinating or other prep work ALLOWED prior to Cook-off begins.
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 the item being judged is allowed in the containers in all divisions; no pickles, onions, etc. poured on top. Chicken samples cannot include bacon wrapping, stuffing or condiments in the sample container.
8. Turn in amount: **Fajita** – turn in Nine (9) individual slices, **Chicken** (to include wing, breast, leg, and thighs), **Brisket** – turn in Nine (9) slices approximately 1/4” to 3/8” thick, **Beans** – turn in Five (5) individual servings, **Pan de Campo** – turn in Five (5) individual pieces, **Baked Goods** – turn in Five (5) individual servings.
9. Turn-in Containers will be provided by the City of La Feria
10. Once you have turned in your final entry; the teams may then sell their Fajita or Brisket in a taco/sandwich form. The Chicken Half may be sold as quarters or half.
11. Jackpot items may also be sold once they have been judged as well.
12. The Cook-Off committee can inspect any cook-off area at any time, with or without cause, to determine rule compliance.
13. 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.
14. A fire extinguisher will be required in each team area.
15. No electric or gas grill will be allowed. Fires must be of wood, wood substance or charcoal. All pits may be inspected by the Cook-Off committee at anytime.
16. 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.
17. 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!**
18. The La Feria Independence Day Celebration Committee, City of La Feria, it’s employees or volunteers are not responsible for theft, damage, or accidents; that may occur on Friday, July 5 or Saturday, July 6, 2019.
19. The Cook-off Committee reserves the right to make additional rules as the situations warrant.
20. **ALL DECISIONS OF THE COOK-OFF COMMITTEE AND THE JUDGES ARE FINAL.**