



January 31 and February 1, 2020

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- Contest: January 31 and February 1, 2020
- Team Entry Fee: \$300, includes: 30 X 40 space, and entry into 4 main KCBS meats
- Additional Spaces: \$300, includes: 30 X 40 space, and entry into 4 main KCBS meats
- Open Competition: \$25, with a 50/50 cash award
- Margarita Competition: \$25, with a 50/50 cash award
- Port-O-Let: \$120, includes: Saturday morning clean out

The Humble Rodeo and BBQ Cook Off Committee would like to welcome all BBQ Cook-off Teams to the Humble Championship BBQ Cook-Off. Cook-off teams must submit an application for entry into the contest. Your participation helps support the Humble ISD Education Foundation which gives teachers Innovative Educational Grants.

Humble Rodeo and BBQ Cook Off Committee
10203 Birchridge Drive, Humble, TX 77338



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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. Previous year's contestants will have first right of refusal until midnight on **September 15, 2019**, with deposit.
4. First time contestants will be admitted on a first come, first serve basis after **September 16, 2019**.
5. Payment in full is due by **December 1, 2019**.
6. **HEAD COOK'S must initial each page of this document and sign the last page. This signed document must be received by The Humble BBQ Cook Off Committee before a spot will be assigned.**
7. **Each team member must sign the 2020 Release of Liability to be turned in upon entering the grounds for the event.**
8. **The Humble Rodeo and BBQ Cook Off Committee reserves the right to relocate any team for the betterment of the event.**
9. Contestants must supply needed equipment and supplies.
10. Holes or dug pits are not permitted.
11. Metal pans must be provided under the opening of the firebox to prevent damaging the blacktop or concrete surface and catching the grass on fire.
12. Tent stakes or other devices that damage the blacktop or concrete surface in any way are prohibited.
13. The Humble Rodeo and BBQ Cook Off Committee will not be responsible for theft or damage.
14. The Humble Rodeo and BBQ Cook Off Committee reserves the right to make any or additional changes to the rules and regulations.
15. Decisions of the Humble BBQ Cook Off Judges are FINAL.
16. 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.)
17. The Humble Rodeo and BBQ Cook Off Committee reserves the right to refuse to rent cook-off space to any team or head cook.
18. **NO Team is allowed to give their Cook Space(s) to another Person or Cook Team without consent from the BBQ Committee.**
19. The Violation of any Rules and Regulations in this document are grounds for Expulsion.

Entry Fees

1. The entry fee is \$300.00 for **1** space. **NO REFUNDS after December 1, 2019.**
2. Each numbered space (**approximately** 30x40) will receive five (5) cooker wristbands. Each team will receive 2 parking passes, Each team will be given 1 band parking pass 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 January 1, 2020.**
3. **Up to three (3) additional spaces** per team can be purchased and will be awarded if available. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** Each space purchased **will** allow the team to enter the four main meats (chicken, pork ribs, pork, and brisket) competitions and allow the team to purchase entries for the Open and Margarita competitions. 1 entry per space purchased. Each entering team must have its own team name, head cook, pit, and prep space as per KCBS Rules 2019.
4. Additional tickets may be purchased at \$20 for a two-day ticket at www.humblerodeo.com until December 15, 2020. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** After December 15, 2020, cooker passes and all general admission tickets will be \$15.00 at the gate. All passes may be purchased from www.humblerodeo.com.
5. NO ADMISSION WILL BE CHARGED TO:
 - Contestants with cooker credentials



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- Presale cook team credentials
- All Humble Rodeo and BBQ Cook Off Committee members wearing badges
- EMS, Fire Dept., Police & Military (**in uniform**)

Check In

1. **Wednesday, January 29, 2020**

- 8:00 AM start: All equipment 26 feet and over, (cooking rigs, trailers, etc.)
- 10:00 AM start: All other cooking rigs and equipment 25 feet and less

2. **Thursday, January 30, 2020:** 8:00 AM until 8:00 PM - all other cooking rigs and equipment

3. **Friday, January 31, 2020:** 8:00 AM until 2:00 PM

4. CONTESTANTS ARE RESTRICTED TO 25 CASES OF BEER PER COOKING SPACE TO BE BROUGHT IN DURING CHECK IN.

- a. **The reason for the restriction of beer is that these items are a main source of income, and therefore dictates the amount of monies contributed to the Humble ISD Education Foundation for Educational Grants.**
- b. Additional cases of beer and soda will be available for purchase. Price list is available upon request.
- c. All beer must be brought in during check in between Wednesday, January 29, 2020 and Friday, January 31 by 2:00 PM.

Vehicles

1. Gates to ALL traffic will be locked at 2:00 PM, Friday, January 31, 2020.
2. **No vehicle will be allowed to enter or leave the contest area after 2:00 PM on Friday, January 31, 2020. (EXCEPTIONS TO BE MADE BY THE BBQ COOK-OFF COMMITTEE AT THEIR DISCRETION).**
3. Under no circumstances will contestants block any aisle after set up period ends at 2:00 PM, Friday, January 31, 2020.
4. **Vehicles not removed by 2:00 PM, Friday, January 31, 2020, and/or left unattended, will be subject to removal, by a wrecker, at the contestant's expense.**
5. 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.

Parking

1. Teams will be given two (2) parking passes. These passes will allow the vehicle to park on the gravel lot and/or the parking lot next to the Blue Bell factory.
2. VIP Parking Passes are available for purchase at www.humbleroдео.com for \$20. Limited supply available. First come, first served.
3. All other cook team vehicles may park at The CATE Center at 9155 Will Clayton Pkwy, Humble, TX 77338. If this parking area fills, there is more parking at Humble High School at 1700 Wilson Rd, Humble, TX 77338.
4. A shuttle will be provided between off-site parking areas and the Cook Off grounds.

Cook-off Spaces

1. Each team will be allocated **approximately** 30' x 40' space(s). **Easements are not offered for sale.**

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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 are not to be used. Safety access is needed during the event.**
3. **Tent companies may not be scheduled to arrive for set up until Wednesday, January 29, 2020. Tear down can begin Sunday, February 2nd after 7:00 AM.** Set up before this time must receive the Executive Committee's prior approval.
4. Due to unpredictable weather, it is suggested that contestants bring suitable shelter for their space/team.
5. Tarps or freestanding tents are permitted. Tent stakes or any devices being driven into the ground are strictly prohibited.
6. **Damage to any utilities will be the responsibility of the cook team! (To be billed by Humble Rodeo and BBQ Cook Off Committee)**
7. **All Tents Companies must use Water Barrels, stakes of any kind are prohibited.** (City of Humble Ordinance) **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
8. Cook teams may not exceed a maximum of four (4) cook-off spaces that qualify for Competitions.

Electrical and Water

1. Water is **NOT** provided for each space. Hoses must be provided by each team.
2. **No** electrical will be provided.
3. All generators **must be grounded at all times.** The Humble BBQ Cook Off Committee will NOT refuel generators.
4. All generators are subject to approval by the City of Humble Fire Marshall.

Cook Team Members

1. A team consists of a Chief Cook and four (4) assistants with a **unique team name.** Names may not be offensive and are subject to approval.
2. Members may not cook on more than one team; disqualification is subject for doing so. Each team must have unique members.
3. The Chief Cook of the team is responsible for the operation of the team space and all actions within or outside the assigned space(s) by the members or guests within the assigned space(s).
4. The Chief Cook of the team must be physically present and available to the contest management if called upon.
5. Each Team will be given 5 wristbands for their team members.
6. Each Team may purchase discounted tickets for their guests using the website: www.humblerodeo.com
7. Other persons attending the event must purchase entry at the gate.

Cook Team Responsibilities

1. Each cook team with air conditioning must furnish their own drain line, and water overflow 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 on moving in, and out, without the assistance from the Rodeo Association. In the event that lifting equipment is available, Humble Rodeo and BBQ Cook Off Committee may assist. It is the cook team's responsibility to coordinate all move in, and move out themselves.
2. Contestants with an enclosed area to which the public is not allowed, **SHALL** furnish their own security.
3. Each cook space is responsible for fully cleaning their entire space. Please remember that we are trying to keep costs down, therefore we are requesting the help of each team in this matter.
 - a. **HUMBLE RODEO AND BBQ COOK OFF COMMITTEE IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR CLEAN UP OF SPACES.**
 - b. **TO PARTICIPATE IN 2020 BBQ COOK-OFF THE 2019 CLEANING FEE SHALL BE PAID PRIOR TO SUBMITTING A 2020 BBQ COOK-OFF APPLICATION.**
 - c. **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 SUBJECT TO EXCLUSION FROM PARTICIPATING IN THE 2021 BBQ COOK-OFF.**
4. Tear down may begin on Sunday, February 2, 2020 at 7:00 AM.



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5. **ALL TENTS, GENERATORS AND AC UNITS ETC. MUST BE PICKED UP / REMOVED FROM GROUNDS NO LATER THAN NOON (12:00 PM) ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2020.**
6. It is the responsibility of each BBQ team to see that their CONTEST AREA REMAINS CLEAN AT ALL TIMES.
7. **Boring or drilling of holes into concrete for spikes is prohibited.**

Behavior and Conduct

1. **Head Cooks are responsible for the conduct of their team members and guests.**
2. Excessive use of alcoholic beverages may be grounds for disqualification,
3. Under no circumstances are alcoholic beverages to be distributed to the public by contestants.
4. **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.
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. may be asked to leave the contest area.
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.

Trash

1. Trash and recycling receptacles plus trash bags will be available at the Information Tent at the Cook's Gate.
2. Trash pick-up will be provided for bags placed in front of your space by 8:00 AM, Saturday, February 1, 2020.
3. No free liquid to be put into trash bags.
4. Winners for the best recycling team will be chosen. Place only empty cans or bottles in the recycling bins.
5. Fire boxes 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, and chief cook.

Port-O-Lets

1. Humble Rodeo and BBQ Cook Off requires each cook team to utilize the contracted Port-O-Let company (Waste Management), for said services.
2. It is the responsibility of the cook team to reserve and pay for this service, prior to the cook off. (See BBQ Cook Off Add-Ons in November to do so.)
3. For cleaning access, the port-a-can should be placed inside the team's allocated space, within 50 feet of the entry. Waste Management will also pump every toilet early Saturday morning at no charge to Cookers or HISD as part of the donation. This is a value of \$35 per unit to ensure Saturday event is clean, healthy environment.

Safety

1. Portable fire extinguishers for the type of fire or oil being used per 30 X 40 per space, in full view.
2. No smoking in enclosed tents.
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.



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Health

1. We recommend that you 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.

Beer and Ice

1. The Humble Rodeo and BBQ Cook Off Committee will sell beer and ice.
2. Contestants will not be allowed to re-stock beer from outside the Cook Off.
3. No glass bottles are allowed (**THIS MEANS NO GLASS BEER BOTTLES**).
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 2:00 PM Friday, January 31, cook teams will be allowed to bring in (only) 25 cases of beer, per space. After 2:00 PM Friday, January 31, 2020, cook teams must purchase beer and soft drink products from the Beverage Committee.
7. Team spaces will be inspected at check in or after set up.

Restocking

1. **NO RESTOCKING OF BEER IS ALLOWED AFTER FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 2020 AT 2:00 PM.**
2. **All restocking after Friday, January 31, 2020 at 2:00 PM, must be done by foot. NO VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE COOK OFF GROUNDS AFTER THIS TIME.**

Entertainment/Bands

1. Bands must be pre-registered. **In order to make arrangements for entry, any cooking team having a band (or musical equipment) that has to be brought in to the cook off area after 3:00 PM. Friday, January 31, MUST register their band via <http://www.humblerodeo.com> BEFORE January 15, 2020.**
2. **Thursday, Friday, and Saturday Nights, all music MUST end at 11:00 PM.** (City of Humble Noise Ordinance)
3. 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.
4. Bands will park at the nursing home/rec center on S Houston Rd. For a \$25 donation committee members will assist moving bands in and out of the Cook Off area.
5. All band members must have a ticket to enter the Cook Off.
6. Pyrotechnics of any kind are STRICTLY PROHIBITED.

Party Awards

1. Showmanship Award
 - a. The top 3 teams requiring **PRIVATE** passes to enter their area and are not open to the public will be awarded.
 - b. Contest is an all-night Friday event.
 - c. Judging will be based on decorations, hospitality, entertainment, and energy of crowd.
2. Public's Choice Award
 - a. The top 3 teams that **DO NOT** require private passes to enter their area and are open to the public will be awarded.



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- b. Contest is an all-night Friday event.
- c. Judging will be based on decorations, hospitality, entertainment, and energy of crowd.

General Rules

1. Designated Committee members will, at all times, have free access to the contestant's area.
2. Should any cook team have any complaints toward any committee person, they should report their complaints immediately to the Vice President of the Cook Off, Julia Arcuri. She will contact the appropriate person to take any further action.
3. The KCBS Head Cooks' meeting will be held Friday, **January 31, 2020, at 5:00 PM.** (Judges' Tent)
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 (alcohol, goods, or food sales) during the Cook Off without permission of the Executive Committee.
6. Excessively loud music, horns, air horns, etc. are strictly prohibited (Humble Rodeo and BBQ Cook Off Committee discretion).
7. No outside speakers are allowed. All speakers must be set to entertain guests **inside** the contestant space only.
8. Animals of any kind will not be permitted in designated food preparation areas.
9. Animals of any kind must be contained by being crated, caged, or on a leash at all times.

Meat Inspection

1. Friday, January 31, 2020, between the hours of **9:00 AM and 12:00 noon.**
2. Pre-cooked, salted, seasoned or marinated meat is not allowed.
3. No cook team shall start cooking before briskets are tagged.

Judging

1. JUDGING - TO BE HELD AT THE JUDGES TENT.
2. The above entry fee entitles teams to enter Brisket, Chicken, Pork Ribs, and Pork contests. Teams may enter the Open and/or Margarita competitions for an extra \$25 for each.
3. 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.
Teams with multiple spaces who turn in multiple entries, must have different pits, chief cooks, and space numbers.
4. All measures will be taken to ensure that judges will not know which entry is being judged at any given time.
5. Judging will be conducted in accordance with **KCBS rules and guidelines**, and the judges' decision will be final.
6. Only one entry, per team, per space. Maximum of four (4) entries for shared spaces.

Categories

1. Main Meats: Brisket, Chicken, Pork Ribs, and Pork

- a. **Please refer to the KCBS Cooking Rules.**
- b. Quantities for turn-in will be announced at the Head Cooks' Meeting on Friday, January 31, at 5:00 PM.
- c. **Meat is subject to inspection.** All meat must be raw. Inspections: Friday, January 31, 9 AM - 12 PM,
- d. Turn-in times on Saturday, February 1: Chicken 12 PM, Pork Rib 12:30 PM, Pork 1:00 PM, Brisket 1:30 PM.
- e. **Cash Prizes for places 1-10.**

2. Margarita Contest

- a. Judging, Friday, January 31 at 7:00 PM in the Judges' Tent.
- b. **Entry Fee is \$25 per space (Non Refundable)**
- c. Entries will be limited to the first seventy five (75) teams. (See Form on website)
- d. Participants should prepare margaritas for six (6) judges.
- e. **Cash Prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place (50/50 split)**



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3. Open Competition

- a. Judging, Friday, January 31 at 8 PM in the Judges' Tent.
- b. Entry Fee is \$25 per space (Non Refundable)**
- c. Anything goes except the main meats or desserts.
- d. Must be cooked on site.
- e. Cash Prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place (50/50 split)**

Awards and Pit Auction Date and Time

Saturday, February 1, 4:00 PM in Humble Civic Center Arena

Thank you for participating in the 2020 Humble BBQ Cook Off. Each year, in order to provide grants to local educators, who provide innovative learning for their 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,

Adam Foster, Julia Arcuri, Robert Comstock, Larry Buford, Latisha Klentz, Diana Quiroz, and Sacheen Goodman
The Humble Rodeo and BBQ Cook Off Executive Committee

I, _____, from, _____, have
read
(print name) (team name)

the 2020 Humble BBQ Cook Off Rules and Regulations. I agree to follow all of the rules and will ensure that my team and guests do so, also.

Signature

Date

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