

17th Annual Humble BBQ Cook Off

February 1-2, 2019



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The Humble BBQ Cook Off is a KCBS Sanctioned event, judging will be handled and monitored by KCBS.

RULES & REGULATIONS

The Humble BBQ Cook Off Committee welcomes you to the 17th annual Humble Rodeo & BBQ Cook Off. All Cook Off teams are required to submit an entry form to this event. The entry application entitles the cooking team to one Cook Off space at a rate of \$300.00. Additional spaces can be purchased at a rate of \$300.00 each with a limit of 4 spaces per cooking team. These spaces do not entitle the cooking team to any additional cooking entries unless entered under another team name using a separate pit and separate head cook. The entry fee must be paid within 10 days upon receipt of the invoice. All returning cook spaces must be reserved and paid for by August 31, 2018. Waiting list spaces are filled on a first-come, first-served basis, and no space will be held without an application and entry fee being turned in.

1) Cook-Off Entry Deadline:

Teams must submit their entry forms for the 2018 Humble BBQ Cook Off no later than January 22, 2019, at 5:00 p.m. Entries are placed on first-come, first-served basis, until all spaces have been taken. First rights of refusal for returning teams are explained on the entry form. Entries received after this date will be accepted only if space allows. August 31, 2018, will be the returning teams right to reserve last year's spot. After, August 31, 2018, ALL teams will be allowed to be placed as long as spaces are open.

2) Team Composition:

Each team must consist of one head cook and four team members. Each team must have and cook on its own pit, and cooking team members may not cook for more than one team in the competition. Each cooking team is required to have the head cook attend the Head Cooks' Meeting, which will be held on Friday, February 1, 2019, 5:00 PM in the Judging Tent. The head cook is responsible for the operation of the team space and all actions within or outside of the designated space by members or guests of his or her cooking team. The head cook must be on site and available to the Humble BBQ Cook Off Committee if necessary. Each team will be given 5 wristbands, which must be worn by each member of the cooking team during the entire weekend of the event. This wristband allows access only to the Humble BBQ Cook Off events and does not gain anyone in possession of said wristband access to the rodeo or concert. (Rodeo and concert tickets may be purchased separately.) Wristbands may be purchased in advance by head cooks and will be in the head cooks' Welcome Packet. Any guest of the Humble BBQ Cook Off will be required to purchase a weekend wristband from the ticket booths. Any Vehicle entering the event area during set up time MUST fill out a card and place it on the dashboard in plain view prior to entering with the driver's name and mobile phone number. This will enable event officials to get in contact with any driver who is parked in the way of another team's setup.

3) Cooking Categories and Rules:

Review the KCBS Rules Cooking categories to be judged will be: Brisket, Chicken, Pork Ribs, Pork, and Open.

Quantities for turn-in will be announced at the Head Cooks' Meeting on Friday evening. All meat must be raw. No pre-marinating is permitted prior to the start of the Cook Off. **Meat is subject to inspection.** The promoter will advise contestants of the official start time. All judging will be done in accordance with **KCBS rules.** If you have any questions, please ask at the Head Cooks' Meeting.

Additional Cooking Category:

Open Category: Must be cooked on site. The competition will be held on, Friday, February 1 at 8:00 PM. This is a 50/50 pot prize and is an additional \$25 fee. The open category CANNOT be one of the four competition meats (brisket, ribs or chicken, pork) or a dessert.

4) Cook-Off Site Setup Times:

a. Early Setup: Early setup will begin on Thursday, January 31, beginning at 8:00 a.m. and ending at 6:00 p.m. At 6:00 p.m., gates to the BBQ Cook Off will be locked for security purposes. During early setup, tents, pits, RVs, etc. may be brought in and set up. VIP sponsors will be allowed to set up prior to this pending promoter's approval ONLY.

b. Regular Setup: Regular setup will begin on Friday, February 2, beginning at 8:00 a.m. and ending at 3:00 p.m. At 3:00 p.m., the gates to the BBQ Cook Off will be locked due to pedestrian traffic and safety issues. No extra vehicles shall be allowed in the pit area after 2:45 p.m. on Friday, February 2. After setup is complete, no vehicles will be allowed in the cooking areas. Any vehicle parked outside your Cook Off team's boundaries after the designated time may be towed at owner's expense.

c. Cook Off sites will be **approximately** 30' x 40' or as otherwise marked. A team's equipment and decorations must fit within the area assigned. The Humble BBQ Cook Off committee will not supply electricity. Port-o-let and hand-wash stations may be purchased at the time of entry form submission; Port-o-let or hand wash stations cannot be ordered at the time of arrival. All tent structures or canopies must be secured with water barrels. **Boring or drilling of holes into concrete for spikes is prohibited.** Shuttle carts/ vehicles will be provided (if available) to move supplies for teams when necessary. *Waste Management Inc. is the exclusive supplier of Port-o-lets and hand-wash stations for the event. No others will be allowed. Cook teams are prohibited from merchandising of any type, in their BBQ tent space. If you have goods to market and/or sell, you will need to purchase of a Vendor Booth.

5) Equipment:

The Humble BBQ Cook Off will supply cooking teams with a space only. Cooking teams must supply all necessary equipment and supplies. Each team must provide drip pans or diaper the pit being used. All teams are required to have a fire extinguisher present during times of cooking. All extinguishers must have a current date tag. Committee personnel will randomly inspect for extinguishers. Props, trailers, motor homes, RVs, vehicles, tents, generators, coverings and/or any other part of the cooking team's equipment is the sole responsibility of the cooking team and may not extend at any time outside of the designated cooking team space.

Do not give adult wristbands to children. Additional adult wristbands may be purchased, but each individual must pick up his or her individual wristband and show ID.

a. RESTRICTED: Fire holes or open pits are not permitted.

b. APPROVED: Propane heaters are permitted for heating purposes but will be used at the discretion and responsibility of the team using them. Pit fires must be wood or wood substance (charcoal). BBQ pits may include gas or electricity to start natural fiber substances to complete cooking.

c. Port-o-let and hand-wash stations: The Humble Rodeo has an exclusive contract agreement for Port-o-let services. You must purchase Port-o-let services when completing the BBQ Cook Off entry form.

6) Behavior and Conduct:

Head Cooks are responsible for the conduct of their team members and guests.

a. Excessive use of alcoholic beverages may be grounds for disqualification. Under NO circumstances are alcoholic beverages to be distributed to minors (anyone under the age of 21). Each team must monitor its own area as it pertains to minors. Security officers 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.

b. No alcohol, goods or food sales are permitted to the general public by anyone except those authorized by the event chairperson.

c. There will be no lewd or inappropriate acts or behavior allowed on the grounds of the BBQ Cook Off by cooks, guests, staff, etc. Any cooks found participating in or allowing inappropriate activities in their tent area 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.

7) Housekeeping:

Each team will be responsible for cleanup within its assigned space and is expected to do so in timely manner. One garbage box and two-liners will be provided, so please ensure that they are not packed full. Teams should bring extra trash bags. Trash pick-up will be provided for bags placed in front of your space by 8:00 AM, Saturday, February 2. It is strongly suggested that all teams bring an additional supply of trash liners for their own use. **Upon checkout, each team is required to place excess trash debris, etc. in the dumpster provided.**

8) Entertainment:

Live entertainment (e.g., bands, karaoke, singers, etc.) will be allowed in team tents. PAs and radios shall be played at a reasonable volume level. The City of Humble has a noise ordinance that will be enforced between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. Any extreme entertainment (e.g., skits, shows, demonstrations, contests, etc.) must be requested in writing, for committee approval, when the entry form is submitted. Pyrotechnics of any kind are strictly prohibited. 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. There will be no lewd or inappropriate acts, behavior or events allowed on the grounds of the BBQ Cook Off by cooks, guests, staff, etc. Any cooks found participating in or allowing inappropriate activities, etc. in their tent area will be disqualified from the Cook Off, removed from the premises immediately and will not be allowed to participate in future Humble BBQ Cook Off events.

9) Transportation:

The use of motorized recreational vehicles is prohibited in the Cook Off area between 3:00 p.m. on Friday, February 1, and 7:00 a.m. on Sunday, February 2, except for committee members of the Humble BBQ Cook-Off. Guests and cook teams **MAY NOT USE ANY** motorized vehicles, including but not limited to public/private golf carts or ATVs of any kind. Mobility scooters and motorized wheelchairs are allowed for those in need of such devices.

10) Restocking:

Teams will be allowed to re-enter the BBQ Cook Off grounds by vehicle for restocking on Saturday, February 2, from 9:00 AM until 11:00 AM and by foot from 7:00 AM until 11:55 PM. All vehicles must be removed from the grounds by no later than 11:00 AM on Saturday, February 2. **There will be no exceptions to this rule for anyone.**

11) Judging and Awards:

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 **KCBS rules and guidelines**, and the judges' decision will be final. Awards will be given on the stage located at the arena. Cooking teams are required to have a representative present, and claim tickets must be readily available.

12) Showmanship and Public's Choice Awards – Defined:

a. Showmanship Award: This award will be given to the top 3 teams that require **PRIVATE** passes to enter the area and are not open to the public. This contest is an all-night Friday event.

b. Public's Choice Award: This award will be given to the top 3 teams that **DO NOT** require private passes to enter the area and IS open to the public. This contest is an all-night Friday event.

13) Fire Marshall – City of Humble:

a. No smoking in enclosed tents.

b. All teams and vendors will be required to have a fire extinguisher for the type of fire or oil being used.

c. The Fire Marshall will be there during setup to tag "occupancy limits" on all enclosed tents.

d. Hay bales are not permitted inside or outside your tent area.

14) Cleanup:

Prior to leaving, it is the responsibility of the contestants to see that their Cook Off space is cleaned and all trash is taken to the dumpster provided. All fires must be put out, and concrete blocks and other building materials or props must be hauled away from the site. All equipment used by the team is to be removed by 12:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 3, 2018. Any property left on the premises after 2:00 PM, Sunday, February 3, 2018, will become the sole ownership of the Humble BBQ Cook Off committee. It is imperative that cleanup be thorough. Any space left in disarray or with loose or bundled trash, other than at trash containers, will disqualify the team from future participation in sanctioned events or other Humble BBQ Cook Off events. All tents or canopies must be removed from the parking lot no later than Sunday, February 3, 2018.

15) Motorized Vehicles:

Teams, guests and members of the general public **ARE NOT ALLOWED** to bring golf carts, motor vehicles, Segway personal transporters (or similar two-wheeled, self-balancing electric vehicles), bicycles, roller skates/blades, skateboards, remote-controlled toys, or any other motorized vehicle/apparatus, except wheelchairs, into the contest area. No drones are allowed in the contest area at any time. The event has the discretion to remove any drone, airborne, or flying devices in the Humble Rodeo and BBQ Cook Off areas. Any violation of these rules may be grounds for disqualification, eviction from BBQ Cook Off and future denial of participation. Under no circumstances are alcoholic beverages to be distributed to minors. Each team must monitor its area as it pertains to these rules. The City of Humble, The Humble ISD Education Foundation and any volunteers will NOT be held responsible for accidents, theft or damage to persons and/or equipment.

16) Refund Policy:

Refunds prior to December 1, 2018, will be for items purchased. Processing fees cannot be returned.

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