

Walker County Fair Association

Barbecue & Chili Cook-off

2019

Huntsville, Texas

Rules and Regulations

1. On receipt of your check, space will be provided as available. Entry forms must be accompanied by **minimum \$100 entry fee** per team. Phone request will not be considered. The \$100 fee entitles the team to the following:
One standard size approximately (40' X 40') team space and entry in the brisket category.
2. Entry in each additional meat categories; Ribs, chicken, or Pulled Pork, is **\$15 per entry.**
3. Entry in the Chili, Beans, Dessert and Open Category competition is an **additional \$15** per entry.
4. Entry in the Kid's Category (**2 age Groups** – 2yrs–6yrs /7yrs-12yrs) will be an **additional \$10.**
5. **Barbecue teams** may check in, and set up at the Walker County Fairgrounds from 8:00a.m. thru 4:00p.m. Friday of the cook-off weekend. **If you are not checked in by 4:00p.m. and have not received your wristband, you will have to pay general admission to enter.** Teams may move in Thursday, prior to the cook-off, upon approval by the BBQ Chairman.
6. Each BBQ &/or Chili team will consist of a **Chief Cook and 4 Assistants.**
7. Each registered team will receive up to **five (5) team member** non-removable/non-transferable admission wristbands to the fairgrounds and **five vehicle passes** to the cook-off parking area. **All others must pay general admission fee.** If team requires the *adjacent space, two additional wristbands* will be provided. No vehicles will be permitted to enter the cooking area after 5:00p.m. on Friday night. **Parking is limited.** Please advise all visitors and guest in your cooking area to park in the front of the fairgrounds and come through the front gates.
8. Electricity and water hook-ups are available to each space.
9. **All late entries** will be assigned a space on a first-come/first-pay basis. Late entries will be accepted until **4:00p.m.** on Friday of the cook-off weekend.
10. Adjoining standardized-spaces will be granted where available for an additional \$75. Any such additional fees will be due by check-in-time.
11. All props, tents, coverings and equipment must be confined to the assigned space(s) and it will be strictly enforced by BBQ Committee for teams to stay within boundaries. Teams should be prepared for **inclement weather.**
12. Notices, **schedules**, entry turn-in times and any other changes will be posted on the Bulletin Board at the **Committee Area (BBQ Stage).**
13. **The Overall winner will receive \$10 from each brisket entry and paid entry to next year's WCFA BBQ/Chili Cook-off.**
14. **1st place Brisket winner will receive \$5 from each brisket entry.**
15. **Awards for 1st, 2nd & 3rd** will be given in all categories. The **winner** of the

Bean Category will be a jackpot split with the Fair Association (50/50).

16. **Chief Cooks' meeting: 5:00p.m., Friday of the cook-off weekend.** At this time containers for all entries will be passed out to cooks unless received at check in. It is the responsibility of teams to verify they have received the appropriate containers at check in. **NO EXTRA CONTAINERS WILL BE HANDED OUT WITHOUT EXCHANGE FOR ANY REASON.**
17. Live Auction will be held Friday night following Chief's Cook Meeting.
18. No garnish, sauce, or foil will be permitted in container when turned in for judging. If found in container, entry will be disqualified without notification.
19. Chili must be cooked on site from "**scratch**" utilizing **raw meat** (beef, poultry, seafood, pork, etc.). Regular commercial chili powder will be permitted, but commercial chili mixes will not be permitted. Chili must be prepared outdoors. No cooking will be permitted in motor homes, etc. Team members are to prepare and cook their chili in a sanitary manner as possible. These conditions will be subject to periodic inspection by the members of the cook-off committee. **Unsanitary conditions** by any team will be considered cause for **disqualification**.
20. Fire must be of wood or wood substance. No electric or gas cooking will be allowed. **Exception:** Dessert, beans & Chili may be cooked over gas.
21. Digging of cooking holes or pits will not be permitted
22. **Each Chief Cook** will be responsible for the conduct of his team members and their guests. No alcoholic beverages will be distributed to the general public by any contestants. **Each team will be responsible for keeping its area clean, including final departure clean-up.**
23. No **motorized vehicles** will be permitted to operate in the cooking area at any time, with the exception of those used by the officials of the Walker County Fair Association. All motorized vehicles utilized for setting up must be removed from the cook-off area by 5:00p.m., Friday of the cook-off weekend. The Walker County Fair Association will not be responsible for losses resulting from **theft or damage**.
24. **NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES WILL BE ALLOWED INSIDE THE FENCED AREA AROUND THE CARNIVAL AND LIVESTOCK EXHIBITION.**
25. No **reptiles** permitted in the Barbecue/Chili Cook-off area.
26. Cash Pot Tickets will be sold. You **DO NOT need to be present to win**.
27. Quiet time will be from 2a.m. – 7a.m. and **will be strictly enforced**.
28. This is **NOT** a **SANCTIONED** Cook-off.
29. No portable toilets will be allowed by individual BBQ teams. Should teams need a portable toilet, you are required to rent through the WCFA BBQ Cook-off.

Have fun and please be responsible!

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