

2018 Wharton County Youth Fair & Exposition
BAR-B-QUE COOK-OFF
Rules & Regulations

1. **BRISKET:** Contestants must cook a minimum of two (2) briskets per space. Briskets will be tagged on **Friday, April 13th, beginning at 1:00 p.m.**
2. **CHICKEN:** Contestants must cook at least two (2) fryers.
3. **PORK RIBS:** Contestants must cook at least two (2) slabs of pork ribs.
4. **PINTO BEANS:** Contestants must cook at least three (3) pounds of pinto beans. **No meat in beans at judging (sausage, chicken, chunks of bacon, ham hocks, etc.). ALL MEAT MUST BE REMOVED BEFORE JUDGING.**
5. **CHILI:** Contestants must cook at least three (3) pounds of beef chili meat, or cubed chuck.
NO VENISON MEAT AND/OR BEANS IN CHILI.

***** PLEASE NOTE*****

Pre-cooked meat and beans will not be allowed. A committee person will inspect your uncooked brisket, chicken, pork ribs, chili meat and pinto beans at the time they tag your brisket.

MEAT MAY BE PRE-SEASONED

6. Contestants may start checking in and setting up between 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on **Friday, April 13th**. If you have any large oversized trailers, please make arrangements to come in very early. **REMINDER...** spaces will be approximately 35' across and 30' deep and you **must** be within your assigned location. **If you have more than one space, you must have a pit and cook a brisket for each space.**
7. **FRIDAY JUDGING TIMES: Most Colorful at 8:00 p.m.**
SATURDAY JUDGING TIMES: Chili & Beans at 12:00 noon, Bar-B-Que at 2:00 p.m.
8. A team consists of a CHIEF COOK and FOUR (4) ASSISTANTS.
9. The carnival parking lot is completely paved and you may not dig holes in the pavement. ALL TENTS REQUIRING STAKES MUST BE IN CEMENTED BUCKETS, OR OTHER MEANS OF STABILIZATION. Fires for BBQ must be wood substance. No electric or gas fires pits will be allowed, except for pinto beans and chili. Fires must be contained in a fire barrel twelve (12) inches below top of barrel that will be up off the ground at least twelve (12) inches. **EACH TEAM MUST PROVIDE A FIRE EXTINGUISHER.**
10. If a Wharton County team is not among those placed, the committee will continue to call the next placing, until a Wharton County team is chosen in the Brisket Contest. This team will be the official representatives of the Wharton County Youth Fair in the **2019 Houston Livestock Show Bar-B-Que Cook-Off**. A Wharton County trophy will be awarded to this team.
11. **JUDGING:** BAR-B-QUE entries will be judged on; COLOR, TASTE, AROMA, TEXTURE. Most Colorful will be judged on ORIGINALITY, COLOR, PIT, COSTUME and AREA. Most Colorful will be restricted to five (5) team members plus five (5) guests, a total of ten (10) per team.
12. The Wharton County Youth Fair & Exposition will not be held responsible for theft or damages to equipment or personal items.
13. The Bar-B-Que committee chairperson reserves the right to make additional rules and regulations as situations may warrant.

14. The chief cook is responsible for the conduct of his team. Each team is responsible before, during and after the cook-off in cleaning up assigned area. Please do not leave any loose or bagged trash at or around your assigned space. **PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN TRASH BAGS AND TRASH CANS.**
15. Each team is allowed space for a pit, plus sleeping quarters, consisting of a motor home, pull trailer, or tent in the assigned space. No electricity or water is provided. **NO VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED IN COOK-OFF AREA AFTER 6:00 P.M. FRIDAY, APRIL 13th, UNTIL THE COOK-OFF IS OVER ON SATURDAY, APRIL 14th.** PLEASE CONTACT COMMITTEE MEMBER FOR OTHER ARRANGEMENTS. VIOLATORS WILL BE DISQUALIFIED---NO QUESTIONS ASKED. In case of Emergency, contact a committee person. Family and friends must park in the designated fair grounds parking area and enter through the main entrance only.
16. Any special entertainment (DJ or band) must be written on entry form. The band must be in the cook-off site by 6:00 p.m. **Friday, April 13th**, and will not be allowed to leave until 2:00 a.m. Saturday morning. Security will escort the band out of the cook-off area. The band must follow these rules. No Exceptions. **EACH BAND MEMBER MUST PAY TO ENTER THE COOK-OFF SITE.**
17. **All teams must submit original signed entry form with the \$150 entry fee. Entry fee is non-refundable. Entries will be limited to the first 92 teams. NO MORE THAN two (2) spots per team. To ensure your spot from last year, your entry must be at the Fair Office no later than March 16th. The BBQ Committee will try to accommodate your request, however there are no guarantees.**
18. **Persons under twenty-one (21) years of age will not be eligible to enter the cook-off contest.**
19. Excessive use of alcoholic beverages will be grounds for disqualification. Open bars will not be permitted. All beer must be brought in during check in **Friday, April 13th**. Alcoholic beverages are not distributed to the public. The Beer Garden will be open and accessible to the public.
20. **NO GLASS CONTAINERS ARE ALLOWED - The TABC laws will be enforced at all times.**
21. Under no circumstances will any contestant or member of the public be allowed to bring into the cook-off contest area golf carts, motorcycles, carts, bicycles, roller skates or any other type of transportation with the exception of wheel chairs for handicapped individuals.
22. **NO PETS ALLOWED, except for Seeing Eye dogs.**
23. Teams will be placed according to receipt of entry. If you want to be next to a particular team, or in the same space as last year, please indicate on entry form.
24. Infractions of any of the above rules will be grounds for immediate disqualification.
25. **ADMISSION GATE** will open at 12:00 noon on Friday.
26. **Armbands will not be mailed - THEY CAN BE PICKED UP AT THE FAIR OFFICE ON THURSDAY, April 5th OR FRIDAY, April 6th BETWEEN 4 P.M. & 6 P.M.**

AWARDS

1st - 10th place plaques will be awarded in each cooking category.

1st - 3rd place will be awarded in Most Colorful. First place will receive a \$500 Certificate, which can be redeemed for cash at the fair office.

1st place Beans, Chili, Ribs & Chicken will receive a certificate for one entry into the 2019 WCYF BBQ Cook Off.

The 1st place Wharton County Brisket team will be awarded \$1000 and WCYF will pay the entry fee for the HLS&R. You must contact the fair office to pick up the check that will be made to HLS&R.

The 2nd place team will be allowed free entry for the 2019 WCYF cook-off