



**2017
BBQ COOKOFF RULES
OCTOBER 27-28, 2017**



GENERAL:

1. The Harris County Fair BBQ Cookoff will be held at Papa's Ice House 314 Pruitt Rd., Spring, TX 77380. All fees must accompany the application. The entry fee is \$175 per space. Deadline for entry forms and payment is October 23rd. Saturday Morning Jackpot: "Anything Bacon Wrapped" for an additional \$20 entry for a 40/30/20 split.
2. ***Payments made at the venue after set-up starts must be made in cash. THERE IS A 40 TEAM LIMIT.***
3. There is **NO ELECTRICITY** available for teams. Water is located in the general cook-off area and is a shared resource, it is not available for full-time exclusive use in cook spaces. Spaces will be approximately 30 x 30. Pop-ups, tents, trailers, and motorhomes are allowed but you must provide your own generator. Vehicles and other equipment may not exceed the boundary of the assigned space. Excessively loud, un-muffled generators are not permitted.
4. ***Port-A-Cans will be available for RENT prior to BBQ registration for team use.*** Public Port-A-Cans will be available on-site during the event. Port-A-Cans will not be available for rent the day of check-in. Dead line to order a Port-A-Can for your cook spot will be October 23, 2017.
5. It is the responsibility of each BBQ cooking team to keep their cook spot(s) clean and each team is responsible for its own trash disposal. There will be a dumpster on-site for use. All teams must provide garbage can(s) and trash bags for their own use and all trash is to be removed by 12:00 pm on Sunday, October 29th.
DO NOT DUMP ASHES ON THE GROUND. EXTINGUISH ALL ASHES BEFORE DEPARTING THE COOK-OFF.
6. ***Check In will begin at 8:00am Friday, October 27th 2017.*** All teams must be checked in and set-up by 5:00 p.m. on Friday the 27th; by 5 pm on that Friday, all vehicles must be removed from the BBQ area or must be confined to the limits of the cook space and cannot be moved for the length of the event.
Should you desire to move in on Thursday after 5pm, you must make arrangements in advance with Dolo Patterson @ 281-701-2603 -or- Alex DeHart @ 281-796-7608. A cookoff committee representative must be on the premises to assist with placement of the team at drop off, no exceptions.
7. Each cooking team must provide all supplies and equipment as needed. Ice is available for purchase throughout the event from the Harris County Fair BBQ Cookoff Committee.
8. Holes, dug-out pits and/or open flames in fire-boxes or other containers resting on or less than two feet above the ground are not permitted. Open flames are not permitted (i.e. camp fires, fire pits, etc.).
9. Each cook team will be required to have at least one 2A10BC type fire extinguisher in full view at all times.



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10. Small pets will only be allowed if they are confined to a camper or vehicle within the confines of your cook spot. Pets are not allowed in the contest area.
11. For safety reasons, we will not allow the use of golf carts, bicycles, motorcycles, scooters, water balloons, sling shots, firearms, etc. in the contest area.
12. Each chief cook is responsible for the conduct of his/her team members and all guests. Under no circumstances are alcoholic beverages to be distributed to the general public by contestants. Each team must keep their alcohol supply out of plain sight. No open display of large quantities will be allowed. Please be as discreet as possible.
13. **All alcoholic beverages must be consumed within the perimeters of the cook off area ONLY. NO OUTSIDE ALCOHOL MAY BE BROUGHT INTO PAPA'S ICE HOUSE. THIS IS A TABC LICENSED ESTABLISHMENT AND ALCOHOL CANNOT BE TAKEN INSIDE OR TAKEN OUTSIDE.**

NOTE: STATE LAW REQUIRES THAT YOU BE 21 YEARS OF AGE TO CONSUME ALCOHOL. STATE LAW ALSO STIPULATES THAT NO PERSONAL ALCOHOL MAY BE BROUGHT INTO A PUBLIC BAR AREA (EITHER INSIDE THE BAR OR ON THE PATIO DECKS OF PAPA'S ICEHOUSE). ANYONE VIOLATING THESE LAWS WILL BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR THE CONSEQUENCES.

14. QUIET TIME IS 12 MIDNIGHT on Friday and Saturday, PLEASE!

We consider this BBQ cookoff a family event, all music must be kept to an acceptable level and must be lowered to a conversational level by 12:00 midnight. It is the chief cook's responsibility to enforce this rule.

*******Please remember this is a family event when making your music selections*******

COOKING/JUDGING:

1. The contest will be conducted under International Barbeque Cookers Association rules (IBCA). Please Read All Rules At Link > <http://ibcabbq.org/wp-content/uploads/2017-2018-IBCA-Rules.pdf>
The Houston Farm & Ranch website at www.houstonfarmandranch.org.
2. Fires must be of wood or wood substance. No gas or electric fires will be permitted.
3. No contest meat may be cooked, salted, seasoned or marinated prior to arrival at cook off. We reserve the right to conduct random meat inspections up to 7:00 pm on Friday. We expect everyone to be honest.
4. **Chief Cooks' Meeting will be held Friday, October 27th at 6:00 pm.** Only the Chief Cook need attend this mandatory meeting. It is at this meeting that you will receive your turn-in containers for the contest.
5. Turn-in times for each category are pre-set. A turn-in window of ten (10) minutes before and ten minutes after the set turn-in time will be recognized. Judging trays received after that time will not be accepted by the IBCA Judging Official. In the event of any emergency the Judging Official has the authority to make a time change with proper notification to the cookers. The official turn-in clock will be the head IBCA judge's clock at the turn-in area.



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6. Garnishes and condiments are prohibited as they do not reflect true quality of the cooked meats. Meats may be cooked with sauces and/or other liquids, but once the cooking is complete, sauces, seasonings and/or liquids may not be added once put into the tray.

CONTAINERS THAT ARE UNABLE TO CLOSE COMPLETEY WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED BY THE JUDGING OFFICIAL.

7. OFFICIAL TURN-IN TIMES

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>TURN-IN TIME</u>
“Anything Bacon Wrapped” Jackpot	Saturday, 11:00 am
Chicken – 2 Halves with Wing Tip	Saturday, 12:00 pm
Pork Spare-Ribs - 9 Individual Ribs	Saturday, 1:30 pm
Beef Brisket - 9 Full Slices	Saturday. 3:00 pm

8. AWARDS

Awards will be announced approximately 6:00 pm on Saturday evening.

<u>CATEGORY/AWARD</u>	<u>PAYOUT</u>
1 st Place Chicken	\$400 and trophy
2 nd Place Chicken	\$300 and trophy
3 rd Place Chicken	\$200 and trophy
4 th Place Chicken	\$100 and trophy
5 th Place Chicken	\$75 and trophy
6 th – 10 th Place Chicken	\$50
1 st Place Ribs	\$400 and trophy
2 nd Place Ribs	\$300 and trophy
3 rd Place Ribs	\$200 and trophy
4 th Place Ribs	\$100 and trophy
5 th Place Ribs	\$75 and trophy
6 th – 10 th Place Ribs	\$50
1 st Place Brisket	\$400 and trophy
2 nd Place Brisket	\$300 and trophy
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4 th Place Brisket	\$100 and trophy
5 th Place Brisket	\$75 and trophy
6 th – 10 th Place Brisket	\$50



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8. AWARDS (CONTINUED)

1 st Place Jackpot (Anything Bacon Wrapped)	40% of entry fee pot
2 nd Place Jackpot	30% of pot
3 rd Place Jackpot	20% of pot

GRAND CHAMPION: HCF GC BBQ Buckle & Free Entry to the 2018 HCF Cookoff

RESERVE CHAMPION: HCF Insulated Food Carrier

ADMINISTRATION:

1. Harris County Fair BBQ Cook Off reserves the right to modify or expand the rules and regulations as warranted. Decisions of the Chairperson and Judges will be final.

DISCLAIMER:

Security and safety are the sole responsibility of each contestant. Harris County Fair, Houston Farm & Ranch and Papa's Icehouse are not responsible for theft of or damage to the property of a contestant, its members or guests. Further, Harris County Fair, Houston Farm & Ranch and Papa's Icehouse are not responsible for any injury to any such person. It is the contestant's responsibility to protect machinery, perishables, and exhibits so no injury will result to the public visitors, guests, persons or property. If property does not appear to be properly maintained it will be promptly withdrawn from the cookoff site. All property of the contestant including food stuffs and other perishables is understood to remain in the contestant's care, custody and control in transit to, from or within the confines of the cook off area, and are subject to the rules and regulations expressed within. The contestants upon signing the application, expressly release, hold, keep, save harmless and indemnify the persons and entities, named organizations and committees, and individuals from all claims for such loss, damage or injury.



2017 HARRIS COUNTY FAIR BBQ COOKOFF OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM



OCTOBER 27TH & 28TH, 2017
PAPA'S ICE HOUSE, 314 PRUITT RD, SPRING, TX 77380

- ALL ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 23, 2017.
- \$175.00 PER COOK SPOT.
- \$20.00 "ANYTHING BACON WRAPPED" JACKPOT.

All IBCA Rules Apply. Please Read All Rules at Link Below.
<http://ibcabbq.org/wp-content/uploads/2017-2018-IBCA-Rules.pdf>

TEAM CONTACT INFORMATION:

COOK TEAM NAME: _____

PRIMARY CONTACT: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

CHIEF COOK: _____

I have read and understand all of the rules and regulations governing the Harris County Fair Cookoff.

CHIEF COOK SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

This event is sanctioned by the International Barbeque Cookers Association (IBCA).
RETURN THIS ENTRY FORM WITH YOUR \$175.00 ENTRY FEE

ANYTHING BACON WRAPPED" JACKPOT ENTRY: _____ YES _____ NO (\$20.00 ENTRY FEE)

OFFICIAL TURN-IN TIMES

CATEGORY

"Anything Bacon Wrapped" Jackpot
Chicken – 2 Halves with Wing Tip
Pork Spare-Ribs - 9 Individual Ribs
Beef Brisket - 9 full Slices

TURN-IN TIME

Saturday, 11:00 am
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Saturday, 1:30 pm
Saturday, 3:00 pm

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Please make checks payable to:
Send completed form with payment to:

Houston Farm and Ranch
One Abercrombie Drive
Houston, TX 77084.
281-463-6650

Port-A-Cans can ordered separately, use the Port-A-Can order form and include with your entry form please.

Check #: _____ Cash: _____ Amount: _____

Date Received: _____ By: _____



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COOK TEAM NAME: _____

PRIMARY CONTACT: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

QUANTITY OF REGULAR TOILETS REQUESTED: _____ @ \$75.00 EACH = _____

QUANTITY OF HANDICAP TOILETS REQUESTED: _____ @ \$100.00 EACH = _____

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE = _____

METHOD OF PAYMENT: _____

CHECK NUMBER (if applicable): _____

SIGNATURE OF CONTACT PERSON: _____

Please make checks payable to: Harris County Fair BBQ Cookoff

Send completed form with payment to: Houston Farm and Ranch
One Abercrombie Drive
Houston, TX 77084.
281-463-6650

Check #: _____ Cash: _____ Amount: _____

Date Received: _____ By: _____