

Walker County Fair Association

Barbecue & Chili Cook-off

April 6th & 7th, 2012

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 (40' X 40') team space (spaces were enlarged);
and entry in brisket category;
Entry in each additional meat categories; Ribs, chicken, or Pulled Pork, is \$10 per entry;
Entry in the open chili competition is an additional \$10;
Entry in the Beans and Dessert, category will also be an extra \$10 for each entry.
Entry in the Mystery category will be an additional \$5.
A 1st place cash prize for brisket will consist of \$15 from each entry fee.
2. **All late entries** will be assigned space on a first-come/first-pay basis. Late entries will be accepted until **5:00 p.m.** on Friday of the cook-off weekend.
3. Adjoining standardized-spaces will be granted where available for an additional \$75. Any such additional fees will be due by check-in-time.
4. **Barbecue teams** may check in and set up at the Walker County Fairgrounds from 12:00 p.m. thru 5:00 p.m. Friday of the cook-off weekend
5. **Chili teams** may check in and set up at 8:00 a.m. Saturday.
6. **All props, vehicles, tents,** coverings and equipment must be confined to the assigned space(s). Teams should be prepared for **inclement weather.**
7. Each BBQ &/or Chili team will consist of a **Chief Cook and 4 Assistants.**
8. **Chief Cooks' meeting: 5:00 p.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.
9. **No contest brisket** may be put on the pits before tagged on Friday night. Meat tagging will begin at 7:00 p.m. **No pre-cooked** sauces or pre-seasoned meats will be permitted.
10. 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 as sanitary a 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.**
If entering Chili only: Check in time is Saturday 8:00 a.m., turn in time is 11:20.
11. 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.

12. Digging of cooking holes or pits will not be permitted
13. **Only one cut of meat** in each category will be judged, and the brisket entry must be cut from the inspected and tagged meat, while the cook-off committee member is present.
Two briskets per team will be tagged. Three whole slice for show and approximately 20 bite size pieces for tasting from only one of the two will be required.
14. **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.**
15. No **motorized vehicles** will be permitted to operate in the cooking area at any time, with the exception of those used by the official of the Walker County Fair Association. All motorized vehicles utilized for setting up must be removed from the cook-off area by 6:00 p.m., Friday of the cook-off weekend. The Walker County Fair Association will not be responsible for losses resulting from **theft or damage.**
16. **Awards for 1st, 2nd & 3rd** will be given in all categories. The **winner** of the **bean and mystery category shall be a jackpot split** with the Fair Association.
17. Notices, **schedules**, entry pick-up and turn-in times and any other changes will be posted on the Bulletin Board at the **committee area.**
18. Each registered team will receive up to **five (5) team member** non-removable/non-transferable admission wrist bands to the fairgrounds and **five vehicle passes** to the cookoff parking area. All others must pay the 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 6:00 p.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.
19. Electricity and water hook-ups are available to each space.
20. **NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES WILL BE ALLOWED INSIDE THE FENCED AREA AROUND THE CARNIVAL AND LIVESTOCK EXHIBITION.**
21. The Barbecue/Chili Cook-off Committee reserves the right to reasonably add to or change regulations as circumstances dictate. **Decisions** of the Barbecue/Chili Cook-off Committee and the **judges are final.**
22. No **reptiles** permitted in the Barbecue/Chili Cook-off area.
23. **Cash Pot Tickets** Must be present to win.

HOW TO BAR-B-QUE WITHOUT GOING TO JAIL

Providing alcohol to minors is now considered a more serious offense. Instead of receiving a citation, you will now go to jail for handing a beer to someone who is under 21 years of age. Also, anyone who is under 21 and gets behind the wheel of a vehicle with ANY detectable amount of alcohol is committing a criminal offense (regardless of whether or not that person is intoxicated).

Have fun this year, but please be responsible!!!!

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