

2016 BBQ COMPETITION RULES

Ascension Hot Air Balloon Festival

September 24, 2016

Contest located at Lamar Dixon Expo Center, Gonzales, LA in Barn 7.

1. Inspection of pits and uncooked meat will begin at 5:30 AM on the 24th.
2. **COOKED ON SITE:** All meats will be provided by the contestant, inspected prior to cooking and cooked on-site. Seasoning/marinating the day before is allowed.
3. **SANITATION:** Cooks are expected to prepare and cook in a sanitary manner.
4. **ENTRIES PER PIT:** Only one Head Cook will cook on a given pit. No multiple entries in same category of meat.
5. **BBQ PITS :** a) **PIT –** Any commercial or homemade, trailered or un-trailered, pit or smoker normally used for competitive barbeque. A BBQ Pit may include gas or electricity for starting the combustion of wood or wood products but NOT to complete cooking.
b) **BYC - (Backyard Cooker) —** any cooking device by design or nature that is inherently portable and is intended for recreational cooking.
6. **CATEGORIES:** Judging will take place for the following three categories:
a. Baby back ribs (Pork) b. Chicken leg quarters (Poultry) c. Brisket (Beef)
7. **PRIZES:** 1st, 2nd & 3rd place trophies for each category will be awarded. In addition, an Overall Championship Trophy with a Weber Spirit 210 LP Grill donated by Galvez Hardware & Outdoor Cooking will be awarded. Announcement of winners will begin at 5 PM.
8. **JUDGING:** Judging will be conducted by blind taste testing only. All meat must be turned in for judging at the following times: Ribs: 2:00 PM, Chicken: 3:00 PM, Brisket: 4:00 PM. Turn-in boxes will be provided. Garnishment will not be included in judging criteria, therefore, not necessary.
9. **ENTRY FEES:** \$25.00 per category, payable in advance, no exceptions. Payments are to be made to be payable to: Ascension Festivals and Cultural Council.

Entry deadline is noon, September 19th.
10. **SETUP:** Move in can begin on Friday, the 23rd, after 4 PM or by 5:30 AM September 24th. Cooking can begin no earlier than 6 AM on day of event.

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