



2010 TEXAS RICE FESTIVAL BAR-B-Q AND FAJITA COOK-OFF RULES AND REGULATIONS

INTRODUCTION

1. The sole purpose of this cook-off is to promote the Texas Rice Festival, to supply information regarding time of shows, and performances.
2. Contestants will be selected on a first come, first serve basis. If limitations are made, they will be made on this basis.
3. Contestants must supply all needed equipment and supplies. The Texas Rice Festival will provide space only.
4. Holes or dug pits are not permitted. Heat shields must be provided for cookers that are capable of damaging contest area. Fires must be contained, and be wood, or wood substance.
5. The Texas Rice Festival or its governing body will not be responsible for theft, damage, or accidents.
6. The committee chairman reserves the right to make additional regulations as situations warrant, and decisions of the committee chairman and judges are final.
7. Those attending or participating in the Texas Rice Festival Cook-off are required to wear appropriate clothing at all times (No one will be allowed to go without shoes or shirts).

ADMINISTRATION

1. Entries should be turned in by September 22, 2010, but will be taken as space provides.
2. Check in will be between 12:00 noon and 6:00 p.m. Friday, September 24, 2010. Teams can begin cooking anytime after you arrive. All meats must be refrigerated or on ice at check in. (See individual contest rules). Space will be available on **Thursday, September 23rd** after 11:00 am, spaces are first come, first serve basis.
PLEASE DO NOT BRING IN PITS PRIOR TO THURSDAY!!! This has become a problem. We need the BBQ area empty in order to mark off the spaces. THIS RULE WILL BE STRONGLY ENFORCED!
3. It is the responsibility of the team to see that the contest area is cleaned and policed during and following the contest. Trash receptacles will be placed throughout the contest area for each contestant's use. It is the contestant's responsibility to empty the receptacles into the garbage truck when the truck comes by your space.
4. Each team will be allocated a 40' x 40' space. Props, trailers, motor homes, vehicles, tents, covering, or any other part of a team or team's equipment must not exceed the boundaries of the assigned space. Each contestant is restricted to two vehicles in his space, besides cooking equipment.
5. The chief cook will be held responsible for the conduct of his team and guest(s). Under no circumstances are alcoholic beverages to be distributed to the public by contestants. Also liquor in bottles must be kept out of sight. No glass containers will be allowed.
6. No vehicle will be allowed to enter or leave the contest area after 6:00 p.m. Friday, September 24th until the contest is over on Saturday, September 25, 2010.
7. As weather may require, it is suggested you bring suitable shelter for your team. Motorhomes, tents, or tarps are suggested.
8. Each team will be assigned a committee person as a contestant supervisor. Properly identified committee persons will have free access to the contestant's area. Any and all properly identified committee people should not be refused admittance to any contestant's space. Should any contestant have any complaints, report immediately to the committee chairman.
9. Under no circumstances will any contestant, or member of the public be allowed to bring into the contest area golf carts, motor vehicles, motorcycles, bicycles, or any type of transportation with the exception of the handicapped.
10. Teams will conduct themselves in such a manner that will make the cook-off a desirable event for family participation. Teams who display indecent signs and apparel or who are excessively loud will be asked to leave the cook-off area and forfeit their entry fee.

COOKING

JACKPOT FAJITA RULES (JUDGING 8:00 P.M. FRIDAY 9/24/10) –70% PAYBACK 2 PLACES

1. There will be one division: Beef only. They may be pre-seasoned or marinated.
2. You may cook as many fajitas as you wish (no minimum). Contestants must furnish enough fajitas for (6) judges. **"PLEASE NO PICO DE GALLO"**.
3. Fajita meat will be refrigerated or on ice at time of check in and will be inspected by the chairman. Inspection will be made at your request.
4. Cooking may begin anytime after inspection.

IBCA RULES COOKING & JUDGING

- ◆ Contest will be conducted under I.B.C.A. rules.
- ◆ Fires must be of wood or wood substance. No gas or electric fires will be permitted.
- ◆ No contest meats can be cooked, salted, seasoned or marinated prior to arrival at cook-off.
- ◆ Chief Cooks Meeting will be held Friday at 6:00 p.m. Only the chief cook needs to attend this mandatory meeting. At this time you will be given your containers for the contest.
- ◆ **Categories:**
Chicken (1/2 of a whole fully jointed chicken)
Pork Spare Ribs (7 full ribs cup apart)
Brisket (7 full slices 1/4 to 3/8 " thick)
No sauce or garnishment may be put on the contest meat after it has been taken off the pit.
No more than one cook per pit.....NO EXCEPTIONS.
- ◆ **Turn In Time:**
Saturday 10:30 a.m.
Saturday 12:00 p.m.
Saturday 1:30 p.m.

PRIZES: Awards Saturday 3:00 p.m.

Cash payback is 30%.

\$1,000 added money from WHATABURGER

Cash and Trophies for top 3 teams in each division

Ribbons for 4th place through 10th place

Cash and Champion Cap for Festival Grand Champion Team

EXAMPLE: Based on 50 Teams – 1st \$250, 2nd \$150, 3rd \$100 (all 3 divisions)
Festival Grand Champion - \$600

SHOWMANSHIP RULES: Grand Champion & Reserve Champion Trophies

1. Showmanship will be judged on theme, costumes, booth set-up, action, and audience appeal. Judging will be done by anonymous judges.
2. Sound amplification must be on limited volume so as not to interfere with other contestants. No fire arms of any kind will be allowed in the Park.
3. A showmanship team must have entered all three (3) contests to qualify for showmanship points.



***Please Note:
In the event of a rain out or natural disaster, entry fees will not be refunded.



**TEXAS RICE FESTIVAL
JACKPOT FAJITA & IBCA SANCTIONED BBQ COOKOFF
SEPTEMBER 24 & 25, 2010**

TEAM NAME _____

CHIEF COOK _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

TEAM MEMBERS

1. _____

3. _____

2. _____

4. _____

ENTRY FEE: \$25.00 JACKPOT FAJITA'S 70%
\$75.00 BRISKET, 1/2 CHICKEN & PORK RIBS

PRIZES: 30% PAYBACK PLUS \$1,000 ADDED MONEY FROM **WHATABURGER**; 3 PLACES PAID IN EACH CATEGORY & FESTIVAL GRAND CHAMPION

Entry should be received by September 22, 2010

The Texas Rice Festival, it's officers, servants, agents, will in no case be responsible for any loss, damage, or injury to the person(s), animal(s), or property of exhibitor(s), servants, family and/or employees, of how such loss, damage, or injury is occasioned and by whom. The Texas Rice Festival and Committee further agree that exhibitor will protect, indemnify and save harmless Texas Rice Festival from any and claims, and/or suit by Texas Rice Festival brought by anyone as a result of any person, animal, or property occasioned by any action of inaction of exhibitor, either solely or in conjunction with Texas Rice Festival or anyone else.

Exhibitor agrees to abide by all rules and regulations for the Texas Rice Festival.

Owner, Exhibitor, Contestant (Signature Required)

Date

WE ACCEPT CASH, CHECK, or MONEY ORDER.