



2007 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 postmarked by September 21, 2007, but will be taken as space provides.
2. Check in will be between 12:00 noon and 6:00 p.m. Friday, September 28, 2007. 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 27th after 6 p.m. spaces are first come, first serve.
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. Contestant spaces will be on a first come, first serve basis.
6. 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.
7. No vehicle will be allowed to enter or leave the contest area after 6:00 p.m. Friday, September 28th until the contest is over on Saturday, September 29, 2007.
8. As weather may require, it is suggested you bring suitable shelter for your team. Motorhomes, tents, or tarps are suggested.
9. Each contestant 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.
10. 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.
11. 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 9/28/07) –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: Turn In Time:
 - Chicken (1/2 of a whole fully jointed chicken) Saturday 10:30 a.m.
 - Pork Spare Ribs (7 full ribs cup apart) Saturday 12:00 p.m.
 - Brisket (7 full slices 1/4 to 3/8 " thick) Saturday 1:30 p.m.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.

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.



**TEXAS RICE FESTIVAL
 JACKPOT FAJITA & IBCA SANCTIONED BBQ COOKOFF
 SEPTEMBER 28-29, 2007**

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 must be postmarked by September 21, 2007

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.

Dear BBQ Team:

The Texas Rice Festival and Whataburger invites you to the 38th Annual BBQ Cook-off and Fajita Jackpot to be held Friday and Saturday, September 28 and 29, 2007 in the Winnie-Stowell Chambers County Park, Winnie, Texas. This year's cook-off is again an IBCA Sanctioned event. All IBCA rules apply. Once again the 2007 sponsor for BBQ weekend is **Whataburger**.

Enclosed you will find an entry form along with the rules for each contest, you can also download an entry form from our web site at www.texasricefestival.org. Entries must be postmarked by Friday, September 21, 2007 and entry fee must be included with entry to be official. Please make checks payable to the Texas Rice Festival.

Team spaces will be on a first come, first serve basis. We will take the first 50 paid teams. **Whataburger** of Winnie sponsors all added money.

The Fajita Jackpot Cook-off will be held on Friday night along with a dance. Preliminary judging will begin at 8:00 p.m. Fajita teams not entered in the BBQ cook-off must leave the contest area by 12:00 midnight. The carnival will be open from 5:00 p.m. - 12 midnight for all the kids.

Awards will be given after the judging of each contest as rules state. Please read the rules and entry form in detail. There has been no additional rule change for 2007. You do not have to be a member of the IBCA to cook in the cook-off. You can purchase a membership at the event for \$30.00.

Along with the BBQ Cook-Off events on Saturday, we also have an Open Horseshoe Pitching Tournament and live music for everyone to enjoy. The carnival will open at noon and will run until 1:00 a.m. We will have a Texas Music Street Dance Saturday night that you may enjoy for free. Visit our website for all the information on the 2007 Texas Rice Festival.

We are looking forward to seeing you on September 28th and 29th in Winnie, Texas. If you are in need of further information, please call the Texas Rice Festival office at (409) 296-4404.

Thank you,

Steve Hodges & Pat Pryor
BBQ Cook-Off Co-Chairmen