



2009 LEA COUNTY BBQ & MUSIC FESTIVAL

IBCA Sanction - State Championship
Official Entry Form • August 14-15, 2009
\$7,500 IN PRIZE MONEY

TEAM NAME: _____

HEAD COOK: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ CELL: _____ OTHER: _____

E-MAIL: _____

- ADDITIONAL TEAM MEMBERS (UP TO 4) -

PLEASE CHECK ALL YOU PLAN TO ENTER: BRISKET PORK SPARE RIBS 1/2 CHICKEN

- ENTRY FEES -
 BEFORE AUGUST 1, 2009 - \$100 & 1 COOKED BRISKET
 AFTER AUGUST 1, 2009 - \$150 & 1 COOKED BRISKET / CLEANING DEPOSIT - \$150
 Entry fee includes space only. No structures or electricity will be included with this fee.

FORM OF PAYMENT:

CHECK # _____ MONEY ORDER VISA MASTER CARD
 (MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO ZIA PARK & BLACK GOLD CASINO)

CARD # _____ EXP. DATE _____ PIN # (ON BACK OF CARD) _____

SIGNATURE _____

We, the members of the above team, acknowledge, understand, and agree that we are responsible for our own actions and will abide by the rules & regulations set by Zia Park and IBCA. We hereby hold Zia Park, IBCA, its officers, agents, and employees harmless from any and all claims, suits, actions, damages and causes of action that may arise out of any personal injury, bodily injury, loss of life or damage to any property, or violation of any relevant federal, state or local law or ordinance, or other cause, resulting from the following services, operations, event or use of property authorized pursuant to the Lea County BBQ & Music Festival.

Head Cook (Print)

Head Cook (Signature) Date

Cook (Print)

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Lea County BBQ & Music Festival at Zia Park & Black Gold Casino IBCA Sanctioned ~ State Championship

2009 General Information, Rules & Regulations
August 14 – 15, 2009

1. ENTRY APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

- a. Please complete the Entry Form by **printing or typing** the information requested. Don't forget to make a copy of these instructions for your records.
- b. Entries will be allowed up to the event date, as long as space allows.
- c. **Payment:** Please submit and make payable to Zia Park & Black Gold Casino, in two (2) separate checks a.) \$100.00/\$150.00 Participation Fee and b.) \$150.00 Cleaning Deposit. These **MUST** accompany your application. There is a \$50.00 charge for any returned checks.
- d. **Withdrawal:** Exhibitors may withdraw up to July 25, 2009 and receive a 50% refund and until August 8, 2009 for a 25% refund. After August 8, 2009 participation fees are not refundable.
- e. **Cancellation:** If weather, acts of God, or other circumstances beyond the control of Zia Park & Black Gold Casino cause the event to be canceled, participation fees will be returned. Zia Park & Black Gold Casino cannot be held liable by exhibitors for the failure of the event to take place.
- f. **Site Assignment and Final Instructions:** Teams will receive a final information packet no later than July 31, 2009. This will include your specific space assignment, as well as detailed day of the event, load-in and load-out instructions.

2. **TEAMS & ARRIVAL:** A team consists of one (1) chief cook and no more than four (4) assistants. Teams may check in between 12:00 pm and 9:00 pm Friday, August 14, 2009 or between 6:00 am and 8:00 am on Saturday, August 15, 2009. Entries **MUST** be in place by 8:00 am on Saturday, August 15, 2009. Quiet time is from 1:00 am to 7:00 am. Teams must be signed in before or at the cooks meeting.

*****Mandatory Head Cooks meeting will be held at 8:00 am Sat. August 15, 2009 in the Sports Bar & Grill at Zia Park & Black Gold Casino.**

3. **MOVE OUT –** No team is allowed to pack up or dismantle their booth before 6:00 pm on day of event and all booths must be removed no later than noon on Sunday, August 16, 2009.

Prior to vacating the booth space, each team is responsible for clean-up which is defined as the bagging of all trash, removal of charcoal (used or still burning), ashes, cooking oils and everything else that was not there prior to arrival. Please note that each booth will need to provide a container for ashes.

Enforcement will be handled in two ways:

Failure to leave the booth area clean will result in the loss of deposit. A Zia Park BBQ representative will inspect all booth areas prior to departure. Anyone caught disposing of trash and/or liquid, in areas other than designated, on Zia Park property, shall forfeit the cleaning deposit.

4. All sites must be self-contained, including water and electricity. Teams must provide their own equipment. Only "Quiet Site" Generators (or similar models) may be used.
5. ALL vehicles must be removed from the cooking area by 10:30am on Saturday, August 15th. Only hand carried deliveries are allowed during festival hours.
6. Due to the large volume of patrons in attendance at this event, no animals will be permitted.
7. No signs or decorations shall include the use of offensive language or symbols and must comply with the following sign restrictions:
 - No exterior sign shall exceed $\frac{3}{4}$ of the linear front footage of the booth and shall not exceed 36 inches in height.
 - No sign shall be posted so as to interfere with other booths.
 - All signs must be creative, attractive and informative. If the sign can be seen from either side, both sides of the

sign must be attractively finished.

8. ALL VENDORS MUST HAVE IN THEIR BOOTHS AT ALL TIMES:

- a. All required licenses for food handling. All vendors **must follow** all NM Environment Department rules and regulations. Teams must acquire a temporary license from NM Environment Department. NM Environment Department will not issue applications on site. All applications must be submitted ahead of time. Each vendor is responsible for maintaining the appearance and cleanliness of their booth to meet health standards. They may be reached at:

**New Mexico Environment Department
726 E. Michigan Ste. 165
Hobbs, NM 88240
Telephone (575) 393-4302**

- b. Tarpaulins or some other grease-containing item is required for vendors who have no method of preventing grease from spilling on vending area. All booth operators are responsible for bagging their own trash and placing it in the large commercial dumpsters. **VENDORS ARE STRICTLY PROHIBITED FROM PLACING TRASH IN THE SMALL TRASH CANS/DUMPSTERS PLACED IN THE AREA FOR CUSTOMERS. DISPOSING OF TRASH IN AREAS OTHER THAN DESIGNATED MAY ELIMINATE YOUR CHANCE TO RETURN TO ZIA PARK & BLACK GOLD CASINO.**

(As per IBCA Rules & By-laws)

1. **COOKED ON SITE** — All meats will be cooked on-site. The preparation and completion of any and all meats in competition is within the confines of the cook-off site and during the time limits designated by the promoter. Competition meat will be subject to inspection at cook-offs in which substantial prize money and/or awards are awarded.
2. **SANITATION** — Cooks are to prepare and cook in as sanitary manner as possible. Cooking conditions are subject to inspection by judging committee. Infractions identified by the judging committee shall be immediately corrected or the cook will be subject to disqualification.
3. **ENTRIES PER PIT** — **IBCA** recognizes only one entry (one chief cook) will cook on a given pit. It will be the responsibility of the promoter to monitor entries. Notwithstanding, multiple entries in the same category by the same cook and multiple entries from the same piece of meat **shall not** be allowed. Contestants must be 18 years of age to participate for cash prizes.
4. **BBO PITS** — Any commercial or homemade, trailered or untrailered, pit or smoker normally used for competitive barbeque. Also, **BYC** (Backyard Cooker) - Any cooking device by design or nature that is inherently portable and by design is intended for recreational cooking. A BBQ Pit may include gas or electricity for starting the combustion of wood or wood products but **NOT** to complete cooking.
***A fire extinguisher MUST be readily available. ("ABC" fire extinguisher designed for electrical, grease and trash fires.)**
****No open ground fires are allowed.**
5. **CATEGORIES** — Cook-off promoters shall advise contestants in advance of applicable meat categories and/or cuts of meats and/or types of cookers.

The following categories are recommended by the IBCA:

Beef Brisket

Pork Spare Ribs

Chicken — one half (1/2) fully jointed domestic chicken that includes a breast, wing, thigh, and drumstick.
(NO Cornish Game Hens)

7. **DOUBLE NUMBER SYSTEM** – **IBCA** requires that the secret, double number system be used. This system assures a fair competition and is a fundamental tenet of the **IBCA**. The system requires that two tickets bearing the same number be utilized, one firmly attached to the top of the judging tray in a manner which hides the number and the other ticket easily removed by the head cook for retention after signing the Head Cook's name.

Winning numbers will not be revealed until time to announce each place in each category. At that time the secret numbers attached to the tray/cup will be removed and announced.

8. **JUDGING TRAYS — IBCA** recommends the use of a Styrofoam tray with hinged lid and without dividers or the best readily available judging container which is approximately 8 inches square on the bottom half. (i.e. Dart 95HT1 or Genpak 200) A single sheet of aluminum foil should be supplied in each tray (i.e. Reynolds 710 foil sheets 9" x 10"). All judging containers shall be clean and free of any markings. Marked containers may be disqualified at the Head Judge's discretion. Cooks are responsible for insuring that the containers they receive remain clean and undamaged.
9. **JUDGING TRAY CONTENTS – IBCA** requires that the promoter and/or Head Judge advise all cooks of the exact quantities and cuts of meat that will be placed in the judging trays. This will normally be accomplished at the cook's meeting. The Head Judge or designated representative will inspect all trays at the time of turn-in in order to assure compliance with the turn-in criteria. All garnishes and condiments are prohibited, as they do not reflect the true quality of the cooked meat. Meats may be cooked with sauces **and/or other liquids**, but once the cooking is complete, **saucers and/or liquids cannot be added. NO PUDDLING IN BOTTOM OF TRAY.**

Recommended amounts are as follows:

- Brisket: seven (7) full slices approximately 1/4" to 3/8" thick
- Pork Spare Ribs: seven (7) individual cut ribs (bone-in)
- Chicken: 1/2 fully jointed chicken (to include breast, wing, thigh, and drumstick.
(NO Cornish Game Hens)

****If an event has 60+ teams, it is recommended that two (2) 1/2 chickens be submitted for judging and that the brisket and pork spare rib quantities be adjusted according.**

10. **TURN-IN TIME —** Turn-in times for each category shall be pre-set. Once this time is set and/or announced no changes will be made. A turn-in window often (10) minutes before and after the set turn-in time will be recognized. Judging trays received after that time will not be accepted for judging.

Tentative Turn in Times:

Saturday

- 1:00 pm Chicken
2:30 pm Pork Spare Ribs
4:00 pm Brisket

11. **TERMS FOR DISQUALIFICATION –** After the tray has been turned in, any tray found to be in violation of the **IBCA** rules will be disqualified at the discretion of the "Head Judge".
12. **JUDGES — IBCA** recommends that a minimum of five (5) judges per table be utilized during the initial judging. Subsequent levels of judging should utilize a minimum of seven (7) and a maximum of nine (9) judges per table. **Head Cooks** are prohibited to participate as judges. (No smoking in the Judges Area)
13. **JUDGING QUANTITY —** Judges will assign a score from 1 to 10 for each tray sampled. A maximum of twenty (20) trays or containers should be assigned to each judging table. Judges should not be required to sample and judge in excess of this number during any event. It is recommended that a predetermined number of top results from each preliminary judging table be sent on to the subsequent levels of judging.
14. **ANNOUNCING WINNERS —** Announcement of winners be based on the number of competitors in each category. (Example: Cook-off with ten (10) or more entries, announce the top ten (10) plus final table (numbers only). It is recommended that more than one person verify the ticket numbers. If the number of entries is less than ten (10), all places will be announced.
15. **PRIZES — IBCA** states that a Grand Champion be named at every cook-off. In the event of a tie for Grand Champion, brisket will be the first tiebreaker, followed by ribs, then chicken, and then any other category. The promoter must advertise any changes to the tiebreaker decision in advance.

