

2017



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At the Lee County Fair

~~~~~The 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Tribute to Juan Gonzales & John Goodson~~~~~

## RULES

\*\*\*CHANGES ARE DENOTED IN RED PRINT  
 \*\*\*REMINDERS FROM 2016 ARE IN BLUE PRINT

1. **ENTRIES PER PIT:** A Team consists of **only ONE (1) Chief Cook** and up to **FOUR (4) Assistant Cooks**. Only one entry (one chief cook) will cook on a given BBQ pit. With the exception of the Junior Division Cook-off, **ALL** contestants must be at least 18 years of age to compete. **Multiple entries in the same category by the same cook and multiple entries from the same piece of meat shall not be allowed.**
2. **REGISTRATION & CHECK-IN:** Contestants may check into the BBQ Cook-Off Grounds during the following hours:
 

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| Wednesday, May 17 <sup>th</sup> : | 5:00 p.m. until dark    | (pick up registration info on Thursday) <span style="color: red;">If you hookup to utilities on Wednesday 5/17, you will be accessed a fee!</span> |
| Thursday, May 18 <sup>th</sup> :  | 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m. |                                                                                                                                                    |
| Friday, May 19 <sup>th</sup> :    | 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  |                                                                                                                                                    |

Payment of the entry fee is contestant's express acceptance of these rules. Non-compliance of any rule or regulation will subject contestant(s) to disqualification. **Entry fees are non-refundable.**
3. **COOK'S MEETING:** The Cook-Off on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> is sanctioned by the International Bar-B-Que Cookers Association (IBCA). IBCA judging rules will apply. <http://ibcabbq.org/wp-content/uploads/Sept-1-2016-Rules.pdf> **A MANDATORY meeting for Chief Cooks will be held on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 a.m. in the Judging area.**
4. **COOKED ON SITE:** Any and all meats will be cooked on-site. The preparation and completion (excluding pre-trimming) of any and all meats in competition is within the confines of the event. New: Competition meat may be removed from the store packaging and pre-trimmed. However, pre-cooking, marinating, pre-soaking or pre-spicing etc. **WILL NOT** be allowed prior to start of the cook-off.  
**\*All competition meat is subject to inspection.**
5. **SANITATION:** Cooks are to prepare and cook meat in a sanitary manner. Cooking conditions are **subject to inspection** by the judging committee. Infractions identified by the judging committee shall be immediately corrected or the cook will be subject to disqualification.
6. **BBQ PITS:** Contestants must supply all needed equipment and supplies. Fires must be wood or charcoal. Pit may include gas or electricity to start natural substance **but not to complete cooking.**  
REMINDER: Your Pit should be of a permanent design that contains separate individual cooking chambers and heat sources. (No sharing of heat sources.) Holes or open pits are not permitted.  
NEW: **Wood Pellet Grills** such as the Traeger ([www.traegergrill.com](http://www.traegergrill.com)) are acceptable as long as the pellets are made of actual wood or wood product. **Fires must be contained and a safe distance from any adjoining team(s). Any flammable containers must be a safe distance from the fire.** Each team **MUST** bring a fire extinguisher
7. **NO PETS OR LIVE ANIMALS ARE PERMITTED IN THE COOK-OFF AREA WITH EXCEPTION THOSE ASSISTING THE DISABLED.**

8. **JUDGING TRAYS:** Styrofoam trays approximately 9 inches square on the bottom with hinged lids and without dividers will be the judging container. A single sheet of aluminum foil will be supplied in each tray. All judging containers shall be clean and free of 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. **DOUBLE NUMBER SYSTEM:** The secret, double number system will be utilized. The system requires that two tickets bearing the same number be used with one firmly attached to the judging tray (or cup) in a manner which hides the number and the other ticket easily removed by the **Chief Cook for retention after signing the Head Cook's name in front of an IBCA representative.** Winning numbers will not be revealed until time to announce each place in each category. **Only then will the secret numbers attached to the tray/cup be removed and announced. Only lids with tickets will be taken to the awards ceremony with final table numbers. The actual ticket will have to be physically presented for verification. Photos or copies *will not* be accepted for verification.**
10. **JUDGING TRAY CONTENTS:** Trays will be inspected at the time of turn-in in order to assure compliance with the turn-in criteria. **All three meats are required to be turned in meat side up.** The amounts are as follows:
  - a. Brisket - Nine (9) full width slices (approx. ¼" to 3/8" thick). All blocking must be done before cooking. The fat cap may be trimmed or cut away before the slices are placed in the tray.
  - b. Pork Spare Ribs – Nine (9) individual ribs (bone-in) St. Louis Cut acceptable.  
(NO baby back ribs allowed). Ribs must be placed in the trap TOP side up lying parallel to the hinge.
  - c. Half Chicken - Two (2) ½ fully jointed split chicken to include breast, wing with top (visible not tucked under), thigh, & drumstick. SKIN ON. (NO Cornish hens)**No garnishes, sauce or PUDDLING in bottom of the tray allowed.**
11. **TURN-IN TIMES:** Times are set and/or announced at the Chief Cooks meeting and no changes will be made. A turn-in window of ten (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. Ten minutes and one second is considered AFTER the set turn-in time.
12. **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. Disqualified tray numbers will be called out immediately following the category announcements.
13. **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES:** Each team is responsible for compliance with the rules as set forth. Excessive use of alcoholic beverages may be grounds for disqualification. Under no circumstances are alcoholic beverages to be sold to the general public by contestants. Each team must monitor its own area when it pertains to minors. **MINORS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO CONSUME OR BE IN POSSESSION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT ANY TIME. NO GLASS containers are permitted in the BBQ area. REMINDER: COOLERS ARE TO REMAIN WITHIN THE CONFINES OF THE COOK-OFF AREA OR THEY RISK CONFISCATION BY FAIR OFFICIALS.** Contestants may not charge admission to a party where alcohol is served nor require donations for alcohol. **REMINDER: NO OPEN CONTAINERS WILL BE PERMITTED TO BE BROUGHT IN OR TAKEN OUTSIDE OF THE TICKET GATES.**
14. **BOUNDARIES:** Teams must fit within the assigned boundaries with all structures/equipment. Travel trailers, RVs or similar vehicles (exclusive of your cooking rigs) will only be permitted inside the contest area. **NO pickups, trucks, cars, etc will be allowed to park in the cook-off area.** All contestants are responsible for keeping their contest area clean & that the area is cleaned & policed following the contest. All fires must be put out, concrete blocks & other building materials or props hauled away & all equipment removed from the Cook-Off grounds before noon on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>.

**15. INDEMNIFICATION STATEMENT:** The *Lee County Fair Association* including its officers, directors, volunteers and agents (herein called Fair) and the *County of Lee* (herein called County), and the *Charcoal Challenge BBQ Cook-Off Contestants* including parents, and/or legal representatives (herein called Contestant), agree that the Fair and County will in no case be responsible for any loss damage or injury, regardless of how much loss, damage or injury is occasioned by whom. The Fair and Contestant will protect, indemnify and save harmless, the Fair from any and all claims, suits and/or judgments (including the cost of defense of any such claim and/or suit by the Fair) brought by anyone as a result of any loss, damage or injury to any person, animal or property occasioned by any action or inaction of Contestant, whether solely or in conjunction with the Fair or anyone else.