



**2025 Jackpot Fajita &
IBCA Sanctioned BBQ Cook-off
Rules and Regulations**

NEW RULE CHANGES—PLEASE READ

INTRODUCTION

1. The sole purpose of this cook-off is to promote the Texas Rice Festival, and to supply information regarding dates and times of shows and performances.
2. Contestants will be selected on a first-come, first serve basis. Limitations will be made on this basis if need be. **Prior year contestants have 1st priority if entry postmarked by September 5, 2025.**
3. Contestants must provide all the equipment and supplies needed.
4. Holes or dug pits are not permitted. Heat shields must be provided for cookers that are capable of damaging the contest area. Fires must be contained and be wood substance.
5. The Texas Rice Festival or its governing body will not be held responsible for theft, damage, or accidents.
6. The committee chairman reserves the right to make additional regulations as situations warrant. Decisions of the committee chairman, lead IBCA judge, and judges are final.
7. Those attending or participating in the Texas Rice Festival Cook-off are always required to wear appropriate clothing (No one will be allowed to go without shoes or shirts).

ADMINISTRATION

1. **"LIMIT OF 45 TEAMS", Sponsors included** Entries should be submitted by September 22, 2025. Prior year entrants will be given priority if entry is postmarked by September 5, 2025.
2. **Corporate Sponsors will be allowed to set up early by contacting Peanut or Glenn.**
3. Check in is Friday, September 26, from Noon – 6:00 p.m. Once checked in teams may begin cooking. All meat must be refrigerated or on ice at check in. **(see individual contest rules)** space will be available after 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 25, 2025. Your previous year's space **CAN** be reserved if payment and entry are postmarked before September 6. **Reserved spots may be set up beginning Wednesday, at noon but no tents can be erected before noon Thursday to allow RVs to set up.** All other spaces are first come, first serve. The BBQ area must be empty for the committee to properly mark spaces. **PITS PULLED IN PRIOR TO THURSDAY AT 11:00 A.M. WILL BE TOWED AT THE CONTESTANTS EXPENSE.**
4. Teams are responsible for cleaning and policing their own area. Trash bins will be placed throughout the contest area for contestants to use.
5. Each team will be given a 40 X 40 space. Props, trailers, motor homes, vehicles, tents, awnings, or any other part of equipment or set up must not exceed the boundaries of the assigned space. Only 2 vehicles will be allowed in each space if space allows.
6. The chief cook will be held responsible for the conduct of his team and invited guests. Under NO circumstances **are alcoholic beverages** to be distributed to minors. Teams are welcome to bring in their own alcohol, however glass bottles are prohibited. **All music must be held at a moderate level while in the contest area, No Bands allowed. Consideration to your fellow cooks and festival goers is a must. Tents erected must be removed by 12:00pm Sunday.**
7. **No Vehicles will be allowed to enter or leave the contest area after 5:00pm Friday.** Cookers needing to enter, or leave should contact a committee person for assistance.
8. **Parking and/or driving will not be permitted on the street during contest.** The free parking lots across the street should be used. **Violators will be towed at the owner's expense.**
9. Texas Rice Festival BBQ Committee members have free access to contestant's area.
10. Contestants are not allowed to bring in golf carts, motorcycles, or motorized vehicles.
11. Teams should conduct themselves in a manner that is suitable for family participation. Any contestant or teams who display indecent signs and apparel, or who are excessively loud will be asked to leave the contest area and forfeit their entry fee.

ATTN: ICE WILL NOT BE FOR SALE THIS YEAR

COOKING

Jackpot Fajita Rules: Judging 7:30 p.m. Friday, 9/26/25 70% Payback 2 Places

1. There will be one division: **Beef Only!** Meat may be pre-seasoned or marinated.
2. There is no minimum on the amount of fajitas cooked. Contestants must cook enough fajitas for (6) judges. **"PLEASE NO PICO DE GALLO!"**
3. Fajita meat must be refrigerated or on ice at time of check in and will be inspected by the chairman or a committee member.
4. Fajita Cooking may begin any time after inspection.

Jackpot Rice Rules: Judging 8:30pm Friday, 9/26/25 100% Payback 2 Places

1. **Rice** must be a primary ingredient.
2. Must be prepared on site, may be prepared in any manner.
3. Judging based on **flavor, originality and presentation.**

Bloody Mary Challenge: Judging 10am Saturday, 9/27/25 70% Payback 2 Places

1. Judged on **presentation and taste.**
2. Provide 1 dressed glass of drink & 1 pitcher for tasting samples no ice.
3. Must be 21yrs old to enter.
4. Enter as many times that you wish.
5. Pitcher will be provided by us.



International Bar-B-Que
Cookers Association

This is an IBCA event all rules will apply.

<https://ibcabbq.org/organization-documents/>

Friday: 6:00pm Cook's meeting and trays can be picked up between 4pm & 6pm

Saturday:

12:00 noon One (1) Fully jointed chicken half (To

include breast, wing, thigh, and drumstick)

1:30 p.m. Pork Spareribs (8 individual pork spareribs)

3:00 p.m. Brisket (8 Slices)

PRIZES & AWARDS

Cash payback is 50%

\$2,500 BBQ Sponsor

Cash and Plaques for top 2 teams in each division

Cash for Grand Champion Team \$400 cash & trophy

Cash for Reserve Champion Team \$200 cash & trophy

Example: Based on 45 Teams = \$1760

1st Place \$440, 2nd Place \$352, 3rd Place \$317, 4th Place \$264

5th Place \$211, 6th Place \$176



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Entry Form**

**Entry Deadline September 22, 2025
September 26, & 27, 2025**

**Cook-Off Located at 1410 Lilton Sonnier Ave. Winnie-Stowell Park
Mail Form to: P. O. Box 147, Winnie TX. 77665**



Team Name: _____

Chief Cook: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone #: _____ **Email:** _____

Team Members:

1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 4. _____

Entry Fees: **\$20** - Bloody Mary Challenge
\$50 - Jackpot Rice
\$50 - Jackpot Fajitas
\$150 - 1/2 Chicken, Pork Spare Ribs & Brisket

Porta Potty Fee: \$75.00 each

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO TRF

Prizes

70% Payback for 1st & 2nd Place Fajitas & Bloody Mary Challenge
100% payback for 1st & 2nd Place Rice

\$2500 from **BBQ Sponsor Whataburger**. 1st thru 6th Places paid in each category and Cook-off Grand Champion and Reserve.

Showmanship: Trophies given for Grand Champion

I understand by signing this waiver I'm agreeing to abide by all rules and regulations for the Texas Rice Festival and IBCA. I assume all risks associated with participation and waive and release Texas Rice Festival, Inc., IBCA, Chambers County and all sponsors, along with their representatives and successors from all claims or liabilities of any kind arising out of my participation in the cook-off. I grant permission to use any photographs or recordings from this event for publicity or advertising purposes. For more information call Peanut Gilfillian (409) 782-5713 or Glenn Kiker (409) 656-1318.

Signature of Contestant _____ **Date** _____

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