

PASADENA LIVESTOCK SHOW & RODEO  
35<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CHAMPIONSHIP BBQ COOK-OFF  
October 26, 27 & 28, 2017



**RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. The BBQ Contest will be held at the Pasadena Rodeo Grounds, located at 7601 Red Bluff, Pasadena, Texas.
2. Applications will be available online at <http://www.pasadenarodeo.com> or in the office of the Pasadena Livestock Show & Rodeo during regular business hours.
3. Previous year's contestants will have first right of refusal until 5:00 p.m. **June 2, 2017**, with deposit.
4. First time contestants will be admitted on a first come, first serve basis after **June 16, 2017**.
5. Payment in full is due by **July 28, 2017**.
6. Contestants must supply needed equipment and supplies.
7. Holes or dug pits are not permitted.
8. Metal pans must be provided under the opening of the firebox to prevent damaging the blacktop or concrete surface and catching the grass on fire.
9. Tent stakes or other devices that damage the blacktop or concrete surface in any way are prohibited.
10. The PLS&R will not be responsible for theft or damage.
11. The PLS&R reserves the right to make additional changes to the rules and regulations.
12. Decisions of the PLS&R Judges are FINAL.
13. Those attending or participating in the 35th Annual Championship BBQ Contest are required to wear appropriate clothing at all times. (No one will be allowed without shoes or shirts.)
14. The Pasadena Livestock Show and Rodeo reserves the right to refuse to rent cook-off space to any team or head cook.
15. The Violation of any Rules and Regulations in this document are grounds for Expulsion.

**Entry Fees**

1. The entry fee is \$450.00 for regular spaces and \$975.00 for midway spaces.
2. Each numbered space (40x40) will receive five (5) cooker wristbands, and five (5) ice tickets; each midway space will receive ten (10) cooker wristbands, and ten (10) ice tickets. Each team will be given 2 band parking passes per registered band/DJ for the band parking area for Friday and Saturday. Passes will only be included for bands that are pre-registered by **October 6, 2017**.
3. Additional tickets up to 25 per space, per day, may be purchased for \$10.00 each at the rodeo office **before 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 25, 2017**. After 5:00 p.m. October 25, 2017, cooker passes and all general admission tickets will be \$15.00 at the gate. All passes may be purchased from the PLS&R office or online at PLS&R website at <http://www.pasadenarodeo.com>

**NO ADMISSION WILL BE CHARGED TO:**

- Contestants with cooker wristbands
- All Pasadena Livestock Show & Rodeo Committeemen wearing badges
- Children under 10 years of age
- EMS, Fire Dept., Police & Military (**in uniform**)

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### Check In

1. Wednesday, October 25, 2017: **8:00 a.m. start: all equipment 26 feet and over, (cooking rigs, trailers, etc.)**  
**10:00 a.m. start: All other cooking rigs and equipment 25 feet and less**
2. Thursday, October 26, 2017: 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. - all other cooking rigs and equipment
3. CONTESTANTS ARE RESTRICTED TO 25 CASES OF BEER PER COOKING SPACE TO BE BROUGHT IN DURING CHECK IN.
4. 200 POUNDS OF ICE PER COOK TEAM MAY BE BROUGHT IN DURING CHECK-IN
  - a. The reason for the restriction of beer and ice is that these items are a main source of income, and therefore dictates the amount of monies contributed to the scholarship fund.
  - b. All beer and ice must be brought in during check in between Wednesday, October 25, 2017 and Thursday, October 26, 2017 by 4:00 p.m.

### Vehicles

1. Gates to ALL traffic will be locked at 4:00 p.m., Thursday, **October 26, 2017**, 2017.
2. No vehicle will be allowed to enter or leave the contest area after 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, **October 26, 2017**, 2017. (**NO EXCEPTIONS**).
3. Under no circumstances will contestants block any aisle after set up period ends at 4:00 p.m. Thursday, **October 26, 2017**.
4. **Vehicles not removed by 4:00 p.m. Thursday, **October 26, 2017**, 2017, and/or left unattended, will be subject to removal, by a wrecker, at the contestant's expense.**
5. Stickers for the vehicles that will remain inside the cook space will be placed in the window of the contestant's vehicle by a member of the BBQ committee at check in, and must remain there until the end of the cook-off.
6. Under no circumstances will any contestant, or member of the public, be allowed to bring onto the grounds: **golf carts, motor vehicles, carts, bicycles, roller skates, skate boards, scooters, motorized coolers or any type of transportation**, with the exception of wheelchairs for handicapped individuals. Use of any of the above mentioned items would justify cook team disqualification.

### Cook-off Spaces

1. Each team will be allocated 40' x 40' space(s). **NO EXCEPTIONS WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION FROM PLS&R BBQ COMMITTEE.** AT THE DISCRETION OF THE PLS&R BBQ COMMITTEE, ADDITIONAL SPACE MAY BE AVAILABLE AT A COST OF \$100 per 10 x 40 SQ.FT. **Easements are not offered for sale.**
2. Props, trailers, motor homes, tents (including water barrels), etc... covering any other part of cook team equipment must not exceed the boundaries of the assigned space. **Easements are not to be used. Utility access is needed during the event.**
3. **Tent companies may not be scheduled to arrive for set up until Monday, October 23, 2017. Tear down can begin Sunday, October 29, 2017 after 7:00 a.m.**
4. Due to unpredictable weather, it is suggested that contestants bring suitable shelter for their space/team.
5. Tarps or freestanding tents are permitted. Tent stakes or any devices **exceeding 8 inches** being driven into the ground are strictly prohibited. **Repair costs for any damaged utilities will be the responsibility of the cook team!**
6. Cook teams may not exceed a maximum of three cook-off spaces.

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### Electrical and Water

1. The PLS&R Championship BBQ committee provides spaces with:
  - a. 1 ea. 110 volt 20 amp plug
  - b. 1 ea 110 volt 30 amp plug
2. Water is also provided for each space. Hoses must be provided by each team.
3. No electrical will be provided to the spaces on the West fence line for any cook space in this area.
4. All generators must be **diesel, and must be grounded at all times.** PLSR Diesel Committee will refuel generators at designated times, to be discussed at the Cook's meeting. Current prices will apply. **(NO GASOLINE GENERATORS)**

### Cook Team Responsibilities

1. Each cook team with air conditioning must furnish their own drain line, and water over flow must be drained into the city-drain systems or a concealed container.
  - a. Disbursement of drain water is the cooker's responsibility.
  - b. Under no circumstance may drain water be drained into adjoining cooking spaces or easements.
  - c. Cook teams should plan on moving in, and out, without the assistance from the Rodeo Association. In the event that lifting equipment is available, PLS&R may assist. It is the cook team's responsibility to coordinate all move in, and move out themselves.
2. The liable party is responsible for the conduct of his/her team and guests.
3. Under no circumstances are alcoholic beverages to be distributed to the public by contestants. **NO ONE UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE SHALL BE SERVED OR ALLOWED TO CONSUME ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON THE GROUNDS.**
4. Liquor in bottles must be kept out of sight.
5. Each cook team must comply with all laws pertaining to the serving and consumption of alcoholic beverages.
6. Any cook team having inappropriate music, entertainment, contests, etc. may be asked to leave the contest area.
7. Contestants with an enclosed area to which the public is not allowed, **SHALL** furnish their own security
8. Each cook space is responsible for fully cleaning their entire space. Please remember that we are trying to keep costs down, therefore we are requesting the help of each team in this matter.
  - a. **PLS&R IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR CLEAN UP OF SPACES.**
  - b. **TO PARTICIPATE IN 2017 BBQ COOK-OFF THE 2016 CLEANING FEE SHALL BE PAID PRIOR TO SUBMITTING A 2017 BBQ COOK-OFF APPLICATION.**
  - c. **IF A COOK TEAM SPACE IS NOT CLEAN AT THE END OF THE BBQ COOK-OFF, THE TEAM WILL BE BILLED FOR THE COST OF CLEAN UP, (MINIMUM OF \$300), AND SAID TEAM WILL SUBJECT TO EXCLUSION FROM PARTICIPATING IN THE 2018 BBQ COOK-OFF.**
9. Tear down may begin on Sunday, October 29, 2017 at 7:00 a.m.
10. **ALL TENTS, GENERATORS AND AC UNITS ETC. MUST BE PICKED UP NO LATER THAN NOON ON MONDAY OCTOBER 30, 2017.**
11. It is the responsibility of each BBQ team to see that their CONTEST AREA REMAINS CLEAN AT ALL TIMES.

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### **Trash**

1. Trash receptacles will be placed throughout the contest area for each contestant's use.
2. **MIDWAY SPACES MUST HAVE A REAR ACCESS FOR TRASH PICK-UP (NO TRASH ON MIDWAY).**
3. It is the contestant's responsibility to have their trash readily available to be emptied into the garbage trailer when it arrives at the space. (Plastic trash liners will be furnished after check in.)
4. No free liquid to be put into trash bags.
5. Grease collection containers are on site; please use them.

### **Pits**

1. Contestants are not allowed to share cooking equipment.
2. If contestants have more than one cook space, and plan to cook at each cooking space, they must have a different name, and chief cook.
3. Competition cooking pits must utilize wood or wood substances.

### **Port a Cans**

1. PLS&R requires each cook team to utilize the contracted port-a-can company, for said services.
2. It is the responsibility of the cook team to contact the port-a-can company to reserve and pay for this service, prior to the cook off. (See Form on web site)
3. For cleaning access, the port-a-can should be placed inside the team's allocated space, within 50 feet of the entry.

### **Safety**

1. Portable fire extinguishers 10 lb. Type "K" or (1) 10 lb. ABC per 40X40 per space, in full view.

### **Health**

1. The following guidelines are recommended by the City of Pasadena Health Department. All teams are required to follow these guidelines.
2. A cover is required over all open food preparation areas.
3. Three containers of water must be utilized at all times, one gallon minimum each:
  - a. First Bucket – Soap and water for washing, unless sink and running water are available and useable
  - b. Second Bucket – Clean water for rinsing, unless a sink and water are available and useable
  - c. Third Bucket – One cap of bleach per gallon of water for sanitizing
4. Keep all food covered.
5. Keep cold food stored on ice or refrigerated at all times. The food must be maintained at 45 degrees Fahrenheit.
6. Heated food should be maintained at 140 degrees Fahrenheit.
7. Smoking tobacco should not be permitted in food serving area.

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### Beer and Ice

1. The Pasadena Rodeo Championship BBQ Committee will sell beer and ice.
2. Contestants will not be allowed to re-stock beer or ice from outside the cook off.
3. No glass bottles are allowed (**THIS MEANS NO GLASS BEER BOTTLES**). (City of Pasadena Ordinance).
4. Under no circumstance will outside BEER, ICE or COLD DRINK VENDORS be allowed into the BBQ cook off area.
5. The sale of any drinks or food is strictly prohibited by cook teams.
6. Prior to 4:00 p.m. Thursday, October 26, cook teams will be allowed to bring in (only) 25 cases of beer, per space. After 4:00 p.m. October 26, 2017, cook teams must purchase beer, ice and soft drink products from the Beverage Committee.
7. Team spaces will be inspected at check in or after set up.
8. Ice Shot Blocks (See Flyer on web site)
9. **MIDWAY SPACES MUST HAVE A REAR ACCESS FOR BEER AND ICE DELIVERIES.**

### Bands

1. Bands must be pre-registered. **In order to make arrangements for entry, any cooking team having a band (or musical equipment) that has to be brought in to the cook off area after 4:00 p.m. Thursday, October 26, 2017, MUST register their band via <http://www.pasadenarodeo.com>, or contact the Rodeo office BEFORE October 6, 2017.**
2. **Thursday night, all music MUST end at 12 midnight.**
3. **Friday and Saturday Nights, all music MUST end at 1:00 a.m.**
4. Upon check in at band entry gate, please schedule your band pick up time. (Times are scheduled FCFS)
5. The whole band must be ready for pickup at your designated pick up time. No partial band pickups.

### General Rules

1. Each cook team will be assigned a Committee person (Team Rep) as a Contestant Supervisor; the assigned committee person will, at all times, have free access to the contestant's area.
2. Should any cook team have any complaints toward their Contestant Supervisor, or any committee person, they should report their complaints immediately to the PLS&R office. The office will contact the appropriate person to take any further action.
3. **The Chief Cook / Liabile Party meeting will be held Wednesday, October 25, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. (location TBD)**
4. The PLS&R must approve all give-a-ways to the general public.
5. Cook teams **are not permitted to charge** for entry into their assigned space(s) during the cook off.
6. Cook teams **are not permitted to sell ANY** items within the confines of their assigned areas during the cook off.
7. Excessively loud music, horns, air horns, etc. are strictly prohibited (PLS&R discretion).
8. No outside speakers are allowed. All speakers must be set to entertain guests **inside** the contestant space only.
9. Due to environmental safety, the Pasadena Livestock Show & Rodeo will not allow hay at any time. (**This means NO Hay**)
10. Animals of any kind will not be permitted in designated food preparation areas.
11. Animals of any kind must be contained by being crated, caged, or on a leash at all times.

### Brisket Tagging:

1. **Friday, October 27, 2017, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon.**
2. Each cook team will be allowed to tag two (2) briskets per space; only ONE of which will be allowed entry into competition.

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3. Only one cut of brisket will be judged per each cook team space.
4. Brisket must be in vacuum packed packaging from manufacture before the tagging begins
5. Pre-cooked, salted, seasoned or marinated meat is not allowed.
6. No cook team shall start cooking before briskets are tagged.

### Judging

1. JUDGING - TO BE HELD AT A LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED BY THE COMMITTEE.
2. The above entry fee entitles teams to enter the Cook's Choice, Margarita, Brisket, Chicken, Pork Ribs, and Beef Fajitas contests.
3. Turn-in time will be within 30 minutes BEFORE judging (except for brisket). It is the contestant's responsibility to have the entries delivered to the respective judging area in a timely manner.
4. Competition brisket will be inspected prior to cutting for turn in to judging area, and will be retrieved by a PLS&R committee member.
5. PLS&R utilizes a blind judging system that is based on a duplicate numbered ticket which will be utilized in all judging categories, except Cook's Choice and Margaritas.
  - a. Blind judging consists of one-half of the double ticket being enclosed in a small envelope, and being secured by duct tape to the **bottom** of the turn-in container.
  - b. The second half of the ticket is placed inside the judging container. **This ticket must be retained by the contestant.**
  - c. Teams with multiple spaces that turn in multiple entries, must have different pits, chief cooks, and space numbers.
  - d. Overall Cooking awards will awarded be by space.
6. Any container that appears to have been deliberately marked or altered will be referred to the Director / General Chairman of the BBQ committee, who will rule on disqualification.
7. All entries will be scored on a scale of 1 to 10 in each of the judging criteria, with 10 being the best.
8. In case of a tie, the computer will be used, and will break the tie.
9. In addition to the categories listed below, trophies will also be awarded for the Cleanest Area, Longest Distance traveled and Showmanship.
10. Only one entry, per team, per space. Two entries per midway space. Maximum of four entries for shared spaces.

#### Categories:

- a. Cooks Choice: One (1) entry per space. Maximum of two (2) entries for shared spaces.
  - a. **Judging BEGINS Thursday, October 26 at 6:00 p.m.**
  - b. Entries will be limited to the first sixty (60) teams (See Form on web site)
  - c. Judging will be at the cook space(s).
  - d. In the event of inclement weather, the contest will be moved to an appropriate location.
  - e. Participants should prepare food for four (4) judges.
  - f. Trophies will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> thru 5th places.
- b. Margarita Contest: One (1) entry per space. Maximum of two (2) entries for shared spaces.
  - a. **Judging BEGINS, Saturday, October 28 at 2:00 p.m.**
  - b. Entries will be limited to the first sixty (60) teams. (See Form on web site)
  - c. Judging will be at the cook space(s).
  - d. In the event of inclement weather, the contest will be moved to an appropriate location.

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- e. Participants should prepare margaritas for four (4) judges.
  - f. Trophies will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> thru 5th places.
- c. Fajitas Contest: **BEEF ONLY**
- a. **Judging BEGINS, Friday, October 27 - at 11:00 am.**
  - b. Fill tray approx., 16 oz. of cooked meat.
  - c. Trophies will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> thru 10<sup>th</sup> places.
  - d. Sauces, garnishes or foil will not be allowed in the judging container, and will be grounds for disqualification.
- d. Chicken Contest:
- a. **Judging BEGINS, Friday, October 27 - at 1:00 p.m.**
  - b. 1/2 chicken, fully jointed, domestic chicken that includes breast, wing, thigh, and drumstick.
  - c. NO CORNISH GAME HENS
  - d. Required: additional cut up pieces of both white & dark meats should be included in the turn in container.
  - e. Trophies will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> thru 10<sup>th</sup> places.
  - f. Sauces, garnishes or foil will not be allowed in the judging container, and will be grounds for disqualification
- e. Rib Contest - **PORK SPARE RIBS ONLY:**
- a. **Judging BEGINS, Friday, October 27 - Pork Ribs at 3:00 p.m.**
  - b. Fill tray with ribs (minimum 8, **bone in, knuckle off**)
  - c. Trophies will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> thru 10<sup>th</sup> places.
  - d. Sauces, garnishes or foil will not be allowed in the judging container, and will be grounds for disqualification.
- f. Brisket Contest:
- a. **Brisket tag check, and brisket pick-up, will BEGIN at 12:00 p.m. (NOON), Saturday, October 28, 2017.**
  - b. Fill tray with full width slices of brisket approx. 1/4" to 3/8" thick, aligned with the hinge of the container. (double elimination judging for top ten).
  - c. **Judging BEGINS Saturday, October 28, 2017 at 1:00 pm.**
  - d. **15 minutes per space** will be allowed for inspecting, tag confirmation, and brisket cutting.
  - e. Cookers must provide the PLS&R representative with their brisket entry before the 15 minute time limit expires or face possible disqualification.
  - f. Sauces may be used during the cooking process but cannot be applied for entry presentation or judging.
  - g. Sauces, garnishes or foil will not be allowed in the judging container, and will be grounds for disqualification.
  - h. Trophies will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> thru 10<sup>th</sup> places.
- g. Overall Cooking Contest:
- a. Trophies and Awards will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> places.
  - b. In the event of a tie for any of the positions, the tie breakers will be the scores received as follows: in 1<sup>st</sup> Brisket, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ribs, 3<sup>rd</sup> Chicken and 4<sup>th</sup> Fajitas.
  - c. **Scores for the Overall Contest will be accumulated by space number/chief cook, NOT team name.**

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d. **All category trophies must be claimed by Saturday, October 28, at 10 a.m.** Category trophies claimed late **will not be counted in Overall Contest.** Brisket will be judged Saturday evening in order to count in Overall Contest.

**Award Dates and Times**

**Friday October 27, 5:00 pm in Campbell Hall**

**\*Cooks Choice, Fajitas, Chicken and Ribs Awards**

**Saturday October 28, 5:00 pm in Campbell Hall**

**\*Margaritas, Brisket, Specialty Trophies and Overall Awards**

Thank you for participating in the 2017 Bud Light Pasadena Livestock Show and Rodeo Cook Off. In order to provide scholarships to local students each year, we depend on you, our wonderful contestants, for the success of this event. If we can do anything to make your participation in our cook off more pleasant, please let us know.

Again, THANK YOU for being part of our team, and helping us support youth through education.

Sincerely and Good Luck,

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