

# 2019 Buzz-B-Q BBQ Team Rules for:

## Pro Joe Division - More Serious Grillers

## Average Joe Division – Laid Back Grillers

1. The decision and interpretations of the Buzz-B-Q BBQ Team rules and regulations are at the discretion of the Buzz-B-Q Contest Representatives at the contest. Their decisions and interpretations are final.
2. Each team shall consist of a head cook and as many assistants as the head cook deems necessary. Each team will receive **4** Buzz-B-Q cook-off wristbands in their packets. Additional team bands were purchased per your entry form and are included in your packet. **These wristbands must be put on UPON ARRIVAL and worn throughout the weekend.** Lost or misplaced wristbands will not be reimbursed. **Those without wristbands upon public opening at 11am on the 11<sup>th</sup> will be charged admission.**
3. Pits, cookers, props, vehicles, tents or any other equipment shall not exceed the boundaries of the team's assigned cooking space. **Vehicles are not allowed unless they can fit in your area.** Vehicles that do not fit in your space need to be unloaded and moved.
4. All entries must be cooked **on the Buzz-B-Q site.** You will be permitted to arrive on Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 12pm and 11pm, and you may cook overnight if necessary. Anyone caught bringing in pre-cooked meat shall be disqualified. Disqualification will be determined by Buzz-B-Q Staff. Any team arriving after 9am on the 11<sup>th</sup> will be disqualified and will not receive a reimbursement. **NOTE:** Indication of when your team is arriving was check-marked by the head cook on the BBQ entry form.
5. **CHECK-IN/Cook's Meeting is at 8am on Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>** at the stage inside the pavilion at the front of the park. After the meeting (unless previously distributed by a member of the staff), Buzz-B-Q Staff will come to your space to issue a prenumbered container for each category entered. This container must be used to submit your entries to the judges. Teams entered in the Mystery Meat category will also be given the mystery meat and a container for submission at this meeting. **YOU MUST CHECK-IN DURING THIS TIME TO BE INCLUDED IN JUDGING – NO EXCEPTIONS.**
6. The park will NOT be open to the public on Friday night. Only teams loading in to their space will be allowed to enter the park after 5 pm on Friday night, May 10, 2019. **NO PUBLIC VEHICLES ARE ALLOWED IN THE PARK AFTER 5 PM.**
7. During the hours in which we are open to the public, absolutely **NO VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED IN OR OUT OF THE RV PARK (11AM AND 6PM).** We will allow for emergencies only. Also, **THE PUBLIC IS PROHIBITED FROM BRINGING FOOD OR BEVERAGES INCLUDING ALCOHOL INSIDE THE PARK BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 11AM AND 6PM.**
8. **NO ATV's, Golf Carts or other motorized transportation** will be allowed inside the BBQ area **EXCEPT** those brought in by Buzz-B-Q Staff.
9. BBQ teams must break down either Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> after 7pm or Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup> by 12NOON.

10. If you would like to arrive or leave the RV Park before or after the Buzz-B-Q times indicated above, you must contact the RV Park directly for reservations. Their contact number is: 501-340-5312.
11. BBQ team areas shall be clean when leaving the park. All fires must be put out and all equipment removed from site. It is imperative that clean-up be thorough. **Any team's assigned cooking space left in disarray or with loose trash, other than at trash containers, may disqualify the team from future participation at the Buzz-B-Q and any area not clean will be charged a \$50 clean up fee. Any team not out of the park by 1pm on Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup> will be charged \$75 per hour until space is vacated. This fee will be automatically charged to the card charged for the event after notification to you by email.**
12. Trash shall be emptied in the dumpster(s) located on the other side of the I-30 Bridge. **YOU MAY NOT USE THE RV PARK'S DUMPSTER.** If you are caught using the RV Park's dumpster, you will be **charged a \$100 fee.**
13. **FOR PROS ONLY** - Fires shall be of wood, wood pellets or charcoal. Gas and electric grills shall not be permitted. Propane is permitted as fire starter. **FOR AVERAGE** - You may cook with and how you please!
14. Contestants shall provide all needed equipment and supplies, except as arranged for in advance. There will be electricity available if reserved when registering. Water for cooking will be provided from the water hookups located in the RV Park. Please arrange for transfer of water to your area. Contestants must adhere to all electrical, fire and other codes. **One multi-purpose ABC fire extinguisher shall be in all cook spaces.**
15. If you are handing out samples, please post your **SAMPLE** sign in your area. If you are not handing out samples, please post your **NO SAMPLE** sign in your area. This will help the People's Choice judges if your sign can easily be seen.
16. The 3 categories covered by your entry are:
  - Ribs** – Ribs shall include the bone.
  - Pork** – Pork is defined as Boston Butt, Picnic, Tenderloin and whole shoulder
  - Chicken** – Includes all types and kinds of chicken including wings**To be considered for Grand Champion you must submit each of the categories above.**

**An optional category of Sauce** consists of any sauce of your choosing whether or not used in any of the above categories.

**New this year as an optional category is Mystery Meat** - Buzz –B-Q Staff will provide all teams in this Division a mystery meat for submission to the judges. Here's the hitch, you will receive the mystery item the morning of the competition at a meeting immediately after the cook's meeting. The only stipulation is **no running to the store after the mystery is revealed.** You must use products on hand to cook this meat.

17. Garnish is optional. If used, it is limited to chopped, sliced, shredded or whole leaves of fresh green lettuce, kale, curly parsley, flat leaf parsley and/or cilantro. Endive, red tipped lettuce, lettuce cores and other vegetation are prohibited. Improper garnish shall receive a score of one (1) on Appearance.
18. **FOR PROS ONLY** - Sauce is optional. If used, it shall be applied directly to the meat and not be pooled or puddled in the container. No side sauce containers will be permitted in the turn-in containers. Chunky sauce will be allowed. **FOR AVERAGE** - Sauce is optional. Sauces rated higher than 3-Alarm must be accompanied by antacids.

19. **TURN-IN:**

- a. **BBQ Sauce - 1:00pm**
- b. **Average Chicken - 1:20pm**
- c. **Average Ribs - 1:40pm**
- d. **Average Pork - 2:00pm**
- e. **Pro Chicken - 2:30pm**
- f. **Pro Ribs - 3:00pm**
- g. **Pro Pork - 3:30pm**
- h. **Mystery Meat - 4:00pm**

- i. Turn-in will be located in the Judging Area indicated on your map. Entries must be submitted in the approved pre-numbered Buzz-B-Q container you picked up at check-in. We will be doing a quick drop turn in with the number on the container identifying the team. Once turned in, the container will be marked so judges are not able to identify the team. For the optional sauce competition, a sauce container will also be included.
- ii. For each of the main categories, each contestant must submit at least six (6) separated and identifiable portions of meat in a container. Chicken and pork may be submitted chopped, pulled, sliced or diced as the cook sees fit, as long as there is enough for six (6) judges. Ribs shall be turned in bone-in. Judges may not cut, slice or shake apart to separate pieces. For the Sauce competition, one container must be provided.
- iii. Meat shall not be sculptured, branded or presented in a way to make it identifiable. Rosettes of meat slices are not allowed.
- iv. The allowable turn-in time will be five (5) minutes before to five (5) minutes after the posted time with no tolerance. Late entries will not be accepted.

20. The following cleanliness and safety rules will apply:

- a. Cleanliness of the cook, assistant cooks, cooking devices and the team's assigned cooking space is required.
- b. Shirt and shoes are required to be worn.
- c. Nitrile gloves must be worn by all food handlers
- d. Food must be covered before, during and after preparation.
- e. Sanitizing of work area should be implemented with the use of a bleach/water rinse.
- f. First-aid kit must be on hand in your area
- g. Prior to cooking, meat must be maintained at 40 degrees or less, packed in ice.
- h. After cooking, all meat must be held at 140 degrees or above, or cooked potentially hazardous food shall be cooled within 2 hours from 140 degrees to 70 degrees and with 4 hours from 70 degrees to 41 degrees or less. Potentially hazardous food (meat) that is cooked, properly cooled, and later reheated for hot holding and serving shall be reheated so that all part of the food reach a temperature of at least 165 degrees for a minimum of 15 seconds.

21. There will be no refund of entry fees for any reason, except at the election of the contest representative. The contest will go on rain or shine.

22. Showmanship and cooking are separate entities and will be judged as such.

23. Showmanship is based on originality of area, cleanliness of area and an overall "fun" atmosphere. Showmanship will be judged by six to nine Contest Representatives. This judging will take place before 1pm. If you signed up for Showmanship on your entry form, the Showmanship sign is in your packet. Please post your **Showmanship** sign in your team area.

24. People's Choice voting is submitted by the public. If you are NOT serving samples, you will not be a part of this competition. Each purchased ticket includes an entry form on the back. They will write the "area number" of their favorite BBQ and return the voting slips to the judging area **by 4:00pm**. Please have your area number visible for voting. These numbers and Sample Signs will be in your team packet.

25. **All teams must post your SPACE NUMBER in your area. No two teams can share a space number.**

### **PRIZES – Pro Joe**

Grand Champion – overall top score in Chicken, Ribs, Pork

- Prize Pack
- Trophy

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Chicken, Ribs, Pork

- \$1000.00 cash
- Trophy

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Chicken, Ribs, Pork

- \$500.00 cash
- Trophy

3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Chicken, Ribs, Pork

- \$250 cash
- Trophy

### **PRIZES – Average Joe**

Grand Champion – overall top score in Chicken, Ribs, Pork

- Prize Pack
- Trophy

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Chicken, Ribs, Pork

- Prize pack
- Trophy

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Chicken, Ribs, Pork

- Trophy

3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Chicken, Ribs, Pork

- Trophy

### **PRIZES – Showmanship**

1<sup>st</sup> Place

- Trophy
- Current spot for free in Buzz BQ 2020!!

2<sup>nd</sup> Place

- Trophy

3<sup>rd</sup> Place

- Trophy

**PRIZES – People’s Choice**

- \$100 cash
- Plaque

**PRIZES – BBQ Sauce Competition**

- \$100 cash
- Plaque

**PRIZES – Mystery Meat**

- Mystery prize
- Plaque

**\*\*\*PRIZES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT PRIOR WRITTEN NOTICE\*\*\***

**CAUSES OF DISQUALIFICATION & EVICTION**

- A. Bringing in alcohol during hours Buzz-B-Q is open to the public
- B. Excessive use of alcoholic beverages
- C. Serving alcoholic beverages to the general public
- D. Use of controlled substances
- E. Foul, abusive or unacceptable language
- F. Excessive noise generated from speakers or public address systems
- G. Fighting and/or disorderly conduct
- H. Theft, dishonesty, cheating, or any act involving moral turpitude
- I. Violation of any of the Buzz-B-Q BBQ Team rules indicated in this document
- J. Excessive or continued complaints from teams on any of the above rule infractions shall be considered grounds for immediate disqualification from contest organizers, contest representatives and/or security.