

2018 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 13th will be charged admission.**
3. Each team was assigned a space based on first-come first-served basis. 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 11th between the hours of 12pm and 5pm, 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 organizers. You may also arrive between 6am and 9am on May 12th. Any team arriving after 9am on the 11th 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:** Check-in is between 8am and 10am on Saturday, May 12th at the check-in booth located outside the gate beside the RV Office. Check-in is where each team is issued a container for each category entered. This container is what each team brings to turn-in for judging. **YOU MUST CHECK-IN DURING THIS TIME TO BE INCLUDED IN JUDGING.**
6. The park will NOT be open to the public on Friday night. There will be NO vehicle traffic inside the event space after 8pm on Friday night, May 11, 2018. **NO PUBLIC VEHICLES ARE ALLOWED IN THE PARK AFTER 8PM.**
7. On May 12th, all team vehicles MUST be in the park no later than 9am. 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 BQ Staff.
9. BBQ teams must break down either Saturday, May 12th after 7pm or Sunday, May 13th 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 13th will be charged \$75 per hour until space is vacated.**
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. If you are selling product out of your BBQ Team area, please abide by vendor rules.
16. The 4 categories 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
 - Slim's Sauce**– Only original sauces. Sauce entry must be labeled from 1 (most mild) -5 (hottest) for spice.
17. Garnish is optional. If used, it is limited to chopped, sliced, shredded or whole leaves of fresh green lettuce, curly parsley, flat leaf parsley and/or cilantro. Kale, 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 – 1:30pm**
 - b. **Average Chicken – 3pm**
 - c. **Pro Chicken - 3:15pm**
 - d. **Average Ribs – 3:30pm**
 - e. **Pro Ribs - 3:45pm**
 - f. **Average Pork – 4pm**
 - g. **Pro Pork - 4:15pm**
 - i. Turn-in will be located in the Judging Area indicated on your map. Entries must be submitted in the approved Buzz-B-Q container you picked up at check-in. 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. 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 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. Latex 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 2:30pm**. Please have your area number visible for voting. These numbers and Sample Signs will be sent to you in your team packet.
 25. **All teams must post your SPACE NUMBER in your area.**

PRIZES – Pro Joe

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

- Prize Pack
- Trophy

1st Place – Chicken, Ribs, Pork

- \$750.00 cash
- Trophy

2nd Place – Chicken, Ribs, Pork

- \$400.00 cash
- Trophy

3rd Place - Chicken, Ribs, Pork

- \$200 cash
- Trophy

PRIZES – Average Joe

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

- Prize Pack
- Trophy

1st Place – Chicken, Ribs, Pork

- Prize pack
- Trophy

2nd Place – Chicken, Ribs, Pork

- Trophy

3rd Place - Chicken, Ribs, Pork

- Trophy

PRIZES – Showmanship

1st Place

- Trophy
- CHOICE of spot in Buzz BQ 2018!!

2nd Place

- Trophy

3rd Place

- Trophy

PRIZES – People’s Choice

- \$100 cash
- Plaque
- Doublebee’s Prize Pack

PRIZES – BBQ Sauce Competition

- \$100 cash
- 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.

JUDGING PROCEDURES

Entries will be submitted in an approved Buzz-B-Q container provided by the contest organizer. The container will be numbered by the Buzz-B-Q Contest Rep or authorized personnel before being presented to the judges.

1. Judges may not fraternize with teams on turn-in day until conclusion of judging.
2. Judging will be done by a group of judges selected by the Buzz-B-Q organizers. All judges must be at least 21 years of age. Only judges, contest reps and necessary support staff are allowed in judging area during the judging process. No other activities are permitted in the judging area during the judging process.
3. Judging will be completed by a team of 6 persons.
4. Each judge will first score the samples for appearance of the meat. The turn-in containers will then be passed around the table and each judge will place a sample from each of the containers on their plate. The judge will then score each entry for taste and tenderness/texture, before moving on to the next entry.
5. A. The scoring system for meats is from 9 to 2:
 - a. 9 – excellent
 - b. 8 – very good
 - c. 7 – above average
 - d. 6 – average
 - e. 5 – below average
 - f. 4 – poor
 - g. 3 – bad
 - h. 2 – inedible
 - i. 1 – Disqualified - requires approval by a contest rep.

- B. The scoring system for the BBQ Sauce is based on the following criteria and ranked 5 to 1:
- a. 5 – excellent
 - b. 4 – good
 - c. 3 – average
 - d. 2 – poor
 - e. 1 – disqualified

**The BBQ Sauce judging will be based on three (3) criteria: Overall Flavor, Originality, & Aroma

Grounds for disqualifications: Unapproved garnish, sculptured meat, marked turn-in container, foreign object in container, less than 6 samples of meat or pooled sauce.

6. Results will be tallied to determine the winner of each classification. If there is a tie in one of the categories it will be broken as follows: The scores will be compared for the highest cumulative scores in taste then tenderness then appearance. If there is still a tie it will be settled by a flip of the coin.

AWARDS WILL TAKE PLACE ON THE STAGE ON OR AROUND 6:30PM

SCORES WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL THE FOLLOWING WEEK. THESE SCORES WILL BE POSTED ON www.1037thebuzz.com and www.buzzbq.com.

When you signed up: your signature, entry online and/or permission over the phone to a Buzz Representative on the BBQ Entry Form meant that you understand and will abide by any and all Terms and Conditions set forth in these rules.