

# Chelsea Jamboree BBQ Cook-Off Rules

Teams may set up their competition rigs as early as Friday, October 6th, 2023 after 6:00 PM. Please notify the Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce if you plan to set up on Friday, October 6th. Reminder that all teams must supply their own power.

## RULES & GUIDELINES

1. **SUPPLIES** – Teams must provide all of their own supplies. Chelsea Chamber of Commerce will provide space, trash bags, and the containers for judging. **NO ELECTRICITY OR WATER WILL BE PROVIDED.** Props, trailers, vehicles, tent coverings, or any other part of the contestant's equipment **MUST NOT EXCEED** the boundaries of the assigned cooking space unless approved by the special events coordinator. Any equipment or devices that may damage the surface area of the contest site in any way are prohibited.
2. **REFUND OF ENTRY FEES** - there will be no refund of entry fees unless approved by the organizer and his or her decisions are final.
3. **COOKED ON SITE** — All meats will be cooked on-site. The preparation and completion of any and all meats in competition will be completed within the confines of the cook-off site and during the time limits designated by the event organizers. All meats being presented for the competition will be inspected, the competition will instead operate on an honor system. There will be no pre seasoning or marinating allowed prior to the event.
4. **SANITATION** — Cooks are to prepare and cook in as sanitary manner as possible. 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. Inspectors from the health department may periodically inspect all food preparation during the event. The use of sanitary gloves is required at all times while handling food. Failure to use sanitary gloves may result in disqualification. Grillers are responsible for cleanup of their site once the competition has ended. All food safety rules and regulations must be adhered to at all times.
5. **ENTRIES PER PIT** - Chelsea Chamber of Commerce recognizes that a contestant or team consists of 1 chief cook and one sous chef. It will be the responsibility of the promoter to monitor injuries. Contestants may check into the designated BBQ cook off area beginning at 6:00 PM on Friday, October 6th, 2023, and will be allowed to cook throughout the night to have items ready to serve by 11 AM on Saturday, October 7th, 2023.
6. **BBQ PITS** — the Promoter will be responsible to address the type or types of pits allowed at the cook-off. **PIT** – Any commercial or homemade, trailered or un-trailered, pit or smoker normally used for competitive barbeque. A BBQ Pit may be gas or electric. Pit shall be of a design that contains individual cooking chambers and heat sources (no

sharing of heat sources). BYC-(Backyard Cooker) — any cooking device by design or nature that is inherently portable and by design and is intended for recreational cooking.

7. **OPEN FIRES** — Open fire pits are not allowed for this event.
8. **CATEGORIES.** The following are the categories for this event:
  - ❖ Pork Butt - provided by the Chamber
  - ❖ Choice Meat
  - ❖ Choice Side or Dessert
9. **TURN-IN TIMES/DATES:** **\*\*THERE WILL BE AN OFFICIAL TIME CLOCK KEPT AT THE TURN IN TABLE. THE (CHIEF COOK) MUST BE THE ONE THAT PRESENTS THEIR DISHES TO THE JUDGES TABLE FOR EACH CATEGORY.**

**Chef Meeting At 7:00 AM Saturday, October 7th, 2023.**

### ***COOK SCHEDULE***

Saturday 11:00 AM Pork Butt is turned in and judging begins

Saturday 11:30 AM Choice of Meat is turned in and judging begins

Saturday 11:45 AM Choice Side or Dessert is turned in and judging begins

10. **TERMS FOR DISQUALIFICATION** —an entry can be disqualified by the event organizer only. An entry can be disqualified for any of the following reasons:
  - a) Is anything foreign other than meat/sauce in container submitted for judging.
  - b) The entry is turned in after the officially designated time.
  - c) Gloves are not used while handling food products.
  - d) Not cooking the meat that was inspected.
  - e) There is not a minimum of three (3) separate and identifiable containers for each category entered.
  - f) There is evidence of blood such that the meat is uncooked.
11. **JUDGING QUANTITY & PROCEDURE** — We will have three (3) judges for each category and each judge must be presented a plate for judging. Judges will not sample and/or judge any entry outside of the designated category. Judges will assign a score from 1 to 10 for each category and tray sampled. In the event of a tie for any given category or overall tie, a winner will be randomly selected from the two competitors by the “Head Judge”. No garnish. Only the entry to be judged is allowed in the container each entry will be judged on APPEARANCE, TASTE/FLAVOR, TENDERNESS and TEXTURE. Meat maybe sauce or un-sauced.
12. **SCORING-** each entry will be scored by three (3) judges in the areas of APPEARANCE, TASTE/FLAVOR, TENDERNESS and TEXTURE. Scoring ranges from a low of two to a high of nine in increments of one point for each category. Any entry that is disqualified as per SECTION 10 will receive a score of 0 for all four categories from all judges at the table.
13. **SAFETY:** Each team must have proper sanitation stations and have an approved fire extinguisher readily available.

14. **GRILLERS**- may not sell any food items.
15. **MOST IMPORTANT RULE OF ALL – HAVE FUN!!!** This event is held on the Main Street of Chelsea. Not only is this a BBQ Cook off, it is a family fun day. All competition vendors are encouraged to prepare extra BBQ for “peoples choice” for patrons visiting the 88<sup>th</sup> Annual Chelsea Jamboree. There will be live music, retail vendors, kids’ activities and non-barbecue food vendors on-site for the event. \*\* • Rules, categories, competition times are subject to change prior to the event dates. All participating vendors will be informed of any changes or alterations prior to the start of 88<sup>th</sup> Annual Chelsea Jamboree

Prizes & Payouts for Winners:

- ❖ First Place: \$250
- ❖ Second Place: \$150
- ❖ Third Place: \$100
- ❖ **PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD**- Chelsea chamber of commerce recommends that each entrant provides small samples of BBQ for the audience. Tickets will be sold by the chamber for citizens to sample the team's BBQ. Citizens then will award their ticket to the team with the best barbecue. The team with the most tickets will be awarded the People's Choice award for the competition.