



Windfest 2020 – Annual Cook-off Registration Form

Registration Deadline: October 30, 2020

Late Fee: \$25, for applications submitted after October 30, 2020

Please complete & return to: Windfest Cook-off
Portland Chamber of Commerce
PO Box 388
Portland, TX 78374

Please note: All payments are payable to the Portland Chamber of Commerce. Cash must be hand-delivered to the Chamber Office at 1512 Wildcat Drive., Portland, TX 78374.

Team name: _____
Name of Organization/Business: _____
Team _____ Captain/Head
Cook: _____
Mailing Address: _____
Phone: _____ Alt Phone: _____ Email: _____
Members of Team: _____

COOK-OFF: Saturday, November 7, 2020 on Windfest Festival Grounds, Portland Community Center, 2000 Billy G. Webb Dr., Portland, TX 78374.

CATEGORIES & NON-REFUNDABLE ENTRY:

___ CHILI	\$75	Judging @ 12:00pm
___ CHEF'S CHOICE	\$50	Judging @ 12:30pm
___ DESSERT	\$75	Judging @ 1:30pm
___ RIBS	\$75	Judging @ 2:30pm
___ BRISKET	\$75	Judging @ 3:30pm
___ ALL FIVE CATEGORIES	\$350	

Winners announce at 5:30pm on Windfest Main Stage

SETUP: Tents & trailers may be pulled onto the Windfest grounds on Friday, November 6, 2020 between the hours of 10am – 4pm. **For safety purposes, all vehicles must be removed from the premises by 4pm on Friday, November 6, 2020. On Saturday November 7, 2020 set up begins at 5am, and all vehicles must be out of the festival gates by 10am.** All meats will be checked upon entrance to the festival grounds. Cook's meeting will be at 9am on Saturday. All tents, trailers, etc. must be removed from the Windfest grounds AFTER 12:00pm on Saturday and/or BEFORE 9:00am on Sunday. Each pre-registered team will receive up to four (4) one-day passes into the festival grounds for the cook-off and two (2) Vendor Parking Passes. Parking Passes are **ONLY** valid in Vendor Parking designated areas. This will be strictly enforced. No glass containers are allowed on festival grounds.



NO ALCOHOL IS ALLOWED TO BE BROUGHT INTO WINDFEST GROUNDS.

AWARDS: First Place in each category will receive a \$225 cash prize and trophy. Second Place in each category will receive \$125 cash prize and trophy. Third Place in each category will receive \$75 cash prize and trophy. The Showmanship Award Winner will receive a trophy.

For Showmanship purposes, before anything is drove/hammered into the ground it must be approved by Chairman.

***By signing below, I agree to the above stated and the
"2020 Windfest Rules Governing Cook-off".***

Team Captain's Signature: _____ Date: _____
Printed Name: _____



1. **COOKED ON SITE** – All meats that are entered into judging will be cooked from scratch within the constraints of the event. Pre-cooking, pre-marinating, etc. will not be allowed either on or off the cook site prior to start of the cook-off as defined by the cook-off promoter. **Meat MAY NOT be seasoned or marinated prior to 5:00am on the day of the cook-off and must be viewed by a judge prior to seasoning. Meats will be checked upon entrance of the festival grounds. For chili, commercial chili powder is permissible, but complete commercial chili mixes (“just add meat” mixes that contain premeasured spices) are NOT permitted.**
2. **SANITATION** – All cooks are to prepare and cook in as sanitary manner as possible. Cooking conditions are subject to inspection by the judging committee at any given time.
3. **MULTIPLE ENTRIES** – There may be times that more than one cook will cook on a given pit. It will be the Head Judge’s responsibility to monitor and handle this in a professional manner. Head Cooks must notify the Head Judge of multiple entries. Multiple entries in the same category by the same cook will not be allowed.
4. **COOK’S MEETING** – Saturday at 9:00am. After the welcome by the Promoter and the Head Judge will be responsible to address the cooks on rules and judging procedures.
5. **PIT** – Any commercial or homemade trailered or untrailered pit or smoker. May include gas (propane) or fire pits can be used for cooking.
6. **OPEN FIRES** – No ground pits will be used and all burn-down barrels will have some sort of safety barrier placed across the top and around the barrel. **A 5lb ABC Fire Extinguisher is required at each site by the Portland Fire Department.**
7. **CRITERIA FOR TURN-IN SAMPLES** – A minimum of one showpiece for each category plus a number of samples that will be determined by the head judge, and announced at the cook’s meeting, on the day of the cook-off. Rib samples must have bone in it and can be any length as long as lid will close.
8. **JUDGING TRAYS** – Styrofoam tray with a hinged lid will be supplied by the judges on the morning of the cook-off. Styrofoam cups will be provided for chili. The secret double number system will be used. This system assures a fair competition. The system requires that two tickets bearing the same number be utilized, one firmly attached to the top of the judging tray in a manner which hides the number and the other ticket easily removed by the head cook for retention after signing the Head Cook’s name in front of a Windfest representative. All judging containers shall be clean and free of obvious marks. Marked containers may be disqualified at the Head Judge’s discretion. Cooks are responsible for insuring that the containers they receive are clean and undamaged. If a judging tray becomes damaged, it may be replaced when, along with the ticket attached to the lid is returned to the Head Judge.
9. **JUDGING TRAY CONTENTS** – The Head Judge will advise all cooks entered into the competition of the exact quantities and cuts of meat or meats that will be placed into the judging tray. For Chili, the cups will be filled $\frac{3}{4}$ full. No exceptions permitted once decided.
10. **GARNISHES** – And and all garnishes and condiments are prohibited. Meats may be cooked with sauces, but once cooking is completed, sauces cannot be used. No sauce may be visible in the judging containers; this will be ground for disqualification.
11. **TURN-IN TIMES** – The Head Judge will pre-set firm turn-in times for each category to be judged. Once this time is set and announced to the contestants, no change or variation will be made. There will be a turn-in time window that will be 5 minutes before turn-in time and 5 minutes after turn-in time. Judging trays received after this time window will not be accepted. Judging will be at 12:00pm for Chili, 12:30 for Chef’s Choice, 1:30pm for Dessert, 2:30pm for Ribs, and 3:30 for Brisket. Winners will be announce at 5:30pm on the Windfest Main Stage.
12. **JUDGES** – Participating Cooks and/or assistants will not be used as tasting judges.
13. **JUDGING** – Judging will be done by preliminary, secondary if needed and finals tables. Amount of Judges for tasting will be decided according to the number of entries. Twenty-five pieces should the maximum per Judge per category.
14. **PRIZES** – All top ten entries will be called out in each category and if possible all trays that make the finals table, but not in the top ten, will be called in no particular order.
15. **RIBS** – Cooked on site. Slab only, spare or baby-back.
16. **CHILI** – Cooked on site, no beans in the Chili.
17. **DESSERT** – Dessert of any kind can be judged. Dessert must be prepared and cooked on site in dutch oven, fire or gas pit.
18. **BRISKET** – Cooked on site.
19. **SHOWMANSHIP** – This category will be judged at anytime during the day and will not interfere with turn in times.
20. **ALL DECISIONS BY JUDGES ARE FINAL.**