

2018 Bronteoberfest BBQ Cookoff Rules

1. Definitions

*Promoter/
Organizer*

The promoter/organizer is Bronteoberfest (hereafter known as a BTF) who is putting together the barbecue contest. The promoters/organizers have the responsibility to select judges for their contest. The promoters/organizers may not cook in the contest.

*Participant/
Contestant*

A participant/contestant is any group or individual (hereafter known as a team) cooking in the BTF contest with the intent of preparing and cooking barbecue and other items for judging in said contest. Each team will be comprised of a head cook and as many assistants as required. BTF recognizes one head cook from each team. All participants and judges must be 18 years of age if cash prizes are awarded.

Contest Officials

BTF contest official(s) (hereafter known as an official) is/are the person/persons who are assigned to manage the judging area during the contest. These officials enforce BTF rules and follow BTF procedures.

2. Entry Fees

The entry fee is \$120.00. This qualifies you for one (1) entry in each of the meat categories (beef, ribs, and chicken). Also, two (2) wristbands and one (1) parking pass. The entry fee for the two (2) optional jackpots (beans and desserts) is \$25.00 each.

3. Equipment

Each team will supply all the equipment necessary for the preparation and cooking of their entry including a cooker, wood, or wood products. For contest barbecue meats, only wood and wood products are allowed as heat sources; however, a barbecue pit may include gas or electricity for starting the combustion of wood or wood products but NOT to complete cooking. Cookers that use electricity to run rotisseries, or similar non-heating devices are allowed. Cookers that use pellets and an electric heating coil (i.e. Traeger Grills) are not permitted. Beans and dessert may be cooked with any means necessary but must be prepared on site.

No team may share a cooker or grill with any other team.

NO open fires allowed.

4. Campsites

Each team will be responsible for the cleanup of their campsites. Each team will be responsible for their team members & guests. Excessive use of alcoholic beverages or use of illegal substances will be grounds for disqualification, without refund.

Only one (1) vehicle per team will be permitted in the cook-off area. All other vehicles can be parked outside of the cook-off area in the designated

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parking areas. Each team will receive one (1) free parking pass with entry. This must be displaced on the vehicle at all times.

Each member of the team must have a wristband. This wristband will get you into all the events during Bronteoberfest including the live music. Each team will receive two (2) wristband with their entry. All team members **MUST** have a wrist band at all times.

Teams may begin setting up their campsites any time after 10:00am Friday. Teams must be in place and set-up by the inspection time at Friday 6:30pm.

Spots will be assigned. There are limited spots with full hook-ups. These spots will be first be made available to the previous year's team, then any remaining spots will be first come first serve. Full hook-up RV spots are \$50.00

Each campsite must have a ABC fire extinguisher on hand.

5. Meat Preparation and Inspection

Each team is responsible for bringing their own meat. All meat will be cooked on site with no pre-marinating, injecting or pre-seasoning allowed. All meat will be inspected by the officials or their representatives. Inspections will take place Friday evening at 6:30pm

Cooks are to prepare barbecue in as sanitary manner as possible.

6. Cooks Meeting

There will be a mandatory Cooks Meeting at 8:30am Saturday. It will be held in the Park Pavilion.

7. Categories

The main competition will consist of the following three meats, Beef Brisket, Pork Spare Ribs and Chicken. In addition, there will be two jackpots one for beans and the other being desserts.

8. Double Tickets

Bronteoberfest will use a double-blind ticket system. This system assures a fair and unbiased competition. The system requires that two tickets bearing the same number be utilized, one firmly attached to the top of the judging container or side of a cup in a manner that hides the number, and the other ticket easily removed by the head cook for retention. Winning numbers will not be revealed until time to announce each place in each meat category. At that time, the secret numbers attached to the container will be announced. Teams must present their portion of the ticket to claim their winnings.

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9. Product Containers Entries will be submitted in Styrofoam container provided by Bronteoberfest. Garnishes are permitted in the container. All judging containers shall be clean and free of any markings.
10. Turn-in Quantities The BTF contest official or designated representative will inspect all trays at the time of turn-in in order to assure compliance with the turn-in criteria. Meats may be cooked with sauces and/or other liquids, but once the cooking is complete, sauces and/or liquids may not be added once put into tray.
- Chicken* One half (1/2) fully jointed chicken including the skin, breast, wing, thigh and drumstick. A wingtip does NOT have to be present for an acceptable entry. In addition to the half chicken there should be 6-10 bites size pieces in the box. The backbone can be cut out if necessary. No Cornish game hens are allowed.
- Pork Spare Ribs* Seven (7) ribs, bone in, meat side up. St. Louis cut spare ribs are an acceptable entry. However, baby back ribs, loin ribs, or country style ribs are not acceptable entries.
- Beef Brisket* Seven (7) slices that fills the width of the container, about 3/8 inches thick or the approximate width of a #2 wooden school pencil. The fat cap of the brisket may be cut off after cooking. If the slices are too long, curl the meat ends around the sides of the box (in a "U" shape).
- Beans* The bean jackpot is open to any type of bean. There may be other items in the cup with the beans. However, non-bean items must not be larger than the size of a bean. Also, the contents of the cup should be at least 70% beans. The cup should be filled to within 2 inches of the top.
- Dessert* Desserts must be cooked onsite. They may have sauces or toppings, but they too must be prepared onsite. Place enough dessert in the box for each judge (7) to have one bite.
11. Turn-in Times Turn-in times for each category will be set by the contest official. The BTF contest official is authorized to make changes to these times in the event of an emergency and with full notification of all teams in the contest.
- A window of five (5) minutes before and after the set turn-in times will be recognized, for a total of a ten (10) minutes. Product containers received at any time before or after each turn-in window will not be accepted for judging and will be considered to be a disqualification.

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Turn in times:

Desserts-10:00 am	Brisket- 2:00 pm
Chicken- 11:00 am	Beans- 3:30 pm
Ribs- 12:30 pm	

12. Judging

Judging will take place at the location designated in the Cooks Meeting.

Judges will score each entry based on *appearance, color, aroma, tenderness, taste and after taste*. Each category will be awarded points on a scale of two to ten (2-10), in integer increments. Taste, being the most important, will be on a scale of two to twenty (2-20). A score of two (2) is the lowest score any judge can give a product. Any entry that is disqualified will receive a score of one (1) in each category. Judges will score each entry immediately after it is tasted. Judges will not compare entries to assign scores. Judges will use an approved BTF score sheet to record their assigned scores for each entry.

The total points awarded in each of the 6 judging categories will be added together to produce a total score for the entry.

13. Grand and Reserve Champion

Grand Champion and Reserve will be calculated by a point system. Each team will be awarded points according to how they place in each event. The team with the highest points will be awarded Grand Champion and followed by Reserve.

Beef Brisket:

1st-30pts
2nd-25pts
3rd-20pts
4th-15pts
5th-10pts

Pork Ribs and Chicken

1st-25 pts.
2nd-20 pts.
3rd-15 pts.
4th-10 pts.
5th-5 pts.

14. Winners and Prizes

Winners and prizes will be announced at 5:30pm Saturday in the Pavilion.

The top four (4) places in the meat categories (beef, ribs and chicken) will receive the following cash prizes.

Beef Brisket:

1st- \$250 and Plaque
2nd-\$150
3rd-\$100
4th-\$50

Pork Ribs and Chicken:

1st-\$200 and Plaque
2nd-\$150
3rd-\$100
4th-\$50

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Winners in the Beans and Dessert Jackpots will receive 50% of the total pot, with the other 50% going towards the charity event.

Trophies will be awarded for Grand Champion and Reserve Champion. There will also be an award given out for the most decorated camp.

15. Tie Breakers

In the event of a tie the team with the highest score in taste, will be awarded the win. If a tie persists it will be determined by the higher score in the following order, appearance, tenderness, aroma, color then after taste.

If a tie should happen for the Grand Champion the tie breaker will be the higher score in brisket. If a tie persists it will be determined by the higher score in ribs followed by chicken.

16. Disqualifications

If a container is found to be in violation of these rules, then it will be disqualified at the sole discretion of the BTF contest official(s). Marked containers are not permitted and will be disqualified by the BTF contest official. Chicken entries that are deemed to be raw by the BTF contest official will be disqualified. Entries that are disqualified will be awarded a score of one (1) by the contest official for each participating judge. The decision of the BTF contest official concerning entry disqualification is final. Judges can only give a one (1) to an entry if directed to do so by the BTF contest official(s).

17. Miscellaneous

The event will continue rain or shine. No refunds will be given.

Contest Offices reserves the right to amend these rules as they see fit, with full notification of all teams in the contest

Double entry into the competition is permitted. The team will have to pay an entry fee for each entry. Each entry will be treated as a sperate team for judging purposes.

Schedule of Events: Fri 10:00am- Campgrounds open
Fri 6:30pm- Meat and Campsite inspections
Sat 8:30am- Cook's Meeting
Sat 10:00am- Dessert Turn-in
Sat 11:00am- Chicken Turn-in
Sat 12:30pm- Ribs Turn-in
Sat 2:00pm- Brisket Turn-in
Sat 3:30pm- Beans Turn-in
Sat 5:30pm- Awards