



Orange Grove Vol Fire Dept. 17th Annual IBCA BBQ Cook-Off

April 17th and 18th, 2026



BBQ Cook-Off Rules and Regulations

1. All IBCA rules will be followed. Entry fee is \$175.00 for one or all three IBCA meats. (Chicken, Ribs, Brisket)
2. Jackpot entries are \$25.00 each and pay out 50% of total jackpot entry fees to first place winner in each jackpot.
3. Categories to be judged are as follows:
 - Chicken** – 1 Fully Jointed Chicken Half (Wing, breast, thigh and leg)
 - Pork Spare Ribs** – 8 Individual Pork Spare Ribs (No babybacks)
 - Brisket** – 8 Full Slices
 - Fajitas** – Jackpot
 - Beans** – Jackpot (Nothing bigger than a bean)
 - Chefs Choice** – Jackpot (All Meats, No Sweets)
4. Meat must be raw and unseasoned at check-in. Marinating and cooking may begin once meat has been inspected by cook-off officials. Meat inspections will be done at time of check-in. Each team is responsible for the safe and proper storage of their meat.
5. Check-in will begin at 3:00 P.M. Friday, April 17th.
6. There will be a “Mandatory” head cook’s meeting on Friday, April 17th, at 6:00 P.M. at the BBQ Cook-Off Headquarters. (Fire Station) Entry Turn-in containers will be handed out at this meeting.
7. All entries must be prepared and cooked on the site assigned at the time of check-in. All food must be prepared in a sanitary manner.
8. Fire must be wood or wood substances, no gas grills allowed on meats. No open ground fires.
9. Teams must supply all needed equipment and supplies except Entry Turn-in Containers.
10. All teams are responsible for keeping their space provided clean at all times and for the final cleanup of said space.
11. Spots will be assigned by teams. Only one team per spot, one team per pit, and one meat entry per pit. There will be no water or electricity hook-ups available.
12. No lewdness or nudity on cook-off grounds. Poor taste in this area will be grounds for disqualification and removal as determined by the cook-off officials.
13. No golf carts, mules, ATV’s or any other vehicles of this nature will be allowed on the cook-off grounds. Only cook-off staff will be allowed to use them for your convenience.
14. Excessive use of alcoholic beverages will be grounds for disqualification and removal from cook-off grounds.
15. BBQ Cook-Off Officials reserve the right to make additional regulations as situations warrant. Decisions of the officials and judges will be final. No refund of entry fees.

16. BBQ Cook-Off Officials, the Orange Grove Volunteer Fire Department, or the City of Orange Grove will not be responsible for accidents, theft or damage to equipment, property, or persons.
17. The Head Cook will be held responsible for the conduct of his/her team. The Head Cook will be responsible that every member follows the rules outlined.

Schedule

Friday, April 17th:

- 3:00 P.M.** Check-in begins at Cook-Off Headquarters (Fire Station)
- 4:00 P.M.** Turn-in container pickup begins
- 6:00 P.M.** Head Cooks Meeting & Turn-in container pickup closes (Mandatory)
- 6:30 P.M.** Calcutta Buyer Number Pickup Opens
- 7:00 P.M.** Jackpot Fajitas turn in
Calcutta Auction Begins
- 8:00 P.M.** Friday registration closes
- 12:00 P.M.** QUIET HOURS BEGIN

Saturday, April 18th:

- 6:00 A.M.** Saturday registration opens
- 8:30 A.M.** Saturday registration closes
- 10:00 A.M.** Jackpot Beans turn in
- 11:00 A.M.** Jackpot Chef's Choice turn in
- 12:00 P.M.** Chicken turn in
- 1:30 P.M.** Pork Ribs turn in
- 3:00 P.M.** Brisket turn in
- ***** Awards Ceremony – Siren will sound and you will be notified.
To follow final judging and tabulations of scores.
- 12:00 P.M.** QUIET HOURS BEGIN