



## 2026 CENTRAL TEXAS BBQ ROUND UP COMPETITIVE EVENTS PREMIUM LIST

### NEXT GEN BBQ COMP BATTLE OF THE SCHOOLS

- **Entry Deadline:** March 20, 2026, or capacity of **20 teams**, whichever comes first.
- **Superintendent:** Slade Rodriguez
- **Email:** srodriguez@chiltonisd.org
- **Phone:** 254-275-9173

### CONTEST SCHEDULE

| Activity                       | Day      | Date     | Time     | Location                  |
|--------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------------------|
| Gates Open for Teams To Set Up | Friday   | March 20 | 12:00 PM |                           |
| Gates Open for Contestants     | Saturday | March 21 | 4:00 AM  |                           |
| Chicken Turn-In                | Saturday | March 21 | 11:00 AM | <u>IBCA Judge Station</u> |
| Pork Spareribs Turn-In         | Saturday | March 21 | 1:00 PM  | <u>IBCA Judge Station</u> |
| Brisket Turn-In                | Saturday | March 21 | 3:00 PM  | <u>IBCA Judge Station</u> |
| Awards Ceremony                | Saturday | March 21 | 4:30 PM  | Main Stage                |

### REGISTRATION INFORMATION

1. **Registration:** All team registrations must be completed online. Online registration will close when the capacity of **20 teams** has been reached.
2. **Payment:** Entries are not valid until paid in full. The registration fee is **\$200.00 per team**. Payment must be made at the time of registration.
  - **NO PERSONAL CHECKS ACCEPTED.**
  - **One form of registration per team.**
  - **Schools can pay for multiple teams with one payment method.**
  - Payments can be made online by credit card, by school check, cashier's check, or money order.
3. **Refunds:** If the **Central Texas BBQ Round Up Committee** is notified of a team's cancellation more than 14 days before the date of the event, the team will receive a 100% refund of payment. No refunds will be processed for cancellations received less than 14 days from the event.

### CONTEST INFORMATION

The **Next Gen BBQ Comp Battle of the Schools** is sanctioned by the International Barbecue Cookers Association. All International Barbecue Cookers Association rules and regulations will govern this competition.

1. **TEAMS:** Each team must consist of a minimum of two (2) and a maximum of five (5) members.
2. **Junior High Teams:** If all members are under the age of 16, the head cook must be listed as one of the BBQ Coaches for IBSCA regulations.



### 3. MEAT PICKUP & COOKING:

- All meats will be cooked on-site. (**Teams will be responsible for providing their own meat**) the meat can be pre-trimmed, and vacuum sealed. No pre-injection and seasoning is allowed. All meat is subject to inspection by the IBSCA, CTBR, and its volunteers. Meat is allowed to be prepped within the area upon arrival.
- **NO** meat will be allowed to leave the team's site area.

4. **COOK AREA:** The cook area will be 36 by 36. The cook area will be located in the fenced open-air arena, and only team members will be allowed in the fenced area while the competition is taking place. The only people besides team members allowed in the space will be volunteers from the **Central Texas BBQ Round Up Committee**.

- No other adults will be allowed in the cook area unless there is an emergency.

5. **SANITARY CONDITIONS:** Teams are to prepare and cook in as sanitary a manner as is possible (gloves, hand washing, avoiding cross-contamination). Conditions are subject to inspection by the **Central Texas BBQ Round Up Committee**.

## ELIGIBILITY RULES

1. **Eligibility:** To be eligible, contestants must be enrolled in and attending **public and private schools** in Texas at the time of the contest.
2. **Residency:** Contestants must be bona fide residents of the State of Texas.
3. **Academic Standing:** Contestants suspended under Texas Education Code 33.081, "No Pass, No Play," are ineligible to participate.
4. **Ineligibility:** Foreign exchange students and non-United States citizens are ineligible to compete in the **Next Gen BBQ Comp Battle of the Schools**.

## BBQ PIT AND SPACE RULES

1. **Pits:** Any commercial or homemade, trailered, or un-trailered pit or smoker normally used for competitive barbecue may be used.
2. **Fuel:** A BBQ pit may include gas or electricity for **starting** the combustion of wood or wood products but **NOT** to complete cooking.
3. **Restrictions:**
  - The use of heat lamps, proofing cabinets, or any other electrical heating/holding device is prohibited.
  - Sous vide, boiling, or frying of competition meat is not allowed.
4. **Camping:** No camping overnight Friday night.

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR MEAT TURN-IN

**Turn-In Window:** A turn-in window of ten (10) minutes before and after the set turn-in time will be recognized.

1. **Prohibited Items:** Garnishes and condiments are prohibited.
2. **Sauce Rule:** Meats may be cooked with sauces/liquids, but **no** sauces/liquids may be added once the meat is put into the tray. No "puddling" of juices allowed.
3. **Tray Requirements:**
  - **Chicken (12:00 AM):** One (1) separate 1/2 fully jointed chicken (breast, wing, thigh, drumstick) **WITH SKIN ON**. No Cornish game hens.
  - **Pork Spareribs (1:30 PM):** Eight (8) individual cut ribs (bone-in). St. Louis cut



acceptable. NO baby backs or country-style ribs.

- **Brisket (3:00 PM):** Eight (8) full slices, recommended 1/4" to 3/8" thick. Blocking allowed; fat cap may be trimmed.

## JUDGING FORMAT

1. **Format:** Double-Blind Judging. Entries submitted in containers provided by the **Central Texas BBQ Round Up Committee**.
2. **Tie Breaker:** Brisket will be the tie breaker. The team that finishes higher in the brisket category places higher overall.

## CONTACT / ACCOMMODATIONS

- **Superintendent:** Slade Rodriguez
- **Email:** [srodriguez@chiltonisd.org](mailto:srodriguez@chiltonisd.org)
- **Phone:** 254-275-9173
- **Special Needs:** Children with disabilities are welcome. Please email [srodriguez@chiltonisd.org](mailto:srodriguez@chiltonisd.org) to discuss special needs accommodations.



## DISCLAIMER

Please note that this is the inaugural year for the Next Gen BBQ Comp Battle of the Schools. As such, if any changes or modifications to the schedule, rules, or procedures must take place, we will notify all participating teams as soon as possible.

## PARTICIPANT RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

**EVENT:** Next Gen BBQ Comp Battle of the schools **HOST ORGANIZATION:** Central Texas BBQ Round up (CTBR) **DATE:** March 21, 2026

**PARTICIPANT NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHOOL/NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

In consideration for being permitted to participate in the **Next Gen BBQ Comp Battle of the Schools** (hereinafter the “Event”), hosted by the **Central Texas BBQ Round up** (hereinafter “CTBR”), I, the undersigned Participant (and Parent/Guardian if Participant is under 18), hereby agree to the following terms:

**1. ASSUMPTION OF RISK** I acknowledge and understand that participation in the Event involves inherent risks, hazards, and dangers that cannot be eliminated regardless of the care taken to avoid injuries. These risks include, but are not limited to:

- Burns, cuts, and other injuries associated with the operation of BBQ pits, open flames, hot coals, gas/electric heating elements, and sharp cooking utensils.
- Foodborne illness or allergic reactions resulting from the handling, preparation, or consumption of food products.
- Risks associated with the presence of other participants, volunteers, and the public.
- **Infectious Diseases (COVID-19):** I acknowledge that participation includes possible exposure to and illness from infectious diseases including but not limited to COVID-19. While particular rules and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious illness and death does exist.

I hereby knowingly and freely assume all such risks related to injury, illness, infectious diseases (such as COVID-19), harm, and loss associated with the Activity, even if arising from the negligence, fault, or conduct of any kind on the part of the Released Parties.

**2. RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY** I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives, and next of kin, HEREBY RELEASE, WAIVE, DISCHARGE, AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE the **Central Texas BBQ Round up (CTBR)**, its committee members, officers, officials, agents, volunteers, and/or employees, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and owners and lessors of premises used to conduct the event (collectively, the “Released Parties”), from any and all liability, claims, demands, losses, or damages caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the Released Parties or otherwise, including negligent rescue operations.



**3. INDEMNIFICATION:** I agree to INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS the Released Parties from any and all liabilities or claims made by other individuals or entities as a result of any of my actions during the Event.

**4. MEDICAL CONSENT** In the event of an injury or medical emergency, I grant permission to the CTBR staff and emergency medical personnel to provide medical treatment as deemed necessary. I understand that the event will have fire control and EMS services on-site for emergency purposes, but I agree to be responsible for any costs associated with such medical treatment or transport.

**5. COMPLIANCE WITH RULES** I agree to comply with all stated and customary terms and conditions for participation, including all safety rules regarding fire extinguishers, open flames, and sanitary conditions. I understand that any violation of these rules may result in immediate disqualification and removal from the premises.

**6. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF UNDERSTANDING** I have read this Agreement, fully understand its terms, and understand that I have given up substantial rights by signing it. I sign it freely and voluntarily without any inducement.

**PARTICIPANT SIGNATURE (Required for all competitors)**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Printed  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE**

*(Required for all Participants under 18 years of age)*

I certify that I am the parent or legal guardian of the above-named participant. I consent to their participation in the event and agree to the terms of this Release and Waiver of Liability on their behalf.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Printed  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## PRINCIPAL VERIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

**EVENT:** Next Gen BBQ Comp Battle of the schools

**DATE:** March 21, 2026

### INSTRUCTIONS:

This form must be completed and signed by the School Principal or Head of School. It verifies that all participating students are currently enrolled in the institution and meet the academic eligibility requirements set forth by the Texas Education Code (No Pass, No Play).

**Please return this completed form to Slade Rodriguez at [srodriguez@chiltonisd.org](mailto:srodriguez@chiltonisd.org) prior to the event.**

### SCHOOL INFORMATION

**School Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School District (if public):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Team Advisor/Coach Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Advisor Contact Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

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### STUDENT ROSTER

*Please list the names of all students participating on the BBQ Team.*

| <b>Student Name (Printed)</b> | <b>Grade Level</b>                             |
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|                               | Coach Only if everyone is under the age of 16. |
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## PRINCIPAL'S CERTIFICATION

By signing below, I hereby certify the following regarding the students listed above:

1. **Enrollment:** Each student is currently enrolled as a full-time student at \_\_\_\_\_ and is a bona fide resident of the State of Texas.
2. **Academic Eligibility ("No Pass, No Play"):** I certify that each student is in good academic standing and is **NOT** currently suspended or ineligible to participate in extracurricular activities under **Texas Education Code 33.081 ("No Pass, No Play")**.
3. **Discipline:** To the best of my knowledge, these students are in good disciplinary standing and are authorized to represent our school at this competition.

**Principal / Head of School Name (Printed):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School Seal (Name):**

### SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS:

Please scan and email this signed form to:

**Slade Rodriguez**

**Email:** srodriguez@chiltonisd.org

**Phone:** 254-275-9173

## MEDIA AND LIKENESS DISCLAIMER

By participating in the Next Gen BBQ Comp Battle of the Schools, all teams, coaches, and students consent to being photographed, filmed, and/or recorded during the event. The Central Texas BBQ Round Up Committee, its sponsors, and approved media partners reserve the right to use any such images, video footage, and audio recordings for promotional, educational, and marketing purposes without compensation. It is the responsibility of the participating school and head coach to ensure that all participating students have the appropriate and current media release forms on file with their respective school districts prior to attending the competition.

**By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the Media and Likeness Disclaimer and confirm that our team meets the requirements stated above.**

**School Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Head Coach/Sponsor Name (Printed):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Head Coach/Sponsor Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## COACH SAFETY AND FIRE PREVENTION ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The safety of all students, staff, and attendees is our highest priority. By registering for this event, the Head Coach and/or School Sponsor acknowledges and agrees that they are the primary adult responsible for the overall safety and fire prevention protocols within their team's designated cook area.

- **Mandatory Fire Extinguisher:** Every team is strictly required to have at least one readily accessible, fully charged, and unexpired fire extinguisher present in their cooking space at all times.
- **Additional Safety Equipment:** Teams are also required to carry any additional necessary fire safety and basic first-aid equipment to ensure a safe environment for the students.

Event staff and the Central Texas BBQ Round Up Committee reserve the right to inspect cooking areas for these items at any time. Failure to comply with these safety standards may result in immediate disqualification and removal from the event premises.

**By signing below, I accept full responsibility for the safety and fire prevention protocols of my team and confirm we will have the mandatory safety equipment on-site.**

**School Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Head Coach/Sponsor Name (Printed):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Head Coach/Sponsor Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_