



Jackpot Competition Rules

Friday Jackpot Competition

Payout Structure

- The jackpot for each category will pay out at 75% of the total entry pool.
- For 20 entries or fewer, 1st place receives the full payout. For more than 20 entries, payouts will be distributed as follows: 1st place 50%; 2nd place 35%; 3rd place 15%.

Entry Fees and Turn Ins

- Registration and entry fees can be paid at CTBR.net at the Register/Pay tab in the Jackpot Registration link or by clicking [HERE](#).
- Entries must be turned in within the following turn-in window:
 - \$25 Dessert3:45-4:00 pm
 - \$25 Chefs Choice4:45-5:00 pm
 - \$25 Beans (any bean dish).....5:35-5:50 pm
- Entries turned in before or after the window will not be accepted.
- Winners will be announced at the Saturday awards ceremony.
- CTBR officials may inspect entries for rule compliance.

General Jackpot Rules (Apply to All Three Categories)

- Entry fee is \$25 per team, per category.
- Turn-in containers will be distributed to teams when they enter the venue for setup, and again at the team meeting.
- Any container marked or altered in a way that could identify the team may be disqualified.
- Jackpots are optional and do not affect main competition standings.
- Teams may enter one, two, or all three jackpot categories.
- Entry fees collected will pay out at 75% of the total entry pool according to the payout structure listed above.
- All jackpot entries must be prepared on site during the event.
- No rules regarding cooking techniques.



- Garnish is optional.
- Judging is blind.
- Judging decisions are final.

Jackpot Container Identification Procedure

Judges will score each entry on a scale of 1 to 10 in the following categories:

- **Appearance / Presentation**
 - How visually appealing the entry is. Color, texture, and overall presentation.
- **Aroma**
 - Smell of the entry. Judges evaluate how appealing and balanced the aroma is.
- **Taste / Texture**
 - Flavor profile, seasoning balance, tenderness, and overall eating experience..

If a tie occurs:

1. Highest **Taste / Texture score** wins
2. If still tied, highest **Aroma score** wins
3. If still tied, highest **Appearance score** wins
4. If still tied, judges will conduct a final comparison

Dessert Procedure will be as follows:

Appearance

Judges evaluate how visually appealing the dessert is. This includes color, plating, neatness, creativity, and overall presentation. The dessert should look appetizing and well prepared.

Flavor

Judges evaluate the overall taste of the dessert. This includes sweetness balance, richness, ingredient harmony, and overall enjoyment of the flavor profile.

Texture

Judges evaluate how the dessert feels when eaten. This includes moisture, smoothness, firmness, crispness, or creaminess depending on the dessert style. The texture should match the type of dessert being served.

Scoring Method



Appearance: 1–10

Flavor: 1–10

Texture: 1–10

Maximum score per judge: 30 points

Tie Breaker Order

1. Highest Flavor score
2. Highest Texture score
3. Highest Appearance score

Jackpot Container Identification Procedure

- Matching two-part tickets will be taped to each jackpot container, with one half of the matching ticket exposed to the competitor.
- When the competitor receives their container, they will tear off the exposed half of the ticket and retain it for identification purposes.
- The remaining matching ticket half will stay taped to the container for turn-in.
- When the container is turned in, judges or designated officials will expose the remaining ticket attached to the container and utilize that ticket number as the official entry identifier.
- Competitors must retain their matching ticket for identification. Lost tickets prevent verification of the winning entry.
- All judging will be conducted using the ticket number only, with no team names or identifying information present.
- Winners will be determined by ticket number.
- During awards, the winning ticket number will be announced, and the corresponding competitor will be identified based on the matching retained ticket.

Beans Jackpot Rules

Purpose

To showcase creativity, flavor, and technique in dishes built around beans.

Entry Requirements

- Dish must contain beans as the primary ingredient.



- Any style of beans is allowed including BBQ beans, chili-style beans, smoked beans, or creative bean dishes.
- Dish must be prepared on site.
- Any cooking method is allowed.
- Teams may add meats, vegetables, or other ingredients, but beans must remain the main component.
- One entry per team.

Submission

- One entry submitted per team.
- Beans must fit in the supplied 16oz round container with lid attached.
- No identifying marks allowed on containers.

Dessert Jackpot Rules

Purpose

To reward creativity, technique, and flavor in BBQ-style or outdoor prepared desserts.

Entry Requirements

- Dessert must be prepared on site.
- Desserts may be baked, grilled, smoked, fried, or chilled.
- Store-bought components are allowed as ingredients but not as finished desserts.
- Desserts may be served hot or cold.

Submission

- One entry submitted per cook.
- Chef's Choice must fit in the supplied 9x9 clamshell food tray supplied by the CTBR.
- Presentation matters but must remain practical.

Chef's Choice Jackpot Rules

Purpose

To give cooks complete freedom to showcase their skills and signature flavors.

Entry Requirements

- Any consumable dish is allowed; alcohol is not permitted as an ingredient.



- Dish must be prepared on site.
- No restrictions on cooking methods.

Submission

- One entry submitted per cook.
- Teams must provide a full container of food for sampling.
- Chef's Choice must fit in the supplied 9x9 clamshell food tray supplied by the CTBR.
- Dish should reflect BBQ technique, culinary skill, or creativity.
- Non edible items, decorative objects, or containers other than the supplied container are not permitted.

Containers

Dessert	Chefs Choice	Beans
		