

### Fajita Cook-off Team Guidelines

- The entrance fee for a cook-off team costs \$100, which includes reservation of a 10x20 ft cooking area. The deadline to sign up is March 2nd, however booth locations are assigned on a first come, first serve basis inside Brazos Valley Bank Ballpark.
- Gates will open for cook-off teams at 9 am on March 6th. Teams should be ready to serve fajitas at 2 pm when the gates open for the public. All cook-off teams need to have a representative present for the 11 am Cooks meeting (there we will be further briefed about guidelines, judging criteria, etc.) Teams should have competition food ready to be submitted to judges at 5:00 pm.
- A space of 10ft by 20ft will be provided. Teams must provide their own staffing, tables, equipment, and supplies. Tents will not be provided but if you bring your own it must fit inside your 10X20 space.
- Teams are required to use proper safe food handling while storing, preparing and serving food and must abide by all health code guidelines. Gloves, paper towels, additional preparation tables, coolers, ice, clean preparation and serving utensils will not be provided by the Brazos Valley Bombers and should be provided by the teams.
- The cook-off teams will be using 6 inch tortillas. Teams are required to bring in a minimum of 20lbs of meat. This feeds roughly 150 people and we are expecting at least 3000+ for the event. This is a minimum but teams are allowed to bring as much meat to serve as they wish. Cook-off teams are allowed to bring chicken or beef but there will be no distinction between the two for judging.
- Cook-off teams are not required to provide condiments/sides to their fajita tacos. Cook-off teams are more than welcome to bring their own if they find it necessary to enhance their fajitas, additional condiments/sides (beans, rice, cheese, salsa, etc.) should be provided by the individual cook-off teams.
- Beerfest attendees must purchase fajita tickets from the designated booth. Each ticket is equal to one fajita. At the end of the day, each cook-off team will turn in tickets to Brazos Valley Bombers.
- A cash prize (minimum of \$500) will be awarded to the teams that win 1<sup>st</sup> place by the judges and to the team that is crowned as the "People's Choice." Fajita entries will be judged based on the following criteria: presentation, taste, and originality. A minimum of 1 point and a maximum of 10 points can be earned for each category.
- Cook-off teams should have their competition food ready to be picked up at approximately 5:00 PM. Judging will occur between 5:15 and 5:30 pm. Teams will be supplied with judging boxes, in which to place 7 fajitas and all judging will be blind.
- Cook-off teams are permitted to bring in their own beer (cans only) to the event but are NOT permitted to give to any to guests that are not part of the team.
- Cook-off teams are allowed to sell/promote items as long as those items cannot be consumed on the premises. T-shirts, key chains, fajita spices, and any other company promotional items are allowed and encouraged. However beverages or additional food items (nachos, hot dogs, etc.) are NOT allowed.