

Jack of Hearts
Barbeque Cook-Off Rules
October 9-10, Mayfest Park Bastrop
\$250 Buy In

- **Categories:** Pinto Beans, Open, Chicken, Pork Ribs, JOH Surprise, Brisket.
 - Jackpot items: Bloody Mary and Salsa. \$25 buy in each jackpot item. 100% pay-out. Garnishes are allowed.
- **Deadline for Entry:** Entry forms and payment in full must be received by Friday, October 9, 2026, by 11:00 pm.
- **Cook-off Site Set Up Times:** General set up will start Thursday at 4:00pm until 11:00pm and on Saturday at 5:00am
- **Teams:** A cook-off team consists of a Chief Cook and up to four (4) assistants with a unique team name. Team names may not be offensive. The chief cook is responsible for the operation of the team space and all actions within and outside the assigned space by the members and guests.
- **Types of Cooking Devices Restricted:** Open fires, fire holes or dig pits will not be permitted.
- **Fire Extinguisher Requirements:** One fire extinguisher is required in each team.
- **Preparations:** Pre-cooked and/or pre-seasoned meat and entries will not be allowed. All entries will and must be inspected by a member of the cook-off committee prior to preparing.
- **Chief Cooks Meeting:** There will be a Chief Cooks meeting Friday (10/09/2026) at 9:00pm.
- **Judging Times:**

Friday Night

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- Bloody Mary 9:00 pm
- Salsa 10:00 pm

Saturday

- Pinto Beans 10:00 am
- Open Meat 11:00 pm
- Chicken 12:00 pm
- Pork Ribs 1:00 pm
- JOH Surprise 2:00 pm
- Brisket 3:00 pm

- **Judging Trays:** A single sheet of aluminum foil should be supplied in each tray. All judging containers shall be clean and free of any markings. Marked containers may be disqualified at the Head Judge's discretion. Chief cooks are responsible for ensuring that containers they receive remain clean.
- **Turn-In Time:** A turn-in window of ten (10) minutes before and five (5) minutes after the set -turn-in time will be recognized.
- **Awards:** Awards will be held after the live auction.
- **Housekeeping:** Each team will be responsible for cleaning up within their assigned area in a timely manner.
- **Mobility:** No golf carts, ATV's, UTV's or other motorized vehicles will be allowed. Motorized wheelchairs and mobility scooters will be allowed.
- **Alcohol:** Each team can have alcohol in their cooks area not provided by the Jack of Hearts. Head cooks are responsible for their designated team and anyone within their cook area. No alcohol is permitted to be brought into fenced area/show barn/award/Battle of the Bands areas. No outside cups of any kind allowed inside the fenced area. All alcohol/beer can be purchased from The Jack of Hearts beer and alcohol booths only. Zero tolerance. No alcohol in or out of the fenced/gated areas of The Jack of Hearts events.