



City of Freeport Riverfest
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Freeport, Texas 77541
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2024 Riverfest Cook-off Rules

1. Showmanship judging will begin at 8:30 p.m. Friday. Please sign up by 6:00 p.m. Friday. **Be patient**, this could take up to 2 hours to get to everyone. There will be 4 judges. To make it fair, whoever is in on the Best of Show contest, their names will be placed in a hat and randomly selected to decide in which order the judges will be coming around.
2. **NO** amplified noise (music) after midnight.
3. **NO** entry meat will be allowed in later than **5** minutes after posted times. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
4. Tickets for contest entry meats **MUST** be presented to Master of Ceremonies, on Saturday at the Awards ceremony to win. The **TEAMNAME** must be printed **LEGIBLY** on the back of each ticket. If you have a team with I or 1, II or 2, etc. the word must be written. EX: **ONE, TWO**, etc.
5. The park site that is assigned to you must be cleaned up before you leave. Any team that leaves their site not cleaned to the Committee's satisfaction will forfeit an invite to future BBQ events.
6. **Please cut enough entry meat for 15 judges. This was an issue, so make sure you turn in enough meat to be judged.**
7. All teams participate in the Sportsmanship judging. Turn in your vote by Saturday's Brisket judging at 1500 hours.
8. **FRIDAY Fajitas @ 1900**
SATURDAY Chicken @ 1100 Pork Ribs @ 1300 Brisket @ 1500
9. **Traffic must be kept to a minimum. Therefore, each site is allowed 1 (one) vehicle at the site itself. If at all possible, after unloading, please park your vehicles in the overflow parking areas so designated.**
Loading and unloading of supplies and equipment is acceptable until 4:00 PM Saturday. After 4:00 p.m. absolutely no vehicle traffic will be allowed in the park only upon special authorization from a committee member. YOUR safety is our #1 concern.
10. Electricity is available on some poles at the Freeport Park. Please note that the City of Freeport does not charge for the use of this electricity. If you overload the circuitry and trip the breakers, the breakers **WILL NOT** be reset. Therefore, please be extremely careful about what you plug into the outlets. The outlets should not be used for A/C units, Heaters, Deep Fat Fryers, or high amperage devices. Minimize the drains on the system and it will work fine for you.

11. For the **MEAT JUDGING**, the **Judge's clock is the ONLY OFFICIAL TIME PIECE**. At 5 minutes **prior** to the scheduled judging times, the Judging Official will sound the ALARM. This is your only notification that the meat is to be brought in for judging. At 5 minutes **after** the scheduled judging times, the ALARM will be sounded again, hence shutting down the acceptance of judged meat.
12. The City has allowed us to utilize the park and therefore, we ask you to help us adhere to these guidelines. They are in place to ensure that everyone has a GREAT time.
13. If available, ice will be provided as a courtesy.
14. Recommended to have a First Aid Kit. If any emergency arises, the Freeport Fire & EMS will provide all emergency care. If you need EMS or FIRE assistance, please contact any member or call 911.
15. A minimum of a 5lbs ABC extinguisher is required per cooking site. Extinguisher must be charged and in good repair with pin safety seal in place. Extinguisher will be checked during meat inspections.
16. If you have any concerns or issues that arise during this event, please do not hesitate to make contact with any committee member so that these issues and concerns can be addressed in a timely manner. **ALL** issues brought to the committee will be addressed and a decision rendered as soon as feasibly possible. There are no guarantees that the decisions made to address any issue will benefit the parties submitting the complaint. **Please note that all decisions made by the Committee and Chairman are final.**

Trays will be available for pickup beginning at 3:30 p.m. Friday until 7:30 p.m. Friday.

Contact Christopher Motley or Jessica Dyson @ (979)-233-2111 with any questions.