

2025 STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL BBQ COOK-OFF RULES & REGULATIONS

1. The BBQ Cook-off will be held during the annual Strawberry Festival at the Pasadena Fairgrounds located at 7601 Red Bluff, Pasadena, Texas 77507.

2. NO FIREARMS ARE ALLOWED ON THE STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL GROUNDS.

- 3. Applications will be available online at <u>strawberryfest.org.</u> NOTE: An application for any year other than 2025 is invalid and unacceptable.
- 4. Space locations will be on a first-come, first-served basis. NEW LOCATION FOR THE COOK-OFF WILL BE IN THE PARKING LOT ON THE RED BLUFF SIDE OF THE RODEO ARENA. ALL SPACES AREA SELF-CONTAINED. No water or electricity will be provided.
- 5. The Pasadena Strawberry Festival (PSF) reserves the right to refuse to rent cookoff spaces to a cook team and or the responsible head cook for 1 or more years if the Festival's Board has previously adjudged the team or head cook to be in violation of the state law, city ordinance, festival rule or other conduct deemed by the Board to be contrary to good order and discipline or the family nature of the festival's activities. The decision of the board will be final as all judgements result in a refusal to rent. A cook team under a different name will be deemed to be the same cook team as was refused rental if it has the same head cook and or if it has 2 or more assistant cooks as listed on the application for the year when the violation occurred.

- 6. Persons associated with the PSF as a committee member or as a director may be part of a cook team but can NOT be listed as the head cook.
- 7. Violation of any of the Rules or Regulation in this document are grounds for expulsion.
- 8. Competition spaces are **NOT** transferable without prior consent and approval from the BBQ Committee Chairman.
- 9. One-half (1/2) of the non-refundable entry fee must be paid upon registration, which begins January 1, 2025. Payment in full must be received by April 1, 2025.
- 10. Teams must supply their own needed equipment and supplies.
- 11. Holes dug pits or open flames in boxes are NOT permitted. NO PITS or any equipment is ALLOWED ON GRASS AREAS.
- 12. Metal drip pans must be provided by the cook teams and placed under the opening of the firebox to prevent damage to the blacktop or concrete surface or catching the grass on fire.
- 13. Exterior and interior décor and interaction with the public must be appropriate for viewing by public audiences of all ages and may not consist of material having a political, religious, discriminatory or lewd nature.
- 14. The PSF will not be responsible for theft or damage.
- 15. The PSF reserves the right to make any additional changes to the rules and regulations.
- 16. Decisions of the PSF Judges are **FINAL**.

- 17. Those attending or participating in the BBQ contest are required to wear appropriate clothing and shoes.
- 18. Excessively loud music, horns, etc. are strictly prohibited. Bands and DJs are to keep levels 110 decibels. (see rules under Band/Performers)

19. ALL BANDS/MUSIC MUST STOP PLAYING AT 11:00 PM EVERY NIGHT. THIS IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH PASADENA FAIRGROUNDS ORDINANCE AND WILL BE CAUSE FOR DISQUALIFICATION.

COOK TEAM ENTRY FEES

- 1. The entry fee is \$300 per 40' x 40' self-contained space. This entry fee includes competition entries for brisket, beef fajitas, chicken and pork spareribs. Hospitality is a FREE category.
- 2. Teams may purchase as many spaces as they want but only three (3) can be used as competition spaces.
- 3. Cook's Choice, Strawberry Dessert and Margaritas are optional categories. Teams may participate in these categories for \$25.00 per entry per team and are limited to one (1) entry per team per space. **Deadline for entering optional categories is April 1, 2025. There will be NO EXCEPTIONS to this deadline.**
- Each space will be given five (5) cooker wristbands. Festival tickets may be purchased for \$10 each, limited to 25 per team, prior to 5:00 pm on May 5, 2025. All General Admission tickets will be \$15 at the gate.
- 5. All Cook Teams are responsible for providing their own generator and water for their assigned spaces.

NO ADMISSION WILL BE CHARGED TO

- 1. Contestants with Cook Team Wristbands
- 2. Kids Que Contestants with Wristbands
- 3. All PSF Volunteers, Committeemen and Directors wearing a badge
- 4. Children under 5 years of age.
- 5. BBQ Cook-off Judges Judges list will be given to gate entrance of BBQ area.

COOK-OFF TEAMS AND SPACES

- 1. A Cook-off team may consist of one (1) head cook & four (4) assistant cooks.
- 2. Cook Teams with multiple spaces and may have sub-teams with their own space & pit. Sub teams must have different names i.e. Team #1, Team #2 and Team #3.

3. Each sub-team MUST HAVE A DIFFERENT HEAD COOK, IF NOT GROUNDS FOR DISQUALIFICATION.

- 4. Team names must not be offensive and are subject to approval by the PSF Cook-Off Chairman.
- 5. Props, trailers, motorhomes, tents, coverings or any other part of contestant's or team's equipment must not exceed the boundaries of the assigned space. One (1) cooking pit and one (1) self-contained motorhome or camper will be allowed per space. All RV's will NOT be charged, if they are inside your cook space. You must supply your own power or water for your RV and or motorhome.
- 6. Teams may not extend, under any circumstances, set up into any walkway or driveways created between, behind or beside team spaces. These areas are to be always left clear and open, including move-in.

- 7. It is the responsibility of each team to get their tent located correctly and a representative of the team must be present while the tent is being erected. If a tent is set up outside of the team's allocated space, the team bears all responsibility to ensure correction of tent placement. Team spots are assigned at the time teams sign up and may not be moved or transferred unless approved by the Strawberry Festival Cookoff Chairman Oscar Garza.
- 8. No hay, straw, shavings or similar combustible material are allowed on the grounds.
- 9. Teams wishing to utilize perimeter fencing within their allocated spaces will be allowed to do so if it is secure.

TENTS

- 1. Tent Companies may be scheduled to set up between 8:00 am and 8:00 pm on Monday, May 12, 2025.
- 2. Tent tear down can begin on Monday, May 19, 2025, at 8:00 am.
- 3. No stakes will be allowed. ALL TENTS MUST BE WATER BARRELED.
- 4. Personal "pop up tents" will be allowed. These type tents must be secured by sandbags or concrete stanchions of at least 40 lbs.
- 5. Tent stakes or other devices that damage the blacktop or concrete surface in any way are prohibited.
- 6. It is the responsibility of the cook-off team to abide by all tent requirements as noted on the attached City of Pasadena Fire Marshal's Office document.

ELECTRICITY & WATER

 All cook-off spaces will be self-contained. It is the responsibility of the cook teams to provide their own generators and water source. Water is NOT to be drained or emptied onto the ground.

<u>TRASH</u>

- 1. Trash receptacles will be placed throughout the contest area for contestants use. Trash receptacles are NOT to be moved.
- 2. It is the contestant's responsibility to have their trash readily available to be emptied into the trash trailer when it arrives at their space. Plastic trash liners will be furnished after check-in.
- 3. NO free liquids, glass, hot coals or heavy trash should be put into trash bags, barrels or boxes.
- 4. Each cook team is responsible for fully cleaning their entire cook space/spaces. PSF is not responsible for cleaning up spaces. If the spaces are not clean at the end of the BBQ cook-off, the team will not be invited to participate in the 2026 BBQ Cook-off. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

<u>PITS</u>

- 1. Each participating team is restricted to one (1) competition pit per space. (1 firebox).
- 2. Contestants are not allowed to share cooking equipment.
- 3. Fires must be wood or wood substances. Pellet grills ARE allowed but NO electric pits or gas smokers will be allowed.

- 4. Metal pans must be provided by the cook teams and placed under the opening of the firebox to prevent damage to the blacktop or concrete surface.
- 5. NO pits are allowed to be set up on any of the grassy area of the cook-off area or grounds.
- 6. Drip pans must be placed under all grease drains to prevent damage to the blacktop or concrete surface. NO grease is to be dumped in any of the grassy areas of the cook-off area or grounds.

PORT-A-CAN & MOTORHOME (RV) SERVICE

- 1. Service will be provided by TEXAS JOHNS. Contact: ROBERT MILLER AT 281-924-7964
- 2. It is the responsibility of the cook team and/or RV owner to contact ROBERT MILLER to reserve and pay for service prior to the contest.
- 3. The Port-a-can will be placed in the cook-off area and will be placed in an area inside the cooking space that will be easily accessible for cleaning, and it is the cook team's responsibility to arrange for their port-a-can to be cleaned. Port-a-cans are NOT to be moved once placed by TEXAS JOHNS.

COOK TEAMS RESPONSIBILITIES

- 1. Each cook team with air conditioning must furnish their own drain line and water overflow must be drained into the city drain system or a concealed container. It is the cook teams; responsibility to ensure that this is done.
- 2. Under no circumstances will drain water be allowed to drain into adjoining cook spaces or onto the ground.

- 3. The PSF can assist with unloading/loading AC units if equipment is available; however, PSF is not responsible for any damage which may be incurred.
- 4. The head cook is responsible for the conduct of their team and guests.
- 5. Each cook team must comply with all laws pertaining to the serving and consumption of alcoholic beverages.

6. NO ONE UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE SHALL BE SERVED OR ALLOWED TO CONSUME ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES WHILE ANYWHERE ON THE GROUNDS.

- Any Cook team having inappropriate entertainment, contest, sales, raffles, etc. will be asked to leave the contest area and will be disqualified from the competition.
- 8. Cook teams with an enclosed area to which the public is not allowed must furnish their own security. PSF Directors and Chairmen are allowed to enter ALL AREAS on the PSF grounds.
- 9. All spaces must be left clean of all debris and trash. If it is not clean, the team will not be invited back to the 2026 cook-off. NO EXCEPTIONS.
- 10. Any Damages to the concrete surfaces due to a cook teams negligence will be dealt with and the cook team will be held financially responsible for repairs.
- 11. Tear-down may begin the morning of Sunday, May 18, 2025, however:
 - a. Each space number must always remain visible.
 - b. Vehicles will not be allowed in the cook-off area prior to 9:00 am.
 - c. All vehicles <u>must be escorted out</u> during PSF hours. NO VEHICLES ARE ALLOWED IN THE COOKOFF AREA DURING OPEN HOURS OF FESTIVAL.

The following guidelines are recommended by the City of Pasadena Health Department. All teams are required to follow these guidelines.

- 1. A Cover is required over all open food preparation areas.
- 2. Three (3) containers of water must be always utilized, one gallon minimum each:
 - a. 1st container Soap & water for washing unless sink and running water are available and usable.
 - b. 2nd container Clean water for rinsing unless a sink & running water are available and useable.
 - c. 3rd container 1 cup of bleach per gallon of water for sanitizing.
- 3. All food must be kept covered.
- 4. Keep cold food stored on ice or refrigerated at all times. Food must be maintained at 40 degrees.
- 5. Heated food should be maintained at 140 degrees.
- 6. Smoking tobacco is not permitted in food serving areas.

SAFETY

- 1. One (1) portable fire extinguisher 10# Type "K" or 1 10# ABC per space and in view at all times.
- Each team that using a diesel generator, electrical hook-up or propane tank shall have a 5# multipurpose ABC or BC fire extinguisher readily available. Any use of a fryer will require a Type "K" extinguisher in addition to the ABC extinguisher.
- 3. Fire extinguishers must be inspected and tagged within the year of the fire equipment company in the State of Texas, or the team must have a new purchase receipt for the extinguisher. You can ask for a Fire Marshall's check list.

4. In case of an EMERGENCY, weather, or other emergency, all cook team members are to evacuate to Campbell Hall. Campbell Hall is the building located in front of the Rodeo Arena on the Red Bluff side and by the BBQ Entrance gate.

ANIMALS

- ONLY registered Service Animals are allowed on the fairgrounds per the rules of the Pasadena Convention Center. Service animals must be contained either by being crated, or on a leash at all times. No Animals will be allowed to run loose.
- 2. No animals of any kind will be permitted in designated food preparation areas or in the Judging & Scoring area. NO EXCEPTIONS.

COOKS MEETINGS

- 1. FRIDAY, MAY 2, 2025, at 6:30 pm, location to be determined. This meeting will include:
 - a. New location and services provided this year
 - b. Explanation of the new rules
 - c. Q&A session for clarification of rules, judging etc.
 - d. Teams will receive a printed copy of the rules, a map with assigned spaces and cook team wristbands.
 - e. Teams may purchase additional tickets also
- 2. THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2025, AT 9:00 AM, location to be determined. This meeting will include:
 - a. Q&A session for clarification of rules, judging etc.
 - b. BBQ Turn-in information, etc.
 - c. Distribution of containers
 - d. Assignment of Cook's Choice & Margarita judging times.

e. Kids Que assignment of Something on a Stick & Breakfast judging times

<u>CHECK IN</u>

- 1. **Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at 8 am** All equipment 26' and over may start moving in (cooking trainers, RV's, etc.)
- 2. Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at 3 pm All other equipment may start moving in.
- 3. All vehicles must be out of the cook-off area by 1 pm on Thursday, May 15, 2025.

VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT

- 1. Gates to thru traffic will be locked at 1 pm on Thursday, May 15, 2025.
- 2. **NO VEHICLE** will be allowed to enter or leave the contest area after 1 pm on Thursday, May 15, 2025, **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- 3. Under **NO CIRCUMSTANCES**, will contestants block any aisle after set-up periods ends at 1 pm on Thursday, May 15, 2025.
- 4. Vehicles not removed from the cook-off area by 1 pm on Thursday, May 15, 2025, will be subject to removal by a wrecker at the contestant's expense.
- 5. Under **NO CIRCUMSTANCES**, will any contestant or member of the public be allowed to bring onto the grounds any of the following: golf carts, motor vehicles, carts, bicycles, roller skates, hoverboards, skateboards, scooters, Segways, remote-controlled toys, drones, motorized coolers or any other type of transportation, EXCEPT for wheelchairs for handicapped individuals. Use of any of the above-mentioned items would justify a cook team's disqualification.

BEVERAGE & ICE

- 1. In order to support our main purpose, Scholarships for the kids, ALL ICE, SOFT DRINKS, WATER & BEER MUST BE PURCHASED FROM THE PASADENA STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL (ONCE YOU ARRIVE ON-SITE). IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT EACH TEAM PURCHASES 5 BAGS OF ICE AND/OR 5 CASES OF BEER/BEVERAGE.
- 2. Under **NO CIRCUMSTANCES** will outside **BEVERAGE**, **ICE** be allowed into the contest area.
- 3. **AT NO TIME**, will cookers be allowed to re-stock Beer & Ice from outside the cook-off.

BANDS/DJ/PERFORMERS

- Bands/DJ/Performers must be pre-registered with PSF. Any Cook team having a band/DJ/Performer (or musical equipment) that requires entry into the cooking area after **1 pm on Thursday, May 15, 2025**, must submit a Band Registration Form to the PSF office by **5 pm on Friday, May 2, 2025**. Bands and DJ must keep levels under 110 decibels. Please be respectful of your neighbors.
- 2. BANDS/DJ/PERFORMERS/MUSIC MUST END ALL PERFORMANCES BY 11 PM EVERY NIGHT. THIS IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH PASADENA FAIRGOUND ORDINANCE AND WILL BE CAUSE FOR DISQUALIFICATION.

GENERAL CONTEST JUDGING RULES

 A cook team's entry fee entitles contestants to enter the Beef Fajitas, Pork Spareribs, Chicken, Brisket and Hospitality contest. You are allowed one (1) entry per category per space. A total of three (3) turn-ins for Teams with **more than 3 spaces purchased.** Teams may purchase an "optional category" Cooks Choice, Margaritas and Strawberry Desserts for **\$25 per category per space before April 1, 2025.** Entries will be limited to three (3) spaces.

- 2. There will be Cash Awards for the 1st Place winners along with a Trophy as follows:
 - a. Brisket \$750
 - b. Pork Ribs \$500
 - c. Chicken \$250
 - d. Fajitas \$250
 - e. Margaritas \$100
 - f. Cooks Choice \$100
 - g. Desserts \$50
- 3. Judging will be held in the BBQ Headquarters (the old Beer Gardens) which is located in the southeast corner of the Cookoff area, unless otherwise noted.
- Beef Fajitas, Chicken, Strawberry Desserts, Pork Spareribs and Brisket turn-in times will begin FIFTEEN (15) MINUTES PRIOR TO SCHEDULED JUDGING TIME. It is the team's responsibility to ensure the entries are delivered to the judging area before judging begins.
- 5. Competition Brisket must be inspected by a Team Rep PRIOR to cutting. A Team Rep will observe the cutting and packaging of the brisket in the container provided by PSF Judging & Scoring Committee. A Cook team member will be responsible for taking their Brisket turn in to the Judging area to be judged prior to judging.
- PSF utilizes a "Blind Judging" system that is based on a duplicate numbered ticket which will be utilized in all judging categories except Cook's Choice, Margaritas and Kids Que categories, which are judged in the Cook Teams spaces.

- a. Blind judging consist of ½ of a double ticket being enclosed in a small envelope and being secured to bottom of the turn-in container with tape.
- b. The 2nd half of the ticket is placed inside the top of the turn-in container. This ticket should be retained by the contestant.
- 7. Any container with any kind of markings or altered in any way will be referred to the General Chairman of the Judging & Scoring Committee who will rule on either exchanging the container or disqualification of the container.
- 8. If a container gets damaged, tell your Team Rep or bring it to the Judging & Scoring area so that it can be replaced.
- 9. NO Sauces, garnishes or foil are allowed in the judging container and will be grounds for disqualification.
- 10. All entries will be scored on a scale of 1 to 10 in each of the judging criteria with 10 being the highest score possible and 1 being the lowest score possible. In case of a tie, the computer will break the tie.
- 11. In addition to the categories listed above, a trophy will also be awarded for Hospitality.

THURSDAY NIGHT EVENTS

STRAWBERRY DESSERTS

- 1. Entry fee is \$25 per team and is NON-REFUNDABLE and must be paid prior to April 1, 2025.
- 2. Judging will begin at 7 pm on Thursday, May 15, 2025.
- 3. Desserts **MUST INCLUDE STRAWBERRIES** and cooked on site.
- 4. Desserts should be enough for six (6) Judges and Judging will be in the BBQ Headquarters Judging & Scoring area.
- 5. A Cash award will be awarded to the 1st place Dessert. Trophies will be awarded to 1st thru 3rd places. Placement #1 thru #25 will be posted.

FRIDAY EVENTS

<u>HOSPITALITY</u>

- 1. Judging will occur in the team's space.
- 2. Judges must be able to enter each participating team space to judge the space. Judges are anonymous.
- 3. Nudity and lewdness will not be allowed or tolerated. Violation of this rule by any contestant will result in immediate disqualification of that team.
- 4. The winner of the Hospitality Award will be announced at the Awards Ceramony on Saturday, May 17, 2025.

BEEF FAJITAS

- 1. Judging will begin at 4 pm on Friday, May 16, 2025.
- 2. Entries must be turned in to the judging area in the BBQ Headquarters Area.
- 3. One (1) beef fajita entry per cook team. Beef fajitas must be cooked on-site.
- 4. The turn-in container should be filled with beef fajita meat for 6 judges.
- 5. Sauces, garnishes or foil are not allowed in the judging container and will be grounds for disqualification.
- 6. A cash award of \$250 will be awarded for the 1st place fajitas. Trophies will be awarded for 1st thru 3rd places. Placement #1 thru #25 will be posted.

PORK SPARERIBS

- 1. Judging will begin at 6 pm on Friday, May 16, 2025.
- 2. Entries must be turned in to the judging area in the BBQ Headquarters Area.
- 3. Turn-ins will consist of pork spareribs only with knuckles removed
- 4. Pork Spareribs must be cooked on-site.

- 5. Turn-in container should be full, at least 6 ribs should be provided
- 6. Sauces, garnishes or foil will not be allowed in the judging container and will be grounds for disqualification.
- 7. A cash award of \$500 will be awarded for the 1st place ribs. Trophies will be awarded for 1st thru 3rd places. Placement #1 thru #25 will be posted.

COOK'S CHOICE

- 1. Entry fee is \$25 per team and is NON-REFUNDABLE and must be paid prior to April 1, 2025.
- 2. Judging will begin at 6 pm on Friday, May 16, 2025. Exact times will be assigned to cook teams. Teams will receive their times at the cooks meeting on Thursday, May 15, 2025 at 9 am.
- 3. Judging will be done in the team spaces with 15 mins allowed for judging and scoring.
- 4. In the event of inclement weather, judging will be moved to an appropriate location.
- 5. Participants should prepare enough for 4 judges.
- 6. All entries must be prepared on-site.
- A cash award of \$100 will be awarded to the 1st placed Cooks Choice. Trophies will be awarded for 1st thru 3rd places. Placement #1 thru #25 will be posted.
- 8. NO GIFTS ARE TO BE GIVEN TO JUDGES BEFORE OR DURING JUDGING!

SATURDAY EVENTS

MARGARITAS

- 1. Entry fee of \$25 per team and is NON-REFUNDABLE and must be paid prior to April 1, 2025.
- 2. Judging will begin at 10 am on Saturday, May 18, 2025. Exact times will be assigned to cook teams and given out at the cooks meeting on Thursday, May 15, 2025.
- 3. Judging will be done in team spaces. Each entry will be allowed 15 mins to sample and score.

4. A 4 oz cup will be provided for margarita judging.

- 5. Teams should prepare enough for four (4) Judges.
- 6. Fire is not allowed as a special effect.
- 7. Margaritas **must** be prepared on-site.
- 8. NO GIFTS ARE TO BE GIVEN TO JUDGES PRIOR TO OR DURING JUDGING!
- 9. A cash award of \$100 to the 1st place Margaritas. Trophies will be awarded for 1st thru 3rd places. Placement #1 thru #25 will be posted.

<u>CHICKEN</u>

- 1. Judging will begin at 11 am on Saturday, May 17, 2025.
- 2. NO CORNISH GAME HENS will be allowed and are grounds for disqualification.
- 3. All Chicken entries must be cooked on-site.
- 4. Judging container must contain ½ chicken, fully jointed which includes breast, wing, thigh and drumstick **PLUS** additional cut up pieces of both white and dark meat for 6 Judges.
- 5. Entries must be turned into the judging area in the BBQ Headquarters area prior to judging.
- 6. Sauces, garnishes or foil will not be allowed in the judging container and will be grounds for disqualification.
- A cash award of \$250 for the 1st place chicken. Trophies will be awarded for 1st thru 3rd places. Placement #1 thru #25 will be posted.

BRISKET INSPECTION AND TAGGING

- 1. Brisket inspection and tagging WILL BEGIN at 10 am on Friday, May 16, 2025. Only brisket in their original vacuum-sealed packaging will be tagged.
- No contest brisket will be allowed on pits before being tagged on Friday, May 16, 2025.
- 3. Each team will be allowed to tag two (2) briskets per cook space. Only one brisket per space will be allowed for competition entry.
- 4. Pre-cooked, salted, seasoned or marinated meat is not allowed prior to being tagged.
- 5. Fires must be wood substances, NO ELECTRIC or gas grills are allowed.

BRISKET TAG VERIFICATION AND JUDGING

- 1. Brisket tag verification will begin at 12 pm on Saturday, May 17, 2025. Judging will begin as soon as all entries are turned in, approximately 2 pm.
- 2. Contestants will have fifteen (15) minutes in which to provide their Team Rep with their brisket entry for tag verification and to slice the brisket in the presence of the Team Rep for judging entry.
- 3. A cook team member will be responsible for walking their brisket turn-in to the Judging area.
- 4. Only the cut from one (1) brisket will be allowed for competition entry. There are no exceptions to this rule.
- 5. The turn-in container should be completely filled. This is a double elimination judging, so it is the cook teams responsibility to make sure there is enough brisket for two rounds of judging, enough for 12 Judges.
- 6. Sauces may be used during the cooking process but cannot be applied for entry presentation or judging.
- 7. Sauces, garnishes or foil will not be allowed in the judging container and will be grounds for disqualification.
- 8. All brisket entries MUST be cooked on site.
- 9. A cash award of \$750 will be awarded for the 1st place Brisket. Trophies will be awarded 1st thru 5th places. Placement #1 thru #25 will be posted.

AWARDS

- 1. Awards will be held at 5 pm on Saturday, May 17, 2025, at the BBQ Headquarters stage in the cook-off area.
- 2. Only one (1) person from each winning team should report to the verification table with the winning ticket.
- 3. Group photos will be taken. Please have your team together and ready to take a photo immediately after each award presentation.

TEAR DOWN AND EXIT

- 1. Tear down may begin Sunday, May 18, 2025, at 9 am.
- 2. Vehicles may start entering at 9 am for loading and exit through the BBQ Gate.

- 3. All space numbers must be visible at all times during tear down.
- 4. ALL COOK SPACES **MUST BE LEFT CLEAN** OR THE TEAM WILL NOT BE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2026 COOK-OFF.
- 5. Any damages to concrete due to a cook team's negligence will be dealt with and the cook team will be financially responsible for repairs.
- 6. As a safety precaution to the cook-off teams and PSF personnel, **ALL** cook-off traffic **MUST** exit via the BBQ Gate. There are **NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS!**

We are looking forward to another fun and successful Pasadena Strawberry Festival BBQ Cook-off!

As always, we greatly appreciate your support and thank you for your participation!

From PSF Cook-off Directors, Chairmen and Volunteers

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