



## RULES AND GUIDELINES FOR THE *GO OAK CLIFF* 2010 SUSTAINABLE BBQ COMPETITION

1. This event is sanctioned by *Go Oak Cliff* with all rules for judging as written by that organization.
2. A contestant or team consists of one chief cook and no more than four assistants. Contestants may check into the BBQ Cookoff Grounds beginning at 8:00am Saturday, September 11, 2010, but **MUST** be in place by 12:00pm Saturday, September 11, 2010. .
3. Categories for the 2010 *Go Oak Cliff* 2010 Sustainable BBQ Competition are as follows:

- BEEF BRISKET
- WHOLE CHICKEN
- PORK SPARE RIBS
- HOMEMADE SAUSAGE

**COOKED ON SITE:** All meat will be provided to the competitors RAW...No pre-marinating, pre-cooking, or pre-spicing prior to official start time. Promoters have established an official **START TIME** as Saturday, September 11 at 12:00pm. Sausage will be homemade by the participating teams and the teams must document where the meat came from and verify that the meat was raised in a sustainable manner. Wild game is acceptable in this category.

**SAUCE:** You may **COOK** with sauce but **DO NOT** add sauce, marinade, sop, or juice to meat or container once the meat is prepared for judging. **DO NOT** add any additional spices or sauce to meats once prepared for judging. No garnishing or markers allowed.

4. Cooks are to prepare and cook barbecue in as sanitary a manner as possible. Cooking conditions are subject to inspection by the *Go Oak Cliff* BBQ Committee and/or County and State Health Inspectors. Conditions found to be unsanitary will be grounds for disqualification from this cookoff. Fires must be wood or wood substance. **NO** gas or electric fires are allowed. No holes, open fires, or dug pits will be allowed. However, a burn-down barrel will be allowed but **MUST** have some type of safety barrier placed across the top and around the sides of the barrel. Precautions **MUST** be made to prevent any fire threat. All teams must have at least **ONE** fire extinguisher on site.

5. **JUDGING:** Contest meats will be judged on Sunday, September 12, 2010. Contest meats must be delivered to the designated judging location. **Attend the Cooks Meeting** at 11:00am Saturday for explanation of the rules, any additional instructions and confirmation of turn-in times for each category. Tentative judging times are as follows:

SAUSAGE: 11:40am to 11:55am for judging at 12:00pm

CHICKEN: 12:40pm to 12:55pm for judging at 1:00pm

PORK SPARE RIBS: 1:40pm to 1:55pm for judging at 2:00pm

BEEF BRISKET: 2:40pm to 2:55pm for judging at 3:00pm

**WINNERS FOR ALL CATEGORIES WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT 4:00pm**

6. **BLIND JUDGING:** You will receive 1 aluminum tray per category. Each of these trays will be numbered so that the judges do not know which team's food they are tasting.

7. All Cooking Teams will also be judged for **Best Cooking Area/ Best Decorated Layout.**

8. Any nudity, lewdness, or any form of vulgarity will NOT be allowed. NO pyrotechnics or explosives are allowed. Any intentional use of the above by a team will result in disqualification, removal from grounds and elimination from the tournament.

9. Prize money and trophies will be awarded as follows:

Grand Champion: \$300.00

Best Brisket: \$100.00

Best Chicken: \$100.00

Best Pork Ribs: \$100.00

Best Sausage: \$100.00

Best Rig/ Cooking Area: \$50.00

People's Choice Champion: \$100.00

10. Music Bands, and / or sound equipment within your team area is allowed. HOWEVER, excessive loud music and / or sounds which interfere with announcements, scheduled live bands and entertainment on stage, or which intrudes upon or interferes with the comfort of fellow contestants will NOT BE ALLOWED NOR TOLERATED. Offenders will receive no more that 3 warnings from representatives of *Go Oak Cliff* and non-compliance will be grounds for disqualification from the Cookoff and expulsion from the Barbecue Cookoff Grounds.

11. QUIET TIME is 12:00 Midnight until 7am Sunday morning.

12. Contest spaces of 20'x20' will be available for each team. There is no electricity available at these spots. All cooking facilities, rigs, props or show articles must fit within your team's contest space.

13. The Chief Cook for each team will be responsible for the conduct of his team, guests or invitees. As well, the Chief Cook will be responsible for his team's compliance with the rules and regulations herein set forth. EXCESSIVE USE of alcoholic beverages will be grounds for disqualification. Contestants must not give, offer, sell or donate alcoholic beverages to the general public. Teams will only offer BBQ to the public if they have purchased the BBQ Tasting Wrist Band. Any offensive conduct will be grounds for disqualification from the Cookoff and expulsion from the Barbecue Cookoff Grounds.

14. GO OAK CLIFF RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MAKE ADDITIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS AS THE SITUATION WARRANTS. DECISIONS OF GO OAK CLIFF ARE FINAL.

15. Go Oak Cliff, its members or directors, The Kessler Theater and all participating landlords will not be held responsible for theft or damage to equipment or bodily injury of any kind.

16. Animal(s) of any kind WILL NOT BE PERMITTED in any contestant's contest space nor will any animal(s) be permitted on the Barbecue Cookoff Grounds, EXCEPT for seeing-eye dogs.

17. The "**People's Choice Award**": The general public will be given the opportunity to purchase a BBQ Tasting Wrist Band from *Go Oak Cliff* to sample your cooking from 12:30pm. to 3:30pm on Saturday. Voting tickets will also be distributed to the public. Each team needs a receptacle where the public can place their tickets as each ticket counts as a 'vote'. Votes will be tallied by *Go Oak Cliff* at 3:30pm and winners announced at 4pm.

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