



Town of Jackson
Hook & Cook Festival
October 19-20, 2018
OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT RULES
COOKING

1. **ENTRY FEE:** Entry fee is non-refundable. \$200.00 butts only; \$250.00 butts and ribs. Festival will provide all meat.
2. **AWARDS: BUTTS 1st - \$1000.00, 2nd - \$400.00, 3rd - \$200.00, 4th - \$100.00, and 5th - \$100.00 with trophies awarded to first 3 places. Ribs 1st \$500.00, 2nd \$200.00, 3rd \$100.00 with trophies awarded to first 3 places. A Grand CHAMPION Prize of \$1000.00 based on total accumulative score.**
3. **COOKING:** Wood, gas or charcoal permitted. Meat must be prepared on site of festival. Open pits must be enclosed with a suitable barrier.
4. **COOKING SITE & PREPARATION:** You are required to have a tent, fire extinguisher, hand wash station with catch can or bucket, and tarp or mat under cooker or grill. You are limited to a 25x25 site that you are expected to keep clean during and after event.
5. **PRESENTATION:** Meat may be presented with or without sauce as the contestant wishes. One large plate will be submitted for judging by team represented. **DO NOT SEND SAUCE ON THE SIDE WITH MEAT.**
6. **GARNISH:** NO GARNISH. MEAT ONLY IN FOOD BOX.
7. **COOKED MEAT:** All BBQ Meat and ribs will be retained by the Town of Jackson and sold by the Festival for the 11th annual Hook & Cook BBQ. Pork will be sold Saturday starting at 11:00 AM until sold out. We are asking cooking teams to cook 6 butts, dependent on number of entries, and to process the meat (pans will be provided). Your help would be greatly appreciated.
8. **FOOD SAFETY:** All meat must be kept at 40 degrees F or below before cooking. Pork must be cooked to 155 degrees F. Potentially hazardous food should be kept at 130 degrees F or above at all times. DHEC requires you to bring a working meat thermometer. Disposable gloves must be used while cooking and handling of food. Teams are expected to adhere to all county, state and federal electrical, fire and health codes.
9. **JUDGING:** Judging by South Carolina BBQ Association SBCA Certified Judges will begin at 10:00 AM for butts and 11:00 AM for ribs. Winner will be announced at 1:00 PM. Each Judge will judge no more than 8 entries generally fewer by teams of 6 or more judges. Entrees will be judged blind on appearance, aroma, taste, tenderness and overall impression. In the unlikely case of a tie in overall scoring the tie will be broken by recalculating the scores from the cards and giving the highest value to taste, then tenderness, then aroma.
10. **PETS:** All pets must be on a leash.
11. **This is a FAMILY EVENT.** Please be DISCRETE with your "adult beverages". (PLASTIC CUPS, ETC.) We also ask you to limit noise from the hours of 12:00 AM and 7:00 AM. All teams are expected to respect the rights of others with special emphasis against loud music, profane language, and infringement on adjoining sites.
12. **ENTRY FORMS:** Entry forms will be available and pre-registration at Jackson Town Hall, 106 Main Street, Jackson, SC. Form and fees may be mailed to the Hook & Cook, PO Box 369, Jackson, SC 29831 but must be received prior to October 12, 2018.
13. **WAIVER OF LIABILITY:** By signing the entry form, you waive and release any and all rights and claims of any nature you may have against the Town of Jackson, and any other organization or individual connected with this event; their representatives, successors, heirs and assigns for all injuries, fatal accidents, or personal property damage of any nature while taking part in any activities associated with above mentioned tournament.
14. **COOK'S MEETING** will be held at 5:00 PM on Friday. Rule explanations and questions will be addressed at this time. Butts, ribs, and turn-in containers will be available after 2:00 PM on Friday.