



2016 Steak Cook-Off Rules

- You must provide samples starting at 3:30 pm, preferably until 5:30pm. You may use your remaining 2 steaks to pass out as samples, your appetizer entry, or anything grilled that you would like to provide spectators.
- Cooking teams may use wood, charcoal, or gas.
- Texas Reds will provide each team with 3 steaks - teams will turn in 1. Cooks are encouraged to share their remaining steaks with festival spectators in small sample portions during the sampling time at 3:30 p.m.. Steaks will be judged for appearance, doneness, taste, texture and overall impression. Taste will be the first tiebreaker, texture will be the second.
- Head cooks meeting is at 10 a.m. Steaks will be given out at 10:30 a.m. after the meeting.
- If you signed up for the appetizer portion, this will be accepted between 12:30 p.m. and 1 p.m. Competition steaks will be accepted between 2:30 p.m. and 3 p.m.
- Awards will be announced around 6:00 p.m. on the North stage by the cook-off area. (Final time to be announced later when stage performance is set.)
- Steaks may not be removed from your cooking booth; any violation of this will result in immediate team disqualification from the competition.
- The cooking teams need to provide all seasonings and "secret ingredients". No illegal substances, chemicals or drugs can be used. Steaks cannot be branded on injected.
- NO garnishes should be on the steaks. Steaks are to be submitted whole; we will slice them as they are submitted before submitting to be judged.
- All steaks are to be handled in a sanitary manner. Plastic gloves are to be used in handling the steaks at all times. Proper food handling procedures must be followed.
- Grills will be inspected for cleanliness before cooking. Unclean grills will be rejected.
- Cooking teams are responsible for providing tables and chairs they might need at their cooking area.
- A minimum 5 lb. ABC rated fire extinguisher must be readily available to each cooking team. All tents and canopies need to have certificate of fire retardant.
- No more than (4) four cases of beer per team may be brought into the festival. Additional beer may be purchased in the festival. No other alcohol is allowed. These are for your consumption. Do not distribute to festival guests.
- Ashes will need to be contained in the event ash barrels.

Prizes for Winning Cook-off Teams

1st Place

\$1000 Cash Prize, Award, and Entry Fee for World Championship Steak Cook-off in Magnolia, Arkansas
(*Travel not included)*

2nd Place

\$750 Cash Prize and Award

3rd Place

\$500 Cash Prize and Award