



**Texas Trophy Hunters Association®
Presents**

**TTHA's Bucks & BBQ®
2026 BBQ Cook-Off - March 27-28, 2026
National Shooting Complex, San Antonio, TX
CBA Sanctioned**

**\$11,000 guaranteed pay-out and additional
awards**

For Additional Information, Complete Rules & Regulations and the Cook-Off
Entry Form Visit <https://ttha.com/contests/bucks-and-bbq-cook-off/>
Call (800) 800-3207 or Email jenn@ttha.com

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Dear BBQ Team,

Texas Trophy Hunters Association® (TTHA) is proud to announce the **15th annual** TTHA's Bucks & BBQ® Cook-Off to take place March 27-28, 2026, at the National Shooting Complex in San Antonio. BBQ teams from all over the great state of Texas will compete for cash and prizes at this event sanctioned by the Champions Barbecue Association (CBA).

TTHA invites you and your team to compete in our “cooker friendly” event. Our goal is to provide you, the BBQ team, with a great experience, a well-organized event, and a fun time.

At TTHA's Bucks & BBQ® Cook-Off, **each member of every team (up to 5 people per team) signed up in the cook-off will receive a 1-year membership to TTHA . Categories for competition include brisket, pork ribs, chicken, pork butt , and jackpot category of wild game and margaritas. Over \$11,000 in cash payouts plus additional awards** will be given away during the event with **payouts for first through tenth places in 4 meat categories** (brisket, pork ribs, chicken, and pork) and **payouts for the top 3 (in the jackpot categories)**

***Sign up by Dec 31st and be entered to win a 2026 Bucks & BBQ Buckle
(and additional prizes)***

Please read the Rules and Regulations, complete the Cook-Off Entry Form, and return it to: **TTHA's Bucks & BBQ® c/o Texas Trophy Hunters Association, 654 Richland Hills, Suite 160 San Antonio, TX 78245. Email the Entry Form to jenn@ttha.com call (800) 800-3207.**

The National Shooting Complex is located at 5931 Rofth Road, off Culebra Rd (FM 471) and outside Loop 1604, on the Northwest side of San Antonio.

We hope to see you at the event!

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TTHA's Bucks & BBQ® Rules and Regulations

1. Teams will consist of a Head Cook and up to four (4) team members (total of five). Cooks meeting will be held Friday evening at 7:00 pm in the judging area. HEAD COOKS MUST ATTEND. All teams must be checked in at this time. Teams will be allowed on the premises beginning at 9:00 am on the Friday of the event. Teams must vacate no later than 9:00 am on the Sunday of the event.
2. Move in time for the event starts on Friday morning at 9:00 am and must be completed by 6:00 pm. Please note that main road where teams are assigned will be closed starting at 6:00 pm and will not re-open until after the awards ceremony on Saturday. The main road into the complex will remain open during the event. If you need to make special arrangements regarding move-in, please contact the TTHA office at 210-523-8500. Up to two vehicles will be allowed in the designated spot (motor home/travel trailer is considered one (1) vehicle).
3. CBA Judging rules apply – please visit <https://www.cbabbq.com/about.cfm> (click on cook off rules) for a complete list of CBA rules

Judging Tray Contents

- A. Chicken: enough for 6 judges required, no pulled or shredded allowed. No garnish allowed. Foil provided by CBA must be placed unfolded at the bottom of the tray.
- B. Pork Ribs: enough for 6 judges is required. Pork Spare ribs, St. Louis cut, or baby back ribs are allowed. Must be bone in, individually cut. No garnish allowed. Foil provided by CBA must be placed unfolded at the bottom of the tray.
- C. Pork: enough for 6 judges is required, Pork butt only. Any cut or combination of cuts from the pork butt is allowed. No garnish allowed. Foil provided by CBA must be placed unfolded at the bottom of the tray.
- D. Brisket: enough for 6 judges is required. Slices and or burnt ends allowed. No garnish allowed. Foil provided by CBA must be placed unfolded at the bottom of the tray. Garnish is defined as anything other than the designated category protein.
- E. (Garnish is defined as anything other than the designated category protein.)

F. Wild Game (Jackpot) You may only choose from Venison, Axis, Elk, Dove or Quail
No other meats will be accepted/allowed (no exceptions). Meat must be cooked on the grill and the tray may be garnished. 50/50 split with paying top 3

G. Margarita (Jackpot) Can be served frozen or on-the-rocks. 50/50 split with paying top 3

4. Turn-In Times are as follows:

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| Wild Game – Jackpot | 10:30am |
| Chicken | 12:00pm |
| Pork Ribs | 1:00pm |
| Pork | 2:00pm |
| Brisket | 3:00pm |
| Margarita - Jackpot | 4:00pm |

***A ten-minute window before the category turn in time will be recognized. Trays that are late will not be judged.**

CBA Scoring System

CBA requires that a QR code will be affixed to the top of a tray. CBA will provide each head cook with a QR code that is assigned to his/her team and will need to be provided at every turn in. This code will be scanned by a CBA event representative at turn in time. Each team is responsible for taking care of their trays. Damaged trays may be returned to the event representative for replacement only if the original QR code is attached.

JUDGING Entries will be judged by six (6) judges (judges must be at least 16 years old). All entries will be judged on PRESENTATION, TASTE, and TEXTURE. The scoring system values will range from Excellent being the best score to Poor being the worst score.

The weighting factors for the point system are as follows:

1. PRESENTATION: 18% (.72)
2. TASTE: 46.5% (1.86)
3. TEXTURE: 35.5% (1.42)

Single Round Judging - CBA Event Representative will allocate a recommended amount of 10 entries to a table with six (6) judges. The lowest score out of the 6 judges will be dropped. The remaining 5 scores will be used to determine category placement. Once all CBA categories are scored we will add those scores together to determine overall placement.

5. All meats that may be entered into judging will be cooked from scratch within the constraints of the event. Pre-cooking, marinating, etc. will not be allowed either on or off cook-off site prior to the start of the cook-off as defined by the cook-off promoter. Teams must provide their own meat. Random meat inspection can be conducted by a CBA Event Representative, CBA Director of Event Representative, and/or any active board member. If any irregularity is found, the cooking team can be disqualified, and no refund will be available.
6. SANITATION – All teams expected to maintain their cook sites in an orderly and clean manner and to use good sanitary practices during the preparation, cooking and judging process. The use of sanitary gloves is required at all times while handling food. Failure to use sanitary gloves may result in disqualification. Teams are responsible for cleanup of their site once the competition has ended. All federal, state, and local food safety rules and regulations must be adhered to at all times.
7. Selling of BBQ plates and samples are not allowed. If you plan on preparing food for mass crowd consumption, please review the requirements at the Bexar County Fire Marshall's office for a mobile food vending (application for mobile food vending). TTHA is not responsible for any permit you may be required to obtain.
8. BBQ PITS - Any commercial or homemade, trailered, or un-trailered, pit or smoker normally used for competitive barbeque. A BBQ Pit may include gas or electricity for starting the combustion of wood or wood products but NOT to complete cooking. Pit should be of a permanent design that contains separate individual cooking chambers and heat sources (no sharing of heat sources). Pellet smokers are permitted.
 - a) Electrical accessories such as spits, augers or force drafts are permitted.
 - b) The use of heat lamps, proofing cabinets or any other electrical heating or holding device is prohibited.
 - c) The process of Sous Vide, boiling, or frying of competition meat is not allowed.
9. No pit area shall be allowed to project beyond their assigned space, and teams are not allowed to take contents out of the assigned space, including the distribution of literature or materials. Props, trailers, motor homes, tents and any other equipment may not exceed the boundary of the contestants' assigned space. Only one (1) team allowed per space.
10. All outdoor tents must be anchored with water barrels or sandbags. **Under no circumstance are teams to drill holes or tent stakes in the concrete or asphalt of the premises.** If said damage is found to be present, team will be fully responsible for repairing the damages to National Shooting Complex specifications. This will also apply to any damaged caused by the cook-off team to any electrical/water line in assigned or surrounding cooking space. All teams, their agents or employees shall be responsible for any injury or defacing to the grounds of the facility or equipment of other teams.

11. No extra vehicles will be allowed in the pit area once the pit is setup. Motor home/travel trailer is considered one (1) vehicle. No skateboards, roller blades, or 4 wheelers are allowed on premises. Golf Carts and/or ATV's will be allowed (not to be operated by anyone under 16 years of age) **To rent golf carts from the NSC by calling 210-254-1526 (prior to the cook-off).**
12. It is the responsibility of the contestant to see that the contest area is kept clean & that the area is cleaned and policed following the contest. All fires must be put out, concrete blocks & other building materials or props hauled away & all equipment removed from the site.
13. Excessive use of alcoholic beverages may be grounds for disqualification. Alcoholic beverage rules must be followed. **Under no circumstances are alcoholic beverages to be distributed to the public.**
14. Promoter & cook-off officials will not be held responsible for accidents, theft, or any mishaps.
15. Limited water and electricity hookups are available for travel trailers or motor homes (as assigned). If you are assigned a spot with hook-ups those are included in your entry fee for Friday night. If you chose to stay over Saturday night, then you will be charged \$25.00 for the hook-ups. Generators are allowed.
16. QUIET TIME" will be 11:00 pm to 7:00 am. Generators will be allowed to run during this time. No excessive or loud music allowed.
17. TTHA officials reserve the right to disqualify any team that does not abide by the rules. TTHA reserves the right to prohibit any team, Exhibit, or proposed Exhibit, which in TTHA's opinion is not suitable for TTHA's Bucks & BBQ® event. This express reservation concerns persons, items, printed matter, conduct, and all other things which affect the character of TTHA's Bucks & BBQ® event.
18. TTHA reserves the right to adjust or make changes in cooking space assignments, up to and including the date of move in, to ensure an even flow of traffic or to maintain the theme of TTHA's Bucks & BBQ® event.
19. No fund-raising activities will be allowed by cooking teams without express written consent of TTHA. No foods, drinks or products may be sold (unless pre-approved by TTHA).
20. Pit areas which include the operation of audio/visual or lighting equipment must be arranged so that the noise/light from said equipment will not annoy or disturb any contiguous or adjacent teams or attendees.
21. In the event of fire, strikes, rioting, hurricanes, civil disorders, pandemic, or other circumstances making it impossible to operate the Facility to be determined within the discretion of TTHA, this agreement shall become null and void. All payments will be transferred towards the next Bucks & BBQ Cook-Off. If a team must cancel prior to the event no refunds will be given.

22. This agreement shall not be assigned, and no rights granted to the team in the agreement shall be subcontracted without the written consent of TTHA. This agreement contains all the agreements of the parties and may only be amended in writing by separate document duly executed by both parties.
23. This agreement is entered into and performable in San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas. The appropriate courts of Bexar County shall have exclusive venue over any claims arising out of or related to enforcements or interpretation of this agreement, or attendance at TTHA's Bucks & BBQ® event.