

# Gober Fall Festival BBQ Cook-Off – October 18-19, 2024

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. **TEAMS** – A team is any individual or group with a maximum of three members that pay one total entry fee and have one turn in per category. No team may enter any category twice.
2. **ENTRY FORM & FEE** – See attached Entry Form to be turned in at the Cook's Meeting. Total entry fee will be \$100. All teams must turn in one item for each category listed to be considered for the overall winner. No pro-rated entry fees will be accepted for failing to enter all three categories.
3. **LOCATION** – The event will be held at the Gober Community Club, 4640 FM 68 Gober, TX 75443. (Intersection of FM 271 and FM 68, Gober, Texas) Contact 903.227.8499 for more information.
4. **COOK'S MEETING** – A cook's meeting will be held on Friday, October 18 @ 9:00 PM at the Gober Community Club.
5. **INTERPRETATION OF RULES** – The interpretation of the rules and regulations are those of the Gober Community Club and their decisions will be final. All rules are subject to change prior to or at the cook's meeting without notice.
6. **REFUND OF ENTRY FEES** – There will be no refund of entry fees.
7. **COOKER** – For this event, cooker refers to the smoker/grill that the team uses. The cooker may be charcoal, wood, gas, or electric. Teams must provide their own generator or electricity if needed. Multiple cookers are allowed for each team. (Example, offset smoker and charcoal grill)
8. **EQUIPMENT** – Each team will supply all of the equipment necessary for the preparation of their entry.
9. **MEAT** – Meat will NOT be provided by the Gober Community Club. All meat for the contest must be purchased and brought by the teams that enter.
10. **TEAM SPACE** – Team spaces will be identified at the cook's meeting.

## 11. MEAT CATEGORIES & REQUIREMENTS

- a. **Brisket** – Beef brisket. A minimum of 6 slices of brisket must be turned in. Teams may include “burnt ends” or additional parts of the brisket if desired, but minimum of 6 whole slices must be in the box.
  - b. **Ribs** – Pork Spareribs. St-Louis Style or Traditional Spares. A minimum of 4 ribs must be turned in.
  - c. **Chicken** – Half chickens. Chicken must not be quartered or sliced prior to turn-in.
12. **SAUCE** – Sauce will be allowed, but not required, on all items EXCEPT for brisket. Brisket must be turned in without sauce. Failure to comply results in a disqualification.
13. **GARNISH** – No garnish should accompany any turn in. Foil is allowed in the bottom of the turn-in box if desired. Judges should not have to move foil to begin judging. Addition or lack of foil will not be considered in the scoring.
14. **CRITERIA** – Judging will be completed with the following criteria.
- a. **Appearance** - 10 points
  - b. **Taste/Flavor** – 10 points
  - c. **Tenderness/Texture** –10 points
15. **SCORING** – Scoring will be completed with the three criteria for a maximum of 30 points per judge, or ten points per criteria with the lowest scoring being 0/10 for each criterion and the highest being 10/10 for each criterion. Overall winners will be considered from the highest total combined score for Brisket, Ribs, and Chicken. Failure to turn in an item will result in a 0/10 for that category.
16. **TURN IN TIMES** – Boxes will be provided for each item with double ticket attached to the box. Items should be turned in during the turn-in window and not prior to or after. When turning in, please retain the portion of the ticket not attached to the box.
- a. Brisket – 2:45 PM - 3:00 PM
  - b. Jackpot 1:45 PM – 2:00 PM
  - c. Ribs – 12:45 PM - 1:00 PM
  - d. Chicken – 11:45 AM - 12:00 PM

17. **JACKPOT ITEM** – For an additional \$20 jackpot entry, a team may enter a pulled pork sandwich. Item must be prepared during the competition. The definition of COOKER will apply to this category as well. Jackpot item will not count toward the overall competition and is not required. Jackpot will be judged based on taste, creativity, and appearance. Jackpot entry must be turned in no later than the cook’s meeting at 9:00 PM on October 18, 2024. Teams must enter the competition to qualify for a jackpot entry. Turn in requirement will be one (1) pulled pork sandwich in a box provided to you. There are no limitations on type of bun, toppings, or sauce but teams must provide all of their own items. In the result of a tie, the tie breaker will be determined from the taste category. All categories are determined on a 0 – 10 scale with a total possible score of 30.
18. **DISQUALIFICATIONS** – Teams are subject to disqualification for reasons listed, but not limited to the items, below.
- Late Turn In** – A late turn in time will be considered a disqualification for the particular category for that team and will receive a 0/10 for that category.
  - Doneness** – Any meat that is not cooked to a safe internal temperate prior to turn in will be considered disqualified. This will be determined by the judges based on sight of product. Any product to be determined undercooked by the judges is not debatable and is up to their sole discretion. For this competition, the minimum internal temperate recommendations for the turn in items will follow USDA guidelines.
  - Failure to Follow Section 11, 12, and/or 13** – Boxes with less than the required amount of meat or that do not follow the category requirements as listed in SECTION 11, 12, and/or 13 will be disqualified.
  - No selling food to attendees.** – Food will not be sold to attendees of the Fall Festival. You are welcome to cook any additional items for your own or guests’ consumption at no charge or donate any items to the Fall Festival for sale or auction. Violation of this rule will result in a complete disqualification from the competition.
19. **CLEANLINESS** – Teams are expected to maintain an acceptable level of cleanliness and use caution to conduct safe food handling, cooking, and storage.
20. **AWARDS** – Awards will be presented at 4:00 PM for the following. A tie in a category will be split using the highest score in appearance, then taste, then tenderness, in that order. An overall tie will be split using the highest score for brisket, then ribs, then chicken, in that order. The Grand Champion will receive a custom belt buckle with certificates for all other placings.
- Jackpot** – Winner Take All, 100% Payout
  - Brisket** – 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - Ribs** – 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - Chicken** – 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - All Around** – Grand Champion & Reserve Champion
21. **ADDITIONAL ITEMS OF NOTE**

- a. There is a fundraising auction the night of the 19<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to prepare additional food and donate to the auction you are welcome to do so. This is not a requirement. Please make sure any donated food stays at a safe temperate.
- b. Your space may be set up anytime between 5:00 PM-9:00 PM on Friday, October 18. If you need special arrangements, please contact the Fall Festival Committee @ 903.227.8499 beforehand.
- c. You are welcome to leave and come back after the cook's meeting, but you must be present for all turn in times and awards to qualify for any award. All meat MUST be cooked on site.
- d. Move-out of cooking area may occur upon completion of the event. There will be other Fall Festival related events with children and adults going on during the cook-off and extreme caution must be used when leaving. If you would like to return on Sunday, October 20 to move-out you are welcome to do so.

***Gober Community Club, its officers, and/or members are not responsible for any damages, theft of property, injuries, death, or any other incident, resulting from any actions related to your involvement in the Gober Fall Festival BBQ cook-off. By entering the competition, you agree to abide by all rules and regulations listed in this document. Rules are subject to change without notice prior to the event. This BBQ competition is not affiliated with any sanctioned BBQ competition or association.***

## **SCHEDULE**

### **Friday, October 18**

**Move In – 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM**

**Cook's Meeting – 9:00 PM**

### **Saturday, October 19**

**Chicken Turn In – 11:45 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Rib Turn In – 12:45 PM - 1:00 PM**

**Jackpot Turn In – 1:45 PM - 2:00 PM**

**Brisket Turn In – 2:45 PM - 3:00 PM**

**Awards – 4:00 PM**

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## Entry Form

*(All Fields Required)*

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Members:

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Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

BBQ Competition Entry Fee: \$100

Paid: Yes/No

For questions contact Jaylen Wallace @ 903.227.8499.

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## Jackpot Entry Form

*(All Fields Required)*

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Jackpot Item Description:

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Jackpot Item Entry Fee: \$20

Paid: Yes/No

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