



VFW POST 8905
41st Semi-Annual BBQ Cook-Off
COMPETITOR PACKET

IBCA Sanctioned Competition
September 11–12, 2026

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WELCOME

Welcome to the VFW Post 8905 41st Semi-Annual BBQ Cook-Off. Thank you for supporting our veterans and community. This packet contains VFW Post 8905 event information. Competition is governed by the Official IBCA Competition Rules included as Appendix A.

BEFORE YOU ARRIVE

- **Contest space is limited and assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.**
- **Electrical and water service is limited and assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.**
- Teams must provide all cooking equipment and supplies.
- Entry fees and Registration forms should be paid no later than one week before the event.
- Registration or entry fees on day of event is \$225.00 **CASH ONLY**.
- Entry forms may be submitted at the Post Canteen during normal operating hours.
Large trailer teams may begin setup Thursday after 10:00 AM and must be in place by Friday at 11:00 AM unless prior approval is granted.

COMPETITION INFORMATION

This contest is sanctioned by the International Barbeque Cookers Association (IBCA). All cooking, judging, turn-in procedures, and competition requirements are governed by the current Official IBCA Competition Rules (Appendix A). The IBCA Head Judge has final authority regarding competition matters. The Event Committee has final authority regarding event operations, safety, site assignments, and Post property rules.

DURING THE EVENT

Team Responsibilities

- Keep your cook site clean and assist with trash disposal.
- The Head Cook is responsible for the conduct of all team members and guests.
- This is a family-friendly event. Competitors and guests are expected to conduct themselves respectfully.
- Committee members will be available to answer questions.
- Well-behaved dogs are permitted but must remain leashed and within the team's assigned space. Pets will not be allowed inside the building at anytime.
- All contestants and guests must wear shirts and footwear while on Post property.
- All equipment must be removed from the cook-off area by Noon Sunday.

Safety

- Do not block gates, entrances, or fire lanes.
- No golf carts, ATVs, bicycles, slingshots, water balloons, firearms, or similar items are permitted in the contest area.
- Gate closes Friday at 9:00 PM and remains closed until after the awards ceremony.
- Vehicles parked in fire lanes or blocking gates may be towed at the owner's expense.
- After Midnight, Music must be at a volume that will not disrupt other cook teams

Alcohol

- **Texas law requires participants to be 21 years of age to consume alcoholic beverages.**
- Outside beer and wine are prohibited.
- Teams may bring their own liquor. Setups may be purchased from the Canteen.

AT A GLANCE

Main Categories	Chicken, Pork Spare Ribs, Brisket
Optional Categories	Beans, Open, Margarita
Main Entry Fee	\$200
Optional Categories	\$25 each
Head Cook Meeting	Friday - 6:00 PM in the Small VFW Hall
Awards	Following Brisket Judging (approx. 5pm Saturday)



COMPETITOR REGISTRATION/ENTRY FORM

Head Cook	
Team Name/Size	
IBCA Member #	
Phone	
Email	
Mailing Address	
City / State / ZIP	
Emergency Contact	
Emergency Phone	
Trailer Length	
# of Vehicles	
Generator	Yes No
Electric Requested	Yes No
Expected Arrival Day/Time	

Chosen Categories: ☐ Main ☐ Beans ☐ Open ☐ Margarita

OFFICE USE: Site _____ Payment _____ Checked-In By _____

ENTRY FEES & PAYOUT

- Main Competition (Chicken, Ribs, Brisket): \$200
- Optional Categories (Beans, Open, Margarita): \$25 each
- Optional category payouts: First Place receives 80% of collected entry fees.
- Main category prize payouts are based on paid entries at 80%.

Please Mail your Entry Form, liability release on next page and Check to:

Office: [\(281\) 469-6632](tel:2814696632)
 21902 Northwest FWY
 Cypress, TX 77429

Mail: VFW Post 8905
 P.O. Box 2
 Cypress, Texas 77410

LIABILITY AND RELEASE

Participation is voluntary and involves inherent risks. Participants assume responsibility for injury, theft, property damage, weather, fire, equipment failure, and food preparation risks. Except where prohibited by law or arising from gross negligence or willful misconduct, participants release and hold harmless VFW Post 8905, its officers, volunteers, sponsors, and event staff from claims arising from participation. Competitors are responsible for damage caused by themselves, their team members, guests, vehicles, trailers, generators, pets, or equipment.

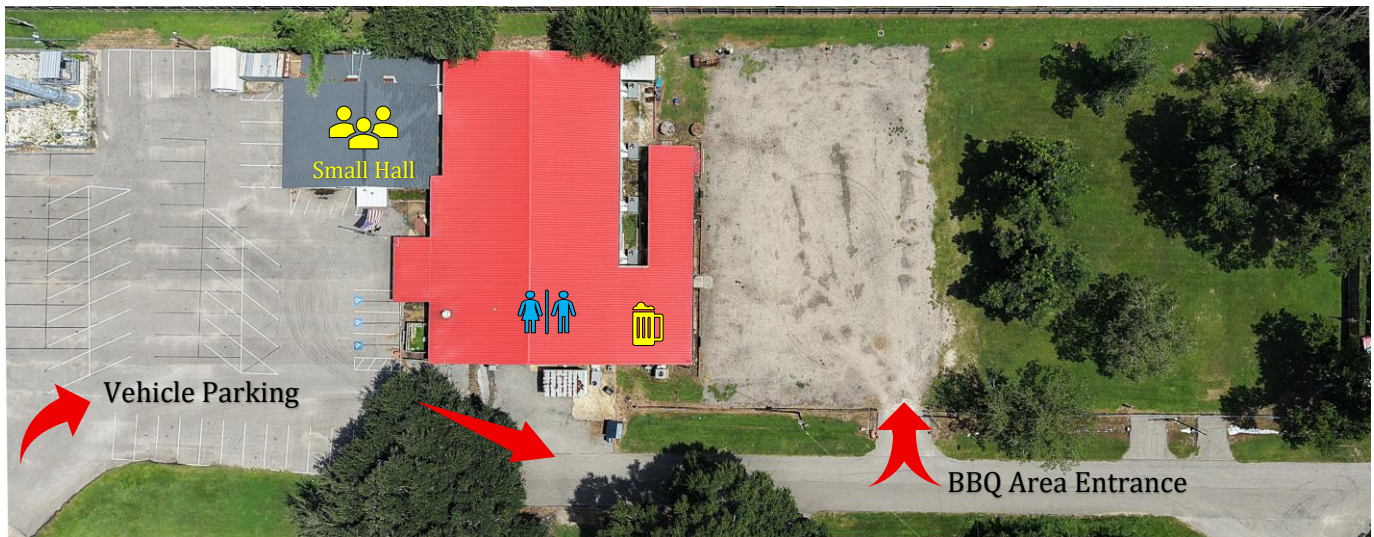
Head Cook Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____



SITE MAP /QR Codes



Official Rules for
IBCA Competition

EVENT SCHEDULE

Time	Event
Thursday 10:00 AM	Large trailer check-in/setup
Friday 7:00 AM	General check-in
Friday 6:00 PM	Mandatory Head Cook Meeting-Small Hall
Friday 8:00 PM	Margarita Turn-In-
Friday 9:00 PM	Move-in cutoff / Gate closes to vehicles
Saturday 9:00-10:00 AM	Tray Pickup
Saturday 10:00 AM	Beans Turn-In / Silent Auction Opens
Saturday 11:00 AM	Open Turn-In
Saturday 12:00 PM	Chicken Turn-In
Saturday 1:30 PM	Ribs Turn-In
Saturday 3:00 PM	Brisket Turn-In
Saturday 4:30 PM	Silent Auction Closes
Saturday 5:00 PM	Awards Ceremony
Sunday Noon	All pits removed / Trash in dumpsters

CONCURRENT EVENT SCHEDULE

Time	Event
Till 5pm Sat	50/50
Till 5pm Sat	Liquor wagon Raffle
Till 5pm Sat	Scratch offs? TBD
Until sold out	Baked goods
1030a till sold out	BBQ plates for purchase
Till 4pm Sat	Wheel of food- cake, alcohol, meat

APPENDIX A

Attach the Official IBCA Competition Rules (June 12, 2026 revision) to this packet when distributing to competitors.



Official Rules for IBCA Competition