

# JR. PIT MASTER CONTEST INFORMATION

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- Entries are \$50 per contestant: this contest is open to the public
- Contestants will compete for the Jr. Pit Master title in two age divisions:
  - Junior Division (ages 8-12) **Max 20 entries per division**
  - Senior Division (ages 13-17) **Max 20 entries per division**
  - Age divisions are based on age at the time of the contest.
- The Jr. Pit Master Contest will be judged based on three categories: Presentation, Tastes & Texture
- Adult supervision is required; one per team/cook
- Colorado County Fair will provide the Steak and apron
  - Jr. Pit Masters will need to bring their own Charcoal/wood grill, Charcoal or Wood, utensils, BBQ seasonings/rubs, gloves, foil, table and any additional items needed.

## THANK YOU JR. PIT MASTER SPONSORS

*Nelson Carports  
Blues Hog Charcoal  
Robert Smit*

*Schneider Machine & Welding  
Schneider Tire & Lube  
Cinco Ranch Ace Hardware*

## JR. PITMASTER CONTEST RULES

- Registration is online or in person
- Please note: Fairground entry not included in the registration cost.
- The Jr. Cook is responsible for prepping, seasoning, cooking, and presenting their entry.
  - Guidance from an adult is allowed, but please allow the Jr. Cook to be the Head Cook.
- Jr. Cooks will cook on charcoal grills in the Jr. Pit Master area.
- Colorado County Fair will provide all the competition steak to be cooked.
  - Steak will be handed out at the Jr. Pit Master area at the start time.
  - Steak will be prepped and cooked in the Jr. Pit Master area.
- The Steak provided is not to leave the designated Jr. Pit Master area.
  - If this occurs, the pit will be disqualified.
  - No other Steak is to be present in the Jr. Pit Master area other than the Steak provided.
- Sauce must be cooked on; no additional sauce may be added once the Steak is in the tray.
  - No pooling of sauces or liquids in the turn in tray.
- Steak may not contain decorations, toppings, stuffing, or additional items.
  - Only the Steak provided is allowed in the tray.
  - Steak may not be marked in any way apart from grill marks.
- Steak may be lightly trimmed before, but not after cooking.
- No garnishment or any additional items other than the entry should be put into the contest container.
- Steak must be submitted in the provided trays.
  - The foil provided must stay in the tray under the Steak.
- If the Jr. Cook abandons the pit in the Jr. Pit Master area for any reason, other than a medical emergency or to use the restroom, the Jr. Cook must notify the BBQ Committee member.
  - If at any time the Jr. Cook is not the primary cook, the pit will be disqualified.
  - If the pit has been abandoned by the Jr. Cook without notifying the BBQ Committee Member, the pit may be disqualified.

## JR. PITMASTER CONTEST SCHEDULE & AWARDS

Friday, September 11, 2026

**10:00 a.m.** - Jr. Pit Master Cook Check-In

(located under the big tent on BBQ Hill)

**10:30 a.m.** - Jr. Pit Master Cook Meeting

**10:45 a.m.** - Steak and Turn- in tray Distribution

**11:00 a.m.** - Pits lit & Cooking Begins

**12:00 p.m.** - Lemonade turn in

**12:30 p.m.** - Steak turn in

### WHAT WILL YOU NEED TO BRING?

#### ITEMS PROVIDED BY COLORADO COUNTY FAIR:

- COLORADO COUNTY FAIR JR. PIT MASTER APRON
- STEAK
- WATER AND ELECTRIC
- Charcoal

#### JR. COOKER WILL NEED TO PROVIDE:

- CHARCOAL/WOOD PIT OR GRILL
- COOKING UTENSILS-SUCH AS TONGS, SPATULA, BRUSH ETC.
- BBQ RUB
- BBQ SAUCE
- GLOVES OR HAND WIPES
- FOIL
- TABLES

### JR. PIT MASTER AWARDS

**GRAND CHAMPION** - \$250.00 & a Cutting Board

**RESERVE CHAMPION** - \$100.00 & a Cutting Board

**\*\*Will be awarded in both age divisions\*\***

# TERMS & CONDITIONS

## LEGAL ENFORCEMENT AND SUMMARY

Colorado County Fair including its officers, directors, volunteers and agents and/or employees (herein called Colorado County Fair), the County of Colorado (herein called County), the City of Columbus and the Colorado County Fair Contestants, including parents, and/or legal representatives (herein called Contestant), agree that CCFA, County, and City will in no case be responsible for any loss, damage or injury, regardless of how much loss, damage or injury is occasioned by whom. Contestant will protect, indemnify and hold harmless CCFA from any and all claims, suits and/or judgments (including the cost of defense of any such claim and/or suit by Colorado County Fair) brought by anyone as a result of any loss, damage or injury to any person, animal or property occasioned by any action or inaction of Contestant, whether solely or in conjunction with Colorado County Fair or anyone else. The Colorado County Fair Board of Directors reserves the final, absolute right to interpret rules and regulations and to arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions, or differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of, connected with, or incident to CCFA and its activities. It further reserves the right to determine unforeseen matters not covered by these rules and to amend or add to these rules as in its judgment as it may determine necessary.

1. Failure of any Team Representative to abide by all rules, regulations, specifications, guidelines, and requirements as set forth in the 2025 CCFA, a CCFA production, Team Handbook and Contest Rules may, at the sole discretion of CCFA, result in forfeiture of all monies, rights, and privileges.
2. CCFA Leadership reserves the right to deny any Team participation at Colorado County Fair that has previously violated the CCFA, a CCFA production, Team Handbook and Contest Rules.
3. By this reference, the Handbook is incorporated into and becomes a part of the Official Entry Form. By signing the Official Entry Form, the Team's Chief Cook agrees to abide by the provisions of this Handbook. It is also agreed and assured that the Team's Chief Cook has made all Team Representatives aware of the contents of the Handbook.
4. Any incident of non-compliance with any part of this Handbook is considered a breach of agreement and may be cause for immediate expulsion from the Contest. Violations of the rules and regulations set forth in this Handbook will result in:
  - First Violation: verbal and written warning
  - Second Violation: \$100.00 fine, payable upon assessment
  - Third Violation: \$500.00 fine, payable upon assessment
5. Show policy promotes equal opportunities and participation for everyone with no distinctions based on race, color, gender, sexual orientation, religion, disability, national origin or other considerations. Notwithstanding other provisions included in this Handbook, violation of this policy could result in immediate termination of the Team's Official Entry Form, requiring the Team to vacate space and forfeit all monies paid to date.
6. Colorado County Fair Board of Directors reserves the right to establish and enforce whatever rules are necessary for the regulation of the Contest.
8. Team Representatives must comply with all rules, regulations, and requirements of the Fire Marshal, the Colorado County Health & Human Services Department and any governmental entity having jurisdiction over these premises.

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## EVENT CANCELLATION

Colorado County Fair reserves the right to cancel an event for reasons beyond Force Majeure. If CCFA cancels an event, registrants will be notified and offered a full refund of the fees paid directly to CCFA minus any nonrefundable processing fee. CCFA is not responsible for any refund between the registrant and a third-party vendor or for travel expenses. In case of cancellation of the event or unavailability of the event due to war, governmental action or order, act of God, fire, Strike, labor disputes, or any other cause beyond CCFA's control, this Agreement shall terminate, and the exhibitor shall be entitled to the return of the fees for the event, less the prorated share allocated to CCFA of the expenses incurred by CCFA in connection with the event. Refund of the Fees as provided in this section shall be the exclusive remedy of the exhibitor against CCFA in case the event is canceled or rescheduled through war, governmental action or order, acts of God, fire, strike, labor disputes, or any other cause beyond the control of CCFA of and from all claims for damage and agrees that CCFA shall have no obligation except the above stated refund. Requests for refunds must be submitted to CCFA and are subject to the discretion of CCFA. FORCE MAJEURE: CCFA is not liable for any delay or failure to perform its operations, activities, shows, and/or events to the extent such delay or failure results in a force majeure occurrence. A force majeure occurrence is defined as any occurrence arising from the causes beyond the reasonable control of CCFA that delays or prevents performance by CCFA otherwise required by this agreement, including but not limited to any

- Breakage or accident to equipment, machinery, or facilities
- Any strikes, lock-outs, or other labor difficulties Statutes, ordinances, regulations, orders, or rules issued by governmental authorities
- Judicial decrees or orders
- Acts of God Animal diseases and/or quarantines
- Wars, riots, or insurrections
- Civil disobediences, public demonstrations, or sabotage
- Fires, floods, explosions, or inclement weather
- Inability to obtain necessary labor, materials, supplies, utilities, or transportation
- Depressions, recessions, or other economic downturns
- Embargoes or energy shortages
- Other causes beyond CCFA's reasonable control

# JR. PIT MASTER CONTEST REGISTRATION

## REGISTRATION FOR 2026 IS NOW OPEN!

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW TO REGISTER.

Contestants age 8-17 will compete in two divisions based on age of the participant on September 11th 2026.

\*Junior Division (ages 8-12)

\*Senior Division (ages 13-17)

Contestants may enter in association with a BBQ Team or may enter solo and not affiliated with a BBQ Team.

JR PIT MASTER: \_\_\_\_\_

TEAM NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

TEAM MEMBERS: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\* PLEASE FILL OUT ONE FORM PER INDIVIDUAL OR TEAM\*\***

## **\$50 ENTRY PER TEAM**

Make checks payable to Colorado County Fair Barbecue  
I HAVE READ the COLORADO COUNTY FAIR JR PITMASTER RULES  
and agree to abide by these rules.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*Prior to Sept.1 entries may be mailed to Colorado County Fair Barbecue Cook-off, P.O. Box 506, Columbus, TX 78934**

Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_