



2024 Tampa Pig Jig BBQ Competition Rules & Information

BBQ COMPETITION CATEGORIES & JUDGING CRITERIA:

- The competition will consist of 4 main categories:
 1. Wild Card – Anything goes - get creative!
 2. Butt
 3. Ribs
 4. Brisket
- Teams can participate in any or all categories, and each team cooks its own meat.
- A panel of culinary and local celebrity judges awards trophies to the **top three teams in each individual category, the top three highest-scoring teams overall, and a *Grand Champion Award*** to the best-scoring overall team.
- **Judging is based on the following criteria:**
 - Presentation
 - Taste & Flavor
 - Tenderness & Texture
- Scores range from 1 to a high of 10 in 0.5-point increments for each category; most points win.
- The contestant with the most aggregate points in all categories is crowned Grand Champion. In a tie, Wild Card scores act as the tiebreaker.

NEW IN 2024 - NEW SPECIALTY CATEGORY

This year's competition will include an ancillary competition for the **Best Use of Bourbon featuring Yellowstone Bourbon**. This ancillary competition does not count towards the Grand Champion score. Participation is optional, but you must opt in in advance so we can provide you with the bourbon for your submission. Anything goes in this category - get your creative juices and bourbon flowing!

Yellowstone's Best Use of Bourbon category is judged based on the following criteria:

- Presentation
 - Taste & Flavor
 - Tenderness & Texture
 - Execution
- Scores range from 1 to a high of 10 in 0.5-point increments; most points win. In the event of a tie in the Best Use of Bourbon, the Execution score acts as the tiebreaker.

JUDGING TIMES

- Judging begins at **2:00 PM**. Each category is judged for an hour before moving on to the next category. To ensure that your entry is judged immediately upon turning it in, we assign each team specific times to turn in their items (e.g., 3:20 PM, 4:20 PM, etc.), which are given to you the morning of the competition.
- Judging windows are as follows (Note: Teams will be assigned specific turn-in times during these windows):
 - Best Use of Bourbon: 2:00 PM
 - Wild Card: 3:00 PM
 - Ribs: 4:00 PM
 - Butt: 5:00 PM
 - Brisket: 6:00 PM

ADDITIONAL PRIZE OPPORTUNITIES

- Lastly, we will award a **Top Hog Fundraiser** to the team that raises the most donations via our Peer-to-Peer platform by the day of the event and a **Pig Jig Spirit Award** for the best-decorated tailgate. So, even if you're not cooking, you could still be winning!

ADDITIONAL TEAM RULES:

- No cash sales permitted.
- The earliest Saturday arrival and fire start time is **4:00 AM**. **NO OVERNIGHT STAY PERMITTED.**
- Meat must be raw upon arrival. Teams must keep uncooked meat cold before cooking.
- Entries may be served sauced or unsauced.
- Each team will be assigned a team number in advance of the event. To ensure a double-blind, your team number must be written on each entry box you submit—do NOT include your name, company name, or anything else on the box.
- You will be given one extra box just in case you need it. Should you need more space to turn in your wild card entry than the single box typically used, you may use your spare box to turn in two boxes for your wild card entry containing the same entry (presumably putting four samples in each). You may **ONLY** use the extra box for your wild card entry; usage is prohibited for any other category.
- Teams should include (8) samples in each of their turn-in boxes. All samples should be composed with no assembly required.

PROHIBITED ITEMS

- **NO GLASS CONTAINERS** are permitted at any time, and all Park rules shall apply.
- **Outside alcohol is strictly prohibited and is not permitted to be brought into the park.** Due to City Code, any team found consuming alcohol on Friday or Sunday, or any team bringing in alcohol of any kind, will have it confiscated. This rule will be strictly enforced in 2024 due to previous violations.

We recognize the importance of your tailgate parties and your ability to offer cocktails to friends, customers, etc. We have worked very hard with the City and our brand partners on a program that allows each team to purchase alcohol and a bartender through licensed and insured TPJ vendors so that the individual parties will live on!

We hope that by offering this service, we will not only avoid violations of the City's policy but also elevate and simplify your Pig Jig Experience! Check your email for additional information about this service.

WHAT THE EVENT PROVIDES FOR YOU

- The total allotted space for each team in the Main Pit is 20' x 20'. Back Pit teams are only allotted 10'x20' space total due to spacing constraints.
- Teams are provided with a fire extinguisher & plywood to be placed under all grills/smokers.
- The judge chair will give you the turn-in boxes for judging on event day.
- Each team will be provided with a tailgate setup that includes two (2) 10'X10' pop-up tents, two (2) 6' tables, ten (10) tailgate chairs, one (1) empty 120-quart cooler, and a 42" TV complete with dish setup—unless you've otherwise discussed in writing with our team at Knightcap Events.
- If you are participating in the Best Use of Bourbon category featuring Yellowstone Bourbon, we will provide you with one (1) bottle of Yellowstone Bourbon in advance of the event so that you have time to practice your entry.

WHAT YOU MUST PROVIDE

- Each BBQ team shall be permitted to bring one (1) chef and one (1) sou chef. You must give these chefs tickets from your sponsorship allotment (it does not matter if you provide them with Premium or GA)
- Teams are responsible for providing their grill, equipment, utensils, and meat.
- Each team **MUST** place plywood under ALL of their smokers/grills to prevent damage to the park and under all generators.
- We will not supply house power or water. Generators are permitted.
- Each team is allowed to bring one cooler with meat & other supplies.
- **All coolers & supplies must arrive prior to 7:00 AM and are subject to search. NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- Teams must bring their own grill, extension cords, and power (if necessary).
- Teams must also bring anything required to cook and serve the judges (meat, cooking ingredients, utensils, plates, prep tables, etc.)
- Teams are responsible for sanitary items, including gloves, wipes, napkins, etc.
- Teams must supply their own cooler with ice, if necessary, to store cooking ingredients
- Teams **MUST** clean up their areas after load-in and discard their trash, including plywood and charcoal.

LOAD IN/OUT AND SITE SET-UP

- **Due to park logistics, teams will receive scheduled load-in times for Thursday and Friday before the event and load-out times for Sunday post-event.** These schedules will be distributed two weeks before the event, and security will monitor the park.
- You must adhere to all electrical, fire, and other applicable Park rules. The City has banned styrofoam in its parks, so do not bring any styrofoam to the event.
- The BBQ Pit is NOT sectioned off and will be accessible to all event attendees.
- Buildouts, including vertical, decking, scaffolding, ladders, or raised platforms, are prohibited.
- You are PROHIBITED from bringing any tent larger than 10'x10' and MUST stay within your allotted 20'x20' space—there are no exceptions.

WAIVER, RELEASE OF LIABILITY, AND EXPRESS ASSUMPTION OF RISK

I understand that by attending Tampa Pig Jig and participating in a tailgate and barbecue competition, I will expose those who attend using my allotted tickets (“Attendees”) to the normal risks of injury or harm associated with cooking, outdoor musical events, and social activities in general.

I hereby fully and forever release, discharge, and agree not to sue Tampa Pig Jig or HopeWill Foundation, Inc., or any of its affiliates, employees, representatives, board members, contractors, volunteers, or successors, jointly or severally (the “Tampa Pig Jig Releasees”) from any and all claims, causes of action or liability for any injury, loss or damage sustained or incurred by Attendees or to Attendees’ property arising out of or in any way associated with our attendance at or participation in the Tampa Pig Jig including, but not limited to, death, disability, personal injury, property damage, property theft or actions of any kind which may hereafter accrue to me or my traveling to and from this event. I understand and agree that this Waiver, Release of Liability, and Express Assumption of Risk shall be binding upon the heirs, assigns, and any personal entity acting upon any attendee’s behalf.

I have read the above items of the Waiver, Release of Liability and Express Assumption of Risk, understand them, agree to abide by them, and hereby acknowledge that I understand this Waiver, Release of Liability and Express Assumption of Risk. I will also provide a copy of this Waiver, Release of Liability and Express Assumption of Risk to all Attendees.

Tampa Pig Jig and/or HopeWill Foundation, Inc. do not provide liability insurance for the protection of individuals, groups, organizations, businesses, spectators, or others who may participate in the Tampa Pig Jig.

This release extends and applies to, and also covers, and includes, all unknown, unforeseen, unanticipated, and unsuspected injuries, damages, loss, and liability and the consequences thereof, as well as those now disclosed and known to exist. I agree that this Waiver, Release of Liability, and Express Assumption of Risk shall be construed and interpreted according to the law

of the State of Florida and that the release and agree that the waiver of liability herein shall be construed to the maximum allowed by such law. The provisions of any state, federal, local, or territorial law or state providing substance that releases shall not extend to claims, demands, injuries, or damages which are known or unsuspected to exist at this time to the person executing such release are hereby expressly waived. If any portion of this Waiver, Release of Liability and Express Assumption of Risk is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall continue in full legal force and effect. I further agree that any action, suit or proceeding arising out of or relating to my participation in the Tampa Pig Jig must be brought in State Court in Hillsborough County, Florida.

I hereby agree on behalf of my heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, to indemnify the Tampa Pig Jig Releasees from any and all actions, causes of actions, claims, and demands for, upon or by reason of any damage, loss, or injury, which hereafter may be sustained by participating in the Tampa Pig Jig. It is further understood and agreed that said participation in the Tampa Pig Jig is not to be construed as an admission of any liability and acceptance of assumption of responsibility by the Tampa Pig Jig Releasees for all damages and expenses for which the Tampa Pig Jig Releasees become liable as a result of any alleged act of the Attendees.

I state that I have read this Waiver, Release of Liability and Express Assumption of Risk and understand its contents and sign this willingly as my own free act and on behalf of all Attendees.