



Mark Marley Go BIG or Go HOME BBQ Bash Rules & Regulations 2023



*Go BIG Cook Off
is a Champions
BBQ Alliance event,
judging will be handled
and monitored by CBA.*

The Mark Marley Go BIG committee welcomes you to the 10th Annual Mark Marley Go BIG or Go HOME BBQ Bash. All cook off teams are required to submit an entry to this event. All rules for judging are as written by KCBS as applicable.

SET UP TIME: Move in/set up time will be Thursday, May 11th from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Friday, May 12th, beginning at 8:00 a.m. and throughout the day.

VEHICLE PARKING: Vehicles must be parked outside of the cook-off area. ONE vehicle will be allowed in the cook-off area. This is to keep from overcrowding and to allow easy access for Fire and EMS. Move out time will be after 4:00 p.m. Saturday, May 13th. Each team will be assigned a 20 x 30 campsite. Water spaces are not available. You must bring your own generators.

TEAM COMPETITION: Each team must consist of one head cook and four team members. Each team must have and cook on its own pit and cooking team members may not cook for more than one team in the competition. Each cooking team is required to have the head cook attend the Head Cooks' Meeting - held Friday, May 12, 2019 at 8:30 p.m. in the judging area (Tent near Shelter House). The head cook is responsible for the operation of the team space and all the actions within or outside of the designated space by members or guests of his or her cooking team. The head cook must be on site and available to the Go BIG committee if necessary.

COOKING CATEGORIES & RULES: Review of the CBA Rules & Cooking categories to be judged will be: Brisket, Chicken, Pork Ribs, Pork and Open. Quantities for turn-in will be announced at the Head Cooks' Meeting on Friday evening. All meat must be raw. No pre-marinating is permitted prior to the start of the Cook Off. Meat is subject to inspection. The promoter will advise contestants of the official start time. All judging will be done in accordance with CBA rules. If you have any questions, please ask at the Head Cooks' Meeting.

ADDITIONAL COOKING CATEGORIES: Margarita Mix Off, Cook's Choice – Dessert and Steak Cook Off and will be held Friday night. Kids' Q will be held on Saturday.

PRIZES: CBA states that a Grand Champion be named at every cook-off. In the event of a tie for Grand Champion, brisket will be the first tie breaker, followed by ribs, then chicken. We will award belt buckles to the Overall Winner and the 1st places in the Beef Brisket, Pork Spare Ribs, and Chicken, and Pork Butt Divisions. Plaques will be awarded to the Best Campsite Award, Margarita Mix Off, Steak, Cooks Choice - Desserts and Kids Q division. Prize money will be based off a standard payout schedule.

JUDGING & AWARDS: All measures will be taken to ensure that judges will not know which entry is being judged at any given time. Judging will be conducted in accordance with CBA rules and guidelines, and the judges' decision will be final. Awards will be given on the stage and Cooking teams are required to have a representative present.

EQUIPMENT: Go BIG will supply cooking teams with a space only. Cooking teams must supply all necessary equipment and supplies. Each team must provide drip pans or diaper the pit being used. All teams are required to have a fire extinguisher present during times of cooking. All extinguishers must have a current date tag. Committee personnel will randomly inspect for extinguishers. Props, trailers, motor homes, RVs, vehicles, tents, generators, coverings and/or any other part of the cooking team's equipment is the sole responsibility of the cooking team and may not extend at any time outside of the designated cooking team space.

a. RESTRICTED: Fire holes or open pits are not permitted.

b. APPROVED: Propane heaters are permitted for heating purposes but will be used at the discretion and responsibility of the team using them. Pit fires must be wood or wood substance (charcoal). BBQ pits may include gas or electricity to start natural fiber substances to complete cooking.

BEHAVIOR & CONDUCT: Head Cooks are responsible for the conduct of their team members and guests.

a. Excessive use of alcoholic beverages may be grounds for disqualification. Under NO circumstances are alcoholic beverages to be distributed to minors (anyone under the age of 21). Each team must monitor its own area as it pertains to minors. Security officers will be permitted to all areas of the Cook Off, including all Cook Off team tents, etc. and will have authority to handle matters in accordance with the law.

b. No alcohol, goods or food sales are permitted to the general public by anyone except those authorized by the event chairperson.

c. There will be no lewd or inappropriate acts or behavior allowed on the grounds of the BBQ Cook Off by cooks, guests, staff, etc. Any cooks found participating in or allowing inappropriate activities in their tent area will be disqualified from the Cook Off, the cooker's event will be shut down, and the team involved will be removed from the premises immediately and not allowed to participate in future Go BIG Cook Offs.

HOUSEKEEPING: Each team will be responsible for cleanup within its assigned space and is expected to do so in timely manner. One garbage box and two-liners will be provided, so please ensure that they are not packed full. Teams should bring extra trash bags. Upon checkout, each team is required to place excess trash debris, etc. in the dumpster provided.

CLEANUP: Prior to leaving, it is the responsibility of the contestants to see that their Cook Off space is cleaned, all trash is taken to the dumpster provided and all fires must be put out. All equipment used by the team is to be removed by 12:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 14, 2023. Any property left on the premises after 12:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 14, 2023, will become the sole ownership of the Go BIG Cook Off committee. It is imperative that cleanup be thorough. Any space left in disarray or with loose or bundled trash, other than at trash containers, will disqualify the team from future participation in sanctioned events or other Go BIG BBQ Cook Off events. All tents or canopies must be removed from the parking lot no later than Sunday, May 14, 2023.

DOGS/GOLF CARTS: Dogs are allowed but must stay on a lease. Golf carts will be allowed on asphalt only and must watch their speeds. No motorcycles, mopeds, three wheelers, four wheelers, will be permitted inside the gates, with the exception of those used by Officials of the Mark Marley GO BIG or GO HOME BBQ Bash or handicapped individuals who have made arrangements with promoter prior to event.

Neither the Mark Marley GO BIG or GO HOME BBQ Bash, City of Plainview, Hale County, nor the Sponsors of this event will be held responsible for any theft or damage of property or bodily injury.

Mark Marley GO BIG or GO HOME BBQ Bash reserves the right to adjust regulations as situations warrant. Decisions of Mark Marley GO BIG or GO HOME BBQ Bash and Judge(s) will be final.

FOR COMPLETE LIST OF CBA RULES GO TO WWW.CBABBQ.COM.

Location: Running Water Draw Regional Park, 3400 West 4th Street, Plainview, Texas 79072.