

## Basic Rules and Regulations

- A. The 2018 Cecilia Lady Bulldog Softball Booster Club Black Pot Cook-Off will be open to all registered entries. Entry Fees must be collected by day of cook-off.
- B. **The participants can also register to compete in more than one category.**
- C. Participants will compete in the preparation and completion of a dish. The competition classes may be selected from beef, poultry or pork.
- D. Cooking stove and fuel, (Coleman type or **similar**) propane or white gas recommended for use in preparation of your entry.
- E. Cooking onsite the day of the cook-off. Nothing pre-cooked will be allowed. All cooking must be done in open view. There will be no electricity provided for this event. No cooking in motor homes etc.
- F. Any beef, poultry or pork, along with dairy products must be maintained at the proper storage temperatures until prep time begins.
- G. Cooking conditions are subject to inspection at any time of the event.
- H. Sanitation must be used at each booth; we will be looking for 3 buckets one with soap, one with bleach and one with clear water for hand sanitation.
- I. All food preparations and cooking will be completed in the designated "pit area". This will be lined off to accommodate the cooking teams.
- J. Black Pot (extra points) or cooking pot, cutting board, knife, water and ice cooler (for meats and liquids), paper towels, spoons and can opener and matches or lighter are recommended items to bring with you.
- K. You must bring your own tables and chairs for cooking, prep and seating if needed. You generally have a 10'X 10' cooking area.
- L. Props, costumes and other gear are welcome but are optional.
- M. There will be 3 cups provided to you with a number on each cup symbolizing identification of your entry. Please verify this number when your booth is visited.(very important)
- N. Teams can marinate, and cut food items beforehand. You do not have to prepare the meat for cooking at cooking site.
- O. Cooking time will begin at 9:00am. Pick up for judging will be between 12:00-12:30 pm. You must have all cooking done no later than 12:30pm. Judging will be announced at approximately 3:00pm. Subject to change depending on amount of participants.
- P. **ALL AREAS MUST BE KEPT CLEAN AT ALL TIMES.**
- Q. The team with the best decorated booth will win a prize at the end of the cook-off.

## Judging Guidelines

- A. All judges will be provided by the Lady Bulldog Booster Club. The judging will take place in three categories
  - 1. Beef
  - 2. Poultry
  - 3. Pork
- B. Judging will follow the guidelines issued by the Lady Bulldog Booster Club.
- C. Judging will be recorded using the Field Judging Score Card and the Food Judging score Card, as printed from the Lady Bulldog Booster Club.
  - 1. Field Judging-, each team will be judged in the following areas:
    - a. Registration: On time, fully prepared, set up  
(3) Three Points
    - b. Aroma  
(3) Three Points
    - c. Spectator interaction: Share Ideas and communicate with spectators and other contestants, encouraging the use of Black Pot Cooking.  
(3) Three Points
    - d. Presentation: served to judges on time, everything cooked is served (including drippings, excess gravy, and any garnishes)  
(3) Three Points
    - e. Cleanliness: Personal cleanliness, appropriate food handling, prep area, clean-up of prep area.  
(3) Three Points
    - f. Sportsmanship: If a team shows bad sportsmanship, the judge may deduct (1) one point.

There is a possible total of **fifteen (15) points** that may be earned in the Field Judging Area.\

D. We will announce 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners from each category after the live auction is over. Each winner will receive a prize for their dish.

E. We will also have 2 more winning categories:

1. A prize will be given to a team who has the best decorated booth.

2. We will also have a People's Choice Award this year. We will sell wrist bands for \$5.00. Those people with wrist bands will be allowed to sample dishes at your station and will vote for their favorite dish. The contestant with the most votes will win People's Choice.

# Food Judging

The following areas will be used to judge the finished dish:

- a. **Overall Appeal:** originality, creative ingredients, good sportsmanship.  
(5) Five Points
- b. **Appearance and Presentation:** Visually appealing, pleasing aroma, appropriate garnish.  
(5) Five Points
- c. **Execution:** Cooked just right (not overcooked/ undercooked), color, volume, too moist or dry (per recipe).  
(5) Five Points
- d. **Taste:** Good Flavor combination, appropriate seasoning, spices and herbs balanced for best flavor, texture is tender, moist, or crunchy as appropriate.  
(5) Five Points
- e. **Difficulty bonus:** an extra **three** points may be awarded if the entry is prepared in a Black Pot.

Total Possible points to be awarded for this category are **twenty-three**.

Each entry must fill judging cup  $\frac{3}{4}$  full. Each team should prepare 3 to 5 lbs of protein to assure all guests are able to taste the wonderful food that has been prepared for this event. Ticket revenue will be donated to the Lady Bulldog Softball Booster Club.

Tickets will be sold at the concession area at \$2.00 each. All cups and spoons will be provided by the Booster Club.

Good luck to all Teams and Participants. Be safe and have fun!