

SPINDLETOP SHOWDOWN

A GTBR CONTRACTOR SAFETY AWARDS KICK-OFF EVENT

BBQ COOK-OFF

2025 Cook Team Application

Each team will be awarded one cooking space. If additional space is needed, please email cookoff@gtbr.org.

Each entering team must have its own team name, head chef, pit, and prep space. Each team will be awarded 8 wristbands (1 head chef and 7 sous chefs) that must be worn at all times.

The Head chef (of each team) must sign the Rules Acknowledgment page and Release of Liability page for the 2025 Spindletop Showdown BBQ Cook Off. The rules, Acknowledgement form, and liability form, will be emailed upon receiving the completed application form and the payment is processed. The acknowledgement and liability forms must be signed and returned to cookoff@gtbr.org before a cook-off space is assigned. **There are no guarantees of placement to anyone.**

Company Information:

Company Name: _____

Company Contact: _____

Email Address: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Team Information:

Team name: _____

Head chef's Name: _____

Head chef's Cell phone (use phone you can be reached on during cook-off): _____

Pick one or more of the following competition categories to enter (In order to be considered for the Grand Champion Title team MUST participate in all 3 meat categories – brisket, chicken, & ribs):

Beef Brisket

Chicken

Pork Ribs

JACKPOT – BBQ Sauce

JACKPOT – Don Bouman's Special

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Rules & Regulations Acknowledgement

I acknowledge that I am registering as a cooker of the 2025 GTBR Contractor Safety Awards BBQ Cook-Off and acknowledge the below (initial squares and sign below):

I have read all of the 2025 GTBR Contractor Safety Awards BBQ Cook-Off Handbook

I agree to abide by all rules set forth

I am responsible for myself and my team to follow all rules

I understand the dates/times set forth and will follow them

I understand I must email this form and the Release of Liability form in (signed) before my space(s) will be assigned and my registration considered complete.

I understand:

Repeated violation of any rules or guidelines could cause tent closure.

Spot checking by committee members is allowed at any time.

As Head Cook, I will be responsible for my tent; cooks; and visitors to my tent.

I am solely responsible for the monitoring of alcohol consumption, and prevention of alcohol consumption of minors.

Head Cook – Printed

Head Cook - Signature

Exhibitor/Participant Release of Liability and Indemnity Agreement

In consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, for being allowed entry into and participation in activities (the "Activities") associated with the GTBR BBQ Cook Off, the undersigned hereby enters into this RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT (this "Agreement") as of the date set forth below.

1. **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISKS:** The undersigned recognizes and understands that there are risks associated with their participation in the Activities including, but not limited to, bodily injury or death to persons and damage to property. The undersigned further acknowledges and understands that they will be held liable and responsible for any and all damage to persons, vehicles, property and/or improvements to property that is caused by them and/or any persons (including, but not limited to, minors) under their care and control, and that arise out of, or are related to, the undersigned's entry into and participation in the Activities.
2. **APPLICABILITY AND SCOPE OF RELEASES AND INDEMNITIES:** For purposes of this Agreement, "Claims" shall mean any past, present and future claims, losses, costs, expenses, liabilities, demands, or causes of action, and costs of defense or settlement (including, without limitation, attorneys' fees, and court costs) associated with or relating to or arising out of the Activities. The releases, waivers, and indemnities contained in this Agreement expressly shall apply regardless of whether the Claims to be released, waived, or indemnified against arise, or are alleged to arise, from (i) NEGLIGENCE (WHETHER SOLE, JOINT OR CONCURRENT), GROSS NEGLIGENCE, NEGLIGENCE PER SE, and/or STRICT LIABILITY, of the Golden Triangle Business Roundtable, a Texas Corporation, its manager, the Industrial Safety Training Council, a Texas Corporation, its GTBR BBQ Cook Off Committee, an activity of the GTBR, and their present or former officers, directors, members, subsidiaries, affiliates, employees, volunteers, staff, and/or agents and any other person, firm, or corporation bound to defend or pay judgments against them (the "Released Parties"); (ii) personal injury, death or property damage; (iii) acts under the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act ("DTPA"); (iv) acts of any other persons or guests; (v) theft, burglary, assault, or other crimes; (vi) fire, water, wind, rain and/or smoke and/or (vii) any other risks and hazards associated with the undersigned's entry into and participation in the Activities.
3. **RELEASE FROM LIABILITY:** The undersigned hereby RELEASES, ACQUITS AND FOREVER DISCHARGES, and WAIVES any and all Claims against any of the Released Parties that arise from or relate to their entry and participation in the Activities—including, but not limited to, the types of claims enumerated in Paragraph 2—and agrees not to sue any of the Released Parties for such Claims. Without limiting the foregoing, the undersigned agrees that the Released Parties shall not be liable to them, their family, or their guests, for personal injury, property damage, or any other Claims arising from or related to the undersigned's entry into and participation in the Activities.
4. **AGREEMENT TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS:** THE UNDERSIGNED AGREES TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS THE RELEASED PARTIES AGAINST ANY AND ALL CLAIMS ARISING FROM OR RELATED TO THE UNDERSIGNED'S ENTRY AND PARTICIPATION IN THE ACTIVITIES—INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE TYPES OF CLAIMS ENUMERATED IN PARAGRAPH 2. IN ADDITION, AND WITHOUT LIMITING THE FOREGOING, THE UNDERSIGNED AGREES TO INDEMNIFY THE RELEASED PARTIES FOR ANY CLAIMS FOR INJURIES TO ANY MINORS UNDER THEIR CARE AND CONTROL AND/OR HIS OR HER PARENT/GUARDIAN, AND FOR ANY CLAIMS ASSERTED BY, THROUGH OR UNDER THE UNDERSIGNED, ARISING FROM OR RELATED TO THE UNDERSIGNED'S ENTRY INTO AND PARTICIPATION IN THE ACTIVITIES—INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE TYPES OF CLAIMS ENUMERATED IN PARAGRAPH 2. AS USED HEREIN, "INDEMNIFY" MEANS TO AGREE TO ASSUME THE RELEASED PARTIES' LIABILITY IN A SITUATION, THEREBY RELIEVING THEM OF RESPONSIBILITY, AND/OR REIMBURSING THE RELEASED PARTY FOR CLAIMS ASSERTED AGAINST THEM.
5. **PHOTOGRAPH/INTERVIEW RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT:** The undersigned GRANTS PERMISSION to be PHOTOGRAPHED or INTERVIEWED in connection with the Activities. The undersigned understands that any such photograph or interview may be used by the Released Parties or television, film, video, visual, graphic, or printed media. The undersigned agrees to RELEASE and INDEMNIFY the Released Parties with respect to any Claims related to the usage of such photographs or interviews by the Released Parties or any media—including, but not limited to, the types of Claims enumerated in Paragraph 2.

As further inducement to the GTBR BBQ Cook Off Committee to permit the undersigned's entry into and participation in the Activities, the undersigned represents that they thoroughly and completely understand that this is a complete and final release and indemnity agreement, that they are freely and voluntarily entering into this Agreement, and that no representations, promises or statements made by any Released Party, or any agent, attorney or other representative of any Released Party has influenced the undersigned in causing them to sign this Agreement.

The undersigned understands that this agreement shall be binding on their heirs, executors, successors, and assigns, that the Agreement will be governed by the laws of Texas, and that jurisdiction and venue for resolution of any dispute regarding this Agreement shall lie in a Texas State Court in Jefferson County, Texas. If any part of this Agreement is determined to be invalid or unenforceable, it does not affect the validity of the remainder of this Agreement. The undersigned agrees to the terms and conditions above and acknowledges receipt of this Agreement.

Signature – Exhibitor/Participant

Date

Name Printed

