

JPA COMPETITOR REQUIREMENTS

Eligibility

- Cooks must be at least 7 years of age and no older than 17 on the event's date.
- Cooks must be able to trim, season, cook and present their steaks entirely unassisted.
- Cooks must be able to supply their own:
 - Grill (Only one cook per grill)
 - Preparation table no larger than 4'
 - Seasonings and cooking utensils
 - Food Gloves

Your child's safety is our utmost concern. Trimming and injecting are allowed only if your child is guaranteed to do so entirely unassisted.

Our Ambassadors have strict instruction not to assist the cook's preparation in any manner other than to start their fire and monitor each child to ensure safe practices are being used. However, if at any point an Ambassador feels the child is using unsafe procedures, the ambassador will have the authority to step in and cease the dangerous practice immediately.

GENERAL JPA RULES

1. Cook entrants will be divided into two groups:
 - a. Junior Division: 7-12 years of age
 - b. Senior Division: 13-17 years of age
2. All cooking will be done in the designated cooking area.
3. Parents may help cooks set up their stations; however, they must leave the designated cooking area once their cook has picked their steaks.
4. Parents may re-enter the cooking area only after ALL contestants have turned in their steaks for judging.
5. No coaching or assistance of any kind will be permitted from outside the designated cooking area.
6. There will be one JPA Ambassador for every 3 cooks whenever possible.
7. Cooks may only address the JPA Ambassadors with questions.
8. JPA ambassadors will assist contestants with their fire, if needed, and monitor the fires throughout the event.
9. Cell Phones in the cooking area are prohibited.

COOKING RULES

1. Food gloves must be used while handling all meats.
2. The steak will be placed upon the round foil disc inside the turn-in box.
3. You may not sauce your steak once it is in the turn-in box.
4. No garnishes on steaks are allowed.
5. Steaks may not be shared between cooks.
6. Your steak must be turned in at the designated judging area by the designated turn in time. Turn in times will be posted at check-in.

Failure to adhere to any of the above listed rules will result in disqualification from this event.

JUDGING CRITERIA

1. Volunteer Taste Judges will score each steak individually and as a unit without comparison to other steaks.
2. Steaks will be scored on criteria adding up to an overall score.
3. Steaks will be judged on the overall average of the following items:
 - a. Aroma
 - b. Texture/Tenderness
 - c. Taste
 - d. ** Appearance** Only applies to the Senior division. Junior division is NOT judged on appearance.

PRIZES AND AWARDS

The top ten cooks of each category will receive recognition and an award at each event.

WHAT JPA PROVIDES

JPA will provide the following:

1. Every three cooks will be provided a JPA Ambassador to assist with fire management and answer any questions during the cooking process.
2. Turn in Trays and foil disks.
3. Taste Judge cutlery bags
4. A head judge to oversee the judging process and tally scores
5. Trophies and Certificates for the top ten in each division.