



2025 Official Rules | Adult Teams

Thank you for being a part of the Cattleman's Classic and Ribeye Roundup. It's our goal to ensure everyone has a great experience during this event. Remember, this is a public event and good sportsmanship is appreciated. Visit with other cooks, make new friends, promote beef, and have fun!

By entering the competition, you are agreeing to cook steaks for the public, in addition to cooking steaks for the competition. This year's event will be a public tasting format vs. a public dinner format. Each team will prepare at least 20-30 steaks for the public, which will be cut into bite sized portions. This will allow the public to taste multiple cook team steaks vs. picking only one steak. Serving begins at 1:00pm and ends at 3:00pm.

Steak Cookoff Rules:

1. One member of each team will attend the 8:00am cooks meeting located on the south end of the square, in front of the Chamber of Commerce office. Steak selection will happen at the same location. Each team will choose their steaks from a panel, lottery style. You will be limited to 30 seconds or your steaks will be chosen for you.
2. All steaks for the competition will be 14-16 oz. ribeyes, provided by CCRR. No outside meat will be allowed for the competition or for the public tasting.
3. Teams may cook on any heat source.
4. Steaks may be trimmed before cooking but not after cooking.
5. Steaks may not be marked or branded in any way. (Grill marks are not considered marking).
6. Turn in one steak, whole and uncut. The steak will be judged as presented in the box.
7. Steaks will be judged on the following criteria:
 - Taste
 - Appearance
 - Tenderness
 - Doneness *

*Steaks must all be cooked to the level of medium. We describe medium as – pink and moist in the middle of the ribeye. Not red or running.
8. Tiebreaker order: doneness, taste, tenderness, and appearance. In case of a total tie score (score is tied in all categories), the prize money will be split between the cooks. Example: A total tie between two cooks for first place. The prize money from first and second place will be added up and divided between the cooks. CCRR will flip a coin to decide who gets which trophies.
9. Reasons for Disqualification:
 - Any foreign object found in the turn-in box (string, skewer, garnish, foil, sauces, etc)
 - A steak turned in after the turn-in window has expired
 - Using steaks other than the ones provide by CCRR
 - Any steak that has been cut or marked (standard grill marks are ok)



General Rules:

1. Cook teams may begin setting up at 6:00am. The square will be closed to all traffic at 8:00am sharp. All vehicles will be removed from the cook area immediately following setup. The square will be closed to traffic until the conclusion of the event. Special parking will be available in the old Tapps Funeral Home parking lot, behind the south side of the square.
2. Teams are encouraged to prepare samples, hors d'oeuvres, appetizers, etc. as long as it compliments BEEF!
3. **All alcoholic beverages must be pre-purchased through Corner Grub House, in order to comply with TABC. A representative from Corner Grub House will take orders for case quantities at retail price. Absolutely no outside alcoholic beverages will be allowed. Failure to comply will result in expulsion from the cook off.**
4. No ATV's or golf carts.
5. All teams must have a fire extinguisher within their cook site.
6. All teams must have a barrier laid down to protect bricks on square from grease.
7. All steaks are property of the Cattleman's Classic and Ribeye Roundup.
8. All decisions are final. Complaints about the cookoff results will be unheard.
9. A schedule will be provided at the cooks meeting along with any rule changes or updates.
10. The cookoff will be held rain or shine. No entry fees will be refunded due to inclement weather.

2025 Team Payouts:

Adult / Super Steak Division

1 st	\$2,500 + belt buckle + trophy
2 nd	\$1,500 + trophy
3 rd	\$750 + trophy

Appetizer

Winner takes all

Adult / Open Division:

1 st	\$2,500 + belt buckle + trophy
2 nd	\$1,500 + trophy
3 rd	\$1,250 + trophy
4 th	\$750 + trophy
5 th	\$300 + trophy
6 th	trophy
7 th	trophy
8 th	trophy
9 th	trophy
10 th	trophy