

Texas Best Pork Chops Competition

Official Rules

1. Purpose

The Texas Best Pork Chops Competition, presented by the Texas Pork Producers Association (TPPA), celebrates restaurants serving exceptional pork chops across the state of Texas during National Pork Month.

2. Restaurant Eligibility

To qualify, restaurants must:

- Be located in Texas.
 - Be open to the public.
 - Serve a pork chop as a regular or seasonal menu item during the competition.
 - Be willing to participate if selected as a finalist.
 - Agree to allow TPPA to photograph, film, and promote their restaurant and pork chop.
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3. Nomination Period

- Nominations open: August 1st, 2026
- Nominations close: August 31st, 2026

Consumers may nominate their favorite restaurant by completing the official online nomination form located on <https://texaspork.org/> and **txpork** social media platforms.

Restaurants may also nominate themselves.

Multiple nominations for the same restaurant are encouraged and help demonstrate consumer support.

Following nominations, finalists will be announced directly via email and social media platforms.

5. Finalists

The Top 10 finalists will be selected based on:

- Number of nominations
- Geographic representation
- Menu eligibility
- Overall consumer enthusiasm

TPPA reserves the right to ensure a diverse representation of Texas restaurants.

6. Judging

Finalists will be evaluated by a panel of anonymous judges who will visit each finalist. Finalists will be given a window of days during which the judges will be visiting.

Judging criteria may include:

- Flavor
- Appearance
- Tenderness
- Creativity
- Overall eating experience
- Consumer appeal
- Presentation

Judges' decisions are final.

Multi-Location Restaurant Judging:

When a finalist entry is available at multiple Texas locations, the Texas Pork Producers Association may select up to two participating locations for judging. Locations will be selected at random, and the combined scores will determine the restaurant group's final judging score. TPPA may conduct an additional visit if needed to verify consistency.

7. Voting

Public voting will determine a portion of the overall score.

Voting is limited to one vote per person per day and will be accessible through <https://texaspork.org/> and *txpork* social media platforms.

TPPA reserves the right to remove fraudulent or automated votes.

8. Winner Selection

The final rankings may be determined using a combination of:

- Public voting
 - Judges' scores
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9. Awards & Recognition

Top 10 Finalists

Each restaurant finalist will receive:

- Official **2026 Texas Best Pork Chop Finalist** window decal
- Digital finalist badge for use on websites, menus, and social media
- Recognition through Texas Pork Producers Association marketing, social media, and promotional materials
- Inclusion on the official **Texas Best Pork Chops Finalist** list

Overall Winner – Best Pork Chop in Texas

The restaurant selected as the **2026 Best Pork Chop in Texas** will receive:

- Official **Best Pork Chop in Texas** title
- Custom championship plaque
- Custom engraved championship chef's knife courtesy of **Zwilling**.
- Statewide media recognition and promotional features
- Featured restaurant profile, chef interview, and professional photography/video produced by TPPA
- Designation as the Official Texas Pork Ambassador for one year
- Opportunity to display the Official Winner window decal and digital winner badge

Category Winners Based on Public Voting

People's Choice Award

Best Fine Dining Pork Chop

Best Casual Dining Pork Chop

10. Restaurant Responsibilities

Finalists agree to:

- Participate in interviews if requested.
 - Provide menu information.
 - Allow photography and video.
 - Permit TPPA to use their restaurant name, images, and pork chop in promotional materials.
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11. Consumer Giveaway

Consumers who nominate or vote can enter to win a prize drawing for various non-cash prizes.

No purchase is necessary.

Winner(s) will be selected at random during voting.

12. Marketing Rights

By participating, restaurants grant TPPA permission to use:

- Restaurant name
- Logo
- Pork chop photos
- Submitted photos
- Promotional videos

for marketing related to the competition.

13. General Conditions

TPPA reserves the right to:

- Verify eligibility.
 - Disqualify fraudulent nominations or votes.
 - Modify contest dates if necessary.
 - Cancel or suspend the competition if unforeseen circumstances arise.
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14. Contact

Questions?

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