

EMERALD CAMP OVEN COMPETITION RULES

Saturday 2 August 2025

Held at the Show Grounds - Capricorn Highway, Emerald

GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

This is a camp oven cooking competition. Therefore, all cooking must be done in a cast iron camp oven or a Bedourie oven. The heat source for all cooking is to be from a wood fire, lump charcoal or heat beads. In a case where equal points are scored, either for an individual dish or overall, the use of wood coals by a competing team will score more points.

All Team Members are responsible for Safety!

There will be a 12' Billmans camp oven for Overall Winner

Also Cash Prizes 1st & 2nd Place plus Gift Bags from Australian Camp Oven Festival Committee Millmerran.

1. All nominations must be submitted on the registration form. No verbal nominations will be accepted.
2. Nominations must be received no later than 5pm on Friday 25th of July 2025, late entries may be considered. No substitute members will be accepted.
3. Entry Fee per Team of up to 3-4 members is \$60.00.
4. All food is to be prepared and cooked on site at the Show Grounds - Capricorn Highway, Emerald and judging includes presentation, taste and cleanliness. Cleanliness in all areas must be observed at all times. Disposable gloves should be worn, where possible, whilst preparing and serving food.
5. All Ingredients lists will be emailed to Team Captain on Receipt of Payment.
6. Firewood will be supplied for cooking purposes only for both Novice & Open. Competitors are to supply their own Heat bead or lump Charcoal if they choose to use this heat source.
7. Fire pits must be used as no fires are permitted to be on the ground & will be supplied.
8. All competitors are to prepare and cook a minimum of 4 serves each, damper, wet dish with rice, main meal and a dessert. Protein (e.g. meat) should be cut into not more than 2cm cubes.
9. All Meals to be presented in containers supplied by Committee.
10. All dishes will be presented at the Cooks Station, except for Dampers which will need to be presented to the Judges Tent for judging by 11am.
11. The use of trivets not allowed for cooking of Damper. The damper is to be cooked directly in the camp oven in the more traditional way & presented uncut.
12. All ingredients and cooking equipment are to be supplied by the competitor.
13. All ingredients are to be prepared onsite at allotted cooking stations.
14. Competitors are not to use any modern cooking aids and appliances, including but not limited to, laser thermometers, food processors, mix masters etc.
15. No commercial pre-package ingredients are acceptable, i.e. gravy or cake mix.
16. Jam, Syrup & Herbs can be either fresh or bottled are acceptable.
17. Competitors may commence cooking preparations on site from 0800 on the 2nd August 2025.

18. Competitors will be allowed to review their overall score tally prior to the announcement of a final decision. It is intended, if possible, to provide a whiteboard with progressive scores. After that the judge's decision will be final.
19. No sale of Any Food items to the public is allowed. Though taste test & interaction with the crowd is highly recommended.
20. Definition of **Novice** is one who has never entered a camp oven cooking competition. Teams can nominate to cook just the damper or all 3.
21. Definition of **Open** is an experienced camp oven cook. Must not be professional Chef/Cook/Caterer. Must cook all 3 dishes

All contestants entering this competition do so entirely at their own risk.

Everyone connected there with shall have no liability what so ever for any injury to person, or loss of or damage to property how so ever caused.

The Field Judge will have final say in all matters of safety.

Competitors are to ensure the safety of nominated team members within their cooking site at all times.

Enclosed foot wear is to be worn in cooking area. Thongs and sandals are not acceptable at any time whilst in the cooking area. Failure to adhere to this rule may mean loss of points or disqualification & removal from area.

Please return entry forms & Entry fee no later than Friday 25th July 2025

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Accommodation: Free camping on site for competitors.