

RULES AND GUIDELINES FOR THE 2012 KING OF THE GRILL BARBEQUE COOK OFF

1. A contestant or team consists of one chief cook and no more than three assistants. Contestants may check into the Barbecue Cookoff Grounds beginning at 6:00 A.M Saturday, October 6th.

2. Categories for the 2012 King Of The Grill Barbecue Cookoff are as follows:

A. BEEF

BEEF BRISKET

Turn in nine (9) slices, ¼ to 3/8 inch thick. (Approximate size of a standard pencil)

B. POULTRY

ONE HALF CHICKEN, (No Cornish Game Hens)

Turn in three (3) halves of a whole chicken (each half must have a leg, thigh, wing, & breast portion and are not required to be jointed)

C. PORK

PORK SPARE RIBS (SLAB) (No Country Style, Baby Back or Loin Back) Turn in nine (9) full ribs, cut apart

D. ROASTS

PORK OR BEEF ROASTS (Bottom Round, Shoulder, or Rump) Turn in three (3) six oz portions

3. Cooks are to prepare and cook barbecue in as sanitary a manner as possible. Cooking conditions are subject to inspection at any time . Conditions found to be unsanitary will be grounds for disqualification from this cookoff. Fires must be wood or wood substance. NO gas or electric fires are allowed. No holes, open fires, or dug pits will be allowed. However, a burn-down barrel will be allowed but **MUST** have some type of safety barrier placed across the top and around the sides of the barrel. Precautions **MUST** be made to prevent any fire threat.

4. All contest meats will be inspected as you check in. Cookoff officials will present you with an official form, signed off by the official. This form should be posted and visible at your location in the cookoff area where you will receive and sign for your trays and foil. Meat may not be removed from the cook site after it has been inspected.

5. **JUDGING:** Contest meats must be delivered to the judges tables located in the cookoff area. **Attend the Cooks Meeting** at 8:00 AM Saturday at the designated cookoff area for explanation of the rules, any additional instructions and confirmation of turn-in times listed below:

6. **DOUBLE BLIND JUDGING:** You will receive 3 foam trays with lids. Each of these trays will have a double matched theatre ticket which has been affixed to the tray with masking tape. The Chief Cook only will sign the back of the ticket on each tray. The Chief Cook is responsible for removing the signed ticket and putting it in a safe place. You **MUST** present this signed ticket to claim any prize when the winning tickets are announced at the award ceremony.

7. All Cooking Teams will be judged for **Best Rig and Best Decorated Layout** in this National Championship Barbecue Cookoff, prize money for 1st place, plaques for 2nd & 3rd place.

8. Any nudity, lewdness, or any form of vulgarity will NOT be allowed. NO pyrotechnics or explosives are allowed. Any intentional use of the above by a team will result in disqualification, removal from grounds and possible elimination from any future National Championship Barbecue Cookoff!

9. Trophies will be awarded as follows:

- 1st, 2nd, 3rd for each category

10. Music Bands, and / or sound equipment within your team area is allowed. HOWEVER, excessive loud music and / or sounds which interfere with announcements, scheduled live bands and entertainment on stage, or which intrudes upon or interferes with the comfort of fellow contestants will NOT BE ALLOWED NOR TOLERATED. Offenders will receive no more than 3 warnings. Non-compliance will be grounds for disqualification from the Cookoff and expulsion from the Barbecue Cookoff Grounds.
11. Contest spaces of 20'X20' will be available for each team. There is no electricity available at these spots; water is shared by using adapters. All cooking facilities, rigs, props or show articles must fit within your team's contest space. A Travel Trailer will be allowed in the contest space.
12. The Chief Cook for each team will be responsible for the conduct of his team, guests or invitees. As well, the Chief Cook will be responsible for his team's compliance with the rules and regulations herein set forth. EXCESSIVE USE of alcoholic beverages will be grounds for disqualification. Contestants must not give, offer, sell or donate alcoholic beverages to the general public. Teams will not offer Barbecue for SALE. Any offensive conduct will be grounds for disqualification from the Cookoff and expulsion from the Barbecue Cookoff Grounds.
13. THE KING OF THE GRILL COOKOFF CHAIRMAN AND HEAD JUDGE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO MAKE ADDITIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS AS THE SITUATION WARRANTS. DECISIONS OF THE BARBECUE COOKOFF CHAIRMAN AND HEAD JUDGE ARE FINAL.
14. The King of The Grill Barbecue Cookoff, or the LABBD, its members or directors will not be held responsible for theft or damage to equipment or bodily injury of any kind.
15. Animal(s) of any kind WILL NOT BE PERMITTED in any contestant's contest space nor will any animal(s) be permitted on the Barbecue Cookoff Grounds, EXCEPT for seeing-eye dogs.
16. **UNDER NO CONDITIONS or CIRCUMSTANCES will ANY contestant or family of contestants or guest or public be allowed to bring Golf Carts, Motor Vehicles, Motorcycles, Three or Four Wheelers, Bicycles or ANY type of transportation into the cookoff area, except wheelchairs or apparatus for the handicapped. PLEASE NOTIFY IN ADVANCE IF YOU PLAN TO USE A HANDICAP APPARATUS.**

**NO ANIMALS OF ANY KIND WILL BE PERMITTED...EXCEPT FOR SEEING
EYE DOGS!**