



2017 Backyard BBQ Challenge

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Although this is not an official KCBS competition, we will follow the majority of their official rules and regulations. The Judging Panel will include local VIPs, Sponsors, and may include some KCBS Certified Judges with judging based on 1) appearance, 2) texture, and 3) taste.

Please read the following prior to entering the competition and contact us with any questions you might have.

CAUSES FOR DISQUALIFICATION AND EVICTION of a team, its members, and/or guests. A cook team is responsible jointly and severally for its head cook, its team members, and its guests to adhere to the following rules and regulations:

- a. Excessive use of alcoholic beverages or public intoxication with a disturbance.
- b. Serving alcohol beverages to the general public.
- c. Use of illegal controlled substances.
- d. Foul, abusive, or unacceptable language or any language causing a disturbance.
- e. Excessive noise, including but not limited to that generated from speakers, such as radios, CD players, TV's, public address systems or amplifying equipment, will not be allowed during quiet time from 11:00 PM on contest nights until 7:00 AM (if your team is in the cook area overnight)
- f. Fighting and/or disorderly conduct.
- g. Theft, dishonesty, cheating, use of prohibited meats, or any act involving moral turpitude.
- h. Use of gas or other auxiliary heat sources inside the cooking device
- i. Violation of any of KCBS's Cook's Rules above, save and except #9 – 13.

Excessive or continued complaints from teams on any of the above rule infractions shall be considered grounds for immediate disqualification from the contest by Event Organizers and/or Event Security.

Judging Procedures

Judging for this event will be "blind judging only". Entries will only be submitted in a numbered container provided by the Event Organizer. The container will then be re-numbered by the KCBS Contest Rep / Event Organizer staff before being presented to the judges.

1. Judges may not fraternize with teams on turn-in day until conclusion of judging.
2. Judging will be done by a team of 6 persons, at least 16 yrs. of age. Only Judges, Contest Reps., Event Organizers, and necessary support staff are allowed in the judging area during the judging process. No other activities are permitted in the judging area during the process.
3. Each judge will first score all samples for appearance of the meat. The turn-in containers will then be passed around the table, and each judge will place a sample from each of the containers in the appropriate box on their judging plate. Judges shall not lick their fingers while taking these samples; paper towels, non-scented wipes or damp wash cloths will be provided. Each judge will then score each entry for taste and tenderness before moving on to the next entry.
4. The scoring system is from 9 to 2 using whole numbers only with the following designation: 9 – excellent, 8 – very good, 7 – above average, 6 – average, 5 – below average, 4 – poor, 3 – bad, and 2 – inedible.
5. A score of one (s) is a disqualification and requires approval by a Contest Rep. with grounds for disqualification: All judges will give a one (s) in Appearance for prohibited garnish, pooled sauce, or less than 6 samples of meat. All Judges will give a one (s) in all criteria for sculptured meat, a marked turn-in container, foreign object in the container, or incorrect meat. All judges not receiving a sample will give a one (1) in all criteria.
6. The weighting factors for the point system as: Appearance - .5600, Taste – 2.2972, Tenderness – 1.1428.

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7. The low score will be thrown out and results will then be tallied. If there is a tie in one of the categories, it will be broken by the computer, as follows: The scores will be compared (counting all five judges) for the highest cumulative scores in taste, then tenderness, then appearance. If still tied, then the low score, which was thrown out earlier, will be compared and the higher of the low scores will break the tie. If still tied, then a computer generated coin toss will be used.

7a. In the event of lost, destroyed, or missing score cards, the remaining score cards will be averaged in each Category and those averages shall be used as the missing scores on replacement score cards. After there are six total score cards, the normal procedure will be followed for dropping the low score.

8. Total points per entry will determine the champion within each meat category.
9. Cumulative points for both categories (chicken and ribs) will determine the WV Governor's Cup Champion.

2017 Rules & Regulations

1. The decision and interpretation of these Rules & Regulations are at the discretion of the KCBS Reps and Event Organizers for this contest, and will be final to the extent consistent with these rules.
2. Each team shall consist of a Chief Cook and as many assistants as the Chief Cook deems necessary. Chief cooks and/or assistant cooks may only cook for their designated team at this contest.
3. Each team will be assigned a cooking space. Pits, cookers, props, trailers, motor homes, vehicles, tents, or any other equipment (including generators) shall not exceed the boundaries of the team's assigned cooking space. All seasoning and cooking of product shall be done with the assigned cooking space. Teams shall not share an assigned cooking space or cooking device.
4. Contestants shall provide all needed equipment, supplies, and electricity, unless arranged for in advance. Contestants must adhere to all electrical, fire, and other safety/health codes. Each team must bring an approved fire extinguisher to be kept near all cooking devices.
5. It is the responsibility of the contestant to see that the team's assigned cooking space is clean and orderly following the contest. All fires must be put out, and all equipment removed from site. It is imperative that clean-up of the team's assigned space is thorough. Any team's assigned cooking space left in disarray or with loose trash, other than at trash containers, will disqualify the team from future participation in this event.
6. Fires shall be of wood, wood pellets, or charcoal. Gas and electric heat sources are not permitted for cooking or holding. Propane or electric is permitted as fire starters, provided the competition meat is not in/on the cooking device. Electrical accessories such as spits, augers, or forced draft are permitted. No open pits or holes are permitted, and no fires shall be built on the ground for any reason.
7. All competition meats shall be inspected by the KCBS approved Meat Inspector or his/her representative during the times established by the event organizer but not prior to the day before judging. Once the competition meat has been inspected, it shall not leave the contest site. Cooking shall not begin until the competition meat has been properly inspected. All competition meat shall start out raw. No pre-seasoned meat is allowed other than manufacturer enhanced or injected products, as shown on label EXCLUDING but not limited to teriyaki, lemon pepper or butter injected. Competition meat not meeting these qualifications shall be disqualified, not allowed to be turned in, not judged, and receives no score.
8. Barbeque for the purposes of this event is cooking in both categories (chicken and pork ribs) only in a cooking device defined in #6 above. Parboiling, Sous-vide, and/or deep-frying competition meat is not allowed. If any of the banned processes are discovered before team turn-ins, the team will receive zeros. If discovered after turn-in, the team will receive (1) ones in all criteria for that entry.
9. Meat shall not be sculpted, branded, or presented in a way to make it identifiable to the team. Rosettes of meat slices are not allowed. Violations of this rule will receive a (1) on all criteria by all judges.

10. Meat Categories for this year's Backyard BBQ Challenge are:

- ~ **Chicken:** Chicken includes Cornish Game Hen and Kosher Chicken
- ~ **Pork Ribs:** Ribs shall include the bone. Country style ribs are prohibited

11. Judging turn-in times – Saturday, June 17th (tentative times – subject to change, but we'll notify you well in advance of the event)

Chicken 2:00 PM Noon

Pork Ribs 2:30 PM

12. Garnish is optional. If used, it is limited to chopped, sliced, shredded, or whole leaves of fresh green lettuce, curly parsley, flat leaf parsley, kale, and/or cilantro. PROHIBITED GARNISHES are: lettuce cores and other vegetation, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO: endive, and red tipped lettuce. PROHIBITED garnish in a turn-in container shall receive a score of (1) on Appearance.
13. Sauce is optional. If used, it shall be applied directly to the meat and shall not be pooled or puddle in the container. No side sauce containers will be permitted in the turn-in container. Chunky sauce will be allowed. Chunks are to be no larger than a fine dice, approx. 1/8 inch cubed. Sauce violations shall receive a score of (1) on Appearance.
14. Entries will be submitted in an approved KCBS / Event numbered container, provided by the event organizer. The number must be visible on top of the container at turn-in.
15. The container shall not be marked in any way so as to make the container unique or identifiable. Aluminum foil, toothpicks, skewers, foreign material, and/or stuffing are prohibited in the container. Marked entries or containers with the above listed material will receive a one (1) in all criteria from all Judges.
16. Each contestant must submit at least six (6) portions of meat in an approved, numbered container. Chicken may be submitted chopped, pulled, sliced, or diced as the cook sees fit, as long as there is enough for six (6) judges. Ribs shall be turned in bone-in. Judges may not cut, slice, or shake apart to separate pieces. If there is not enough meat for each judge to sample, the shorted judge(s) will score a one (1) on all criteria, and the judges having samples will change the Appearance score to one (1).
17. The following cleanliness and safety rules will apply:
 - a. No use of any tobacco products while handling meat.
 - b. Cleanliness of the cook, assistant cooks, cooking device(s), and team's assigned cooking space is required.
 - c. Shirt and shoes are required to be worn.
 - d. Sanitizing of work area should be implemented with the use of a bleach/water rinse (one cup/gallon of water). Each contestant will provide a separate container for washing, rinsing, and sanitizing of utensils.
 - e. First aid is not required to be provided by the contest, except at the election of the Event Organizer.
 - f. Prior to cooking, meat must be maintained at 40 F degrees or less
 - g. After cooking, all meat: Must be held at 140 F or above OR cooked meat shall be cooled as follows: Within 2 hours from 140F to 70F and within 4 hours from 70F to 41F or less.
 - h. Meat that is cooked, properly cooled, and later reheated for hot holding and serving shall be reheated so that all parts of the food reach a temperature of at least 165F for a minimum of 15 seconds.
18. There will be no refund of entry fees for any reason, except at the discretion of the Event Organizer.

***** If you have ANY questions or concerns complying with the above Event Rules & Regulations, please contact the Event Organizers at the above email PRIOR to entering this competition.**

We hope to see you at the 2017 Almost Heaven BBQ Bash