



## Backyard BBQ Contest Rules and Regulations

Riverside BBQ Blast Off  
June 20, 2009  
EH Young Park • Riverside, Missouri

All teams in the Backyard BBQ Contest must have pre-registered and paid the \$35 entry fee to compete in the contest. All entries must be cooked and prepared on the ground. You may season or prepare the meat as you see fit. Cooking can only be done on a charcoal, wood fired or propane cookers . Boiled or fried food will not be accepted.

**Note: You are responsible for observing prudent temperature and sanitary requirements.**

### Rules

1. Each team will consist of a Chief Cook and as many assistants as the Chief Cook deems necessary.
2. All team members must be at least 14 years old by June 19, 2009. The Chief Cook must be at least 21 years old.
3. Each team will provide a grill/cooker to be used exclusively by that team within the confines of the team's assigned cooking space (20' x 20'). The use of a single cooking device by more than one team is not permitted.
4. Each team will bring their own products.
5. All seasoning and cooking of the product shall be done within the confines of the team's assigned cooking space.
6. A chief cook or assistants may not enter more than one team.
7. Each team will receive a 20 foot by 20 foot space to cook in. Vehicles must be parked outside the cooking area. Small "easy up" style tents or umbrellas are permitted for shade.
8. Contestants must adhere to all electrical, fire, health and other codes whether local, county, state or federal.
9. No cooking of any kind may begin before 8 a.m.
10. All team members will be required to wear shirt and shoes while in the contest area.
11. Teams are permitted to bring in coolers with water and soda ONLY. No outside alcohol will be permitted.
12. All contestants are expected to respect the rights of other teams. Profane language or infringement on another team's area will not be permitted.

### Time Line

- 8:00 Team Check In
- 9:00 Mandatory Cooks Meeting
- 4:00 Judging – Ribs (Pork Baby Backs or Spare Ribs, no Beef)
- 4:30 Judging – Chicken (Thighs or Breasts)
- 5:00 Judging – "Anything But"
- 6:00 Awards Presented (must be present to win)

### Set Up

1. Each team will be assigned a 20' x 20' space. Your confirmation letter for the event will contain a map of the park and your team's booth number.
2. Gates at EH Young Park (1001 Argosy Parkway, Riverside, Mo.) will open at 7 a.m. on Saturday, June 20 for set up.
3. There will be a designated area for truck/trailer parking away from the cooking area.
4. Generators are not allowed and no electricity will be provided.

## Judging Overview

**Note:** Any entry that arrives 5 minutes after the appointed judging time will not be scored.

1. Blind judging containers will be delivered to each participant at the team's cook site on Saturday between 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. When you bring your entry to the judging area, the containers may only contain your entry.
2. Each team must prepare six individual pieces of meat or servings in each category for the judges.
3. Anything placed in the container that identifies your team will cause your entry to not be scored.
4. Blind judging will be held in the West Shelter House (furthest from the parking lot). Please familiarize yourself with the location before judging time.
5. All samples must be delivered to the judging location (a sign will indicate where) at 4:00 p.m. for Ribs, 4:30 p.m. for Chicken and at 5:00 p.m. for Anything But.
6. Any entry that arrives five minutes after the appointed check in time will not be scored.
7. You will be allowed to submit one entry only in each category and you must leave the judging area immediately after turning in your entry.
8. All judges will be screened for competence to ensure that the quality of entry will be judged objectively based on the merits of the samples.

## Judging Criteria

1. Entries will be judged by a judging team of six judges. They will be scored in the areas of Appearance, Tenderness/Texture and Taste. The scoring system is 9 (Excellent) to 2 (bad). All whole numbers between 2 and 9 may be used to score an entry. The starting point is 6. A score of 1 is a disqualification and requires approval by the contest organizer.
2. Garnish will be allowed in the turn-in box.
3. No sauce containers will be allowed in the turn-in box.
4. Product may be presented with or without sauce or seasonings.
5. Sauce or seasonings may not be pooled in the container. Any entry not complying with this rule will be given a 1 (one) on Appearance.
6. Marking or sculpting of any kind, of the meat or of the container, will not be allowed.
7. No aluminum foil or stuffing is allowed in the container.
8. No toothpicks, skewers, foreign material or stuffing is permitted. Any entry not complying with this rule will be given a 1 in all judging categories.

**\*\*Teams must not have won a cash prize in any sanctioned barbeque contest. This will be based on the honor system; however, teams found in violation of this requirement may be disqualified.\*\***