



# Best of the Best Rules

- 1. CATEGORIES:** Contest will include four (4) categories. No team may cook more than 3 categories and must cook all three to be eligible to win Grand Champion. The categories are Chicken, Pork Ribs, Pork (Shoulder or Butt - 5 lbs. or more) and Beef Brisket. No change in choice of categories after registration form is submitted.
- 2. COOKED ONSITE:** All meats must be cooked onsite without precooking or pre-marinating. A team or cook must have their meat inspected before cooking or preparing to cook. (See schedule of events for inspection times). Only after official inspection can the meat be marinated, rubbed, etc., as the cook wishes. All meat must remain on team's site after inspection and ready for turn-in.
- 3. SANITATION:** Cooks are to prepare and cook meat in a sanitary manner. Cooking conditions are subject to inspection by the judging committee and local health department. Infractions identified by the judging committee shall be immediately corrected or the cook will be subject to disqualification. All meat must be kept at a temperature of 140°F or higher while cooking or being held after cooking and be kept at 40°F or lower before cooking. A hand washing station (bleach and water) must be on site. All cooking areas must be maintained in a neat and orderly manner and left as it was on arrival, with trash appropriately tied in bags and placed in containers provided. No pets allowed on site.
- 4. ENTRIES PER PIT:** Only one team will cook on each site on a given BBQ pit.
- 5. OPEN FIRES:** Open fire pits or barrels may be used in some areas. In the interest of safety a barrier must be placed around such open fires. A fire extinguisher must also be onsite for every team. Grease and ash barrels are available throughout the area. No open fire pits or barrels allowed under tents.
- 6. BBQ PITS:** ALL pits will be allowed, including electric, gas, charcoal, pellet and/or wood. Specify type of pit on registration for staff to anticipate team needs. Pits are not allowed under tents.
- 7. COOKING TEAM SITES:**  
Regular team sites are 20'X20' and 20'X30'. Please note that QUIET TIME is from 11 pm until 6 am. **Be a good BBQ Cookin' Neighbor.**
- 8. COOK'S MEETING:** At least one member, including the person listed as Chief Cook, must attend the mandatory Cook's Meeting. Turn-in boxes will be distributed and questions will be answered at this time. (See Schedule of Events for times.)

## JUDGING PROCESS

- 9. BLIND NUMBER SYSTEM:** A blind judging system will be used. Each team will be issued turn-in boxes with their team name. However, the name will be changed to a number before being submitted to the judging area. Scores will be available following awards ceremony.
  - 10. JUDGING TRAYS:** Styrofoam trays (9"X9") with hinged lids and without dividers will be given to each team for ALL entries. All trays are to be clean and free of any markings. Marked entries may be disqualified at the Barbecue Committee's discretion. Chief Cooks are responsible for insuring containers remain clean and undamaged.
  - 11. JUDGING TRAY CONTENTS:** If you wish to serve sauce with your entry, it should be served on the meat - not on the side. No pooling of sauce allowed in turn-in box. NO garnishes or condiments are allowed in turn-in box - making this a "meat only" contest  
**Chicken:** At least seven (or more) individual servings of chicken. This can be Whole pieces (breast, leg, thigh, etc.) or halves, quarters, etc., cut into individual servings.
    - **Beef Brisket:** At least seven slices of beef brisket (or more) must be served in the container provided. No chopped or pulled brisket
    - **Pork Ribs:** At least seven individual ribs (or more) must be placed in the container. All rib cuts allowed with the exception of country-style ribs.
    - **Pork:** Enough pork to serve seven judges (or more). Pulled, sliced, or chopped - your choice.
  - 12. TURN-IN TIMES:** A turn-in window of 5 minutes before and 5 minutes after the set turn-in time will be recognized. Judging trays presented before or after the turn-in window will not be accepted. (See Schedule of Events for turn-in times.)
  - 13. JUDGING CRITERIA:** A team of six judges will be assigned to each table with a trained judging assistant. Each entry will receive 6 scores. Judges will assign a score of 60 to 100 for each sample after having tasted all samples (comparison-style judging), using any point increments. Individual scores will be given for Appearance, Taste and Tenderness. Lowest score not included in overall point totals.
- NOTE:** These rules have been adapted for use from the NBF/Best of the Best Rules by the Ambassadors BBQ Cook-Off.



# People's Choice Rules

**Saturday, April 8, 2017**  
**12:15-3:30 pm**

## People's Choice Competition Rules:

- The competition will begin at 12:15 pm and conclude at 3:30 pm.
- A winner will be declared in 2 categories:
  - o Taste
  - o Fundraising
- To serve the sample tastings, all teams that sign up to participate in the People's Choice Competition will receive a supply of 300 plates, napkins and forks.
- Your team will be responsible for serving your sample "tastings".
- The food your team serves can be samplings of your team's BBQ, or any other food you think may entice the crowd. You may want to be creative!
- Alcoholic beverages cannot be served as a part of the People's Choice competition.
- A voting/donation box will be supplied to each team just before the People's Choice competition begins. A BBQ Cook-Off volunteer will pick up your box at 4:00 pm.
- Admission cost to the Cook-Off includes 5 "tasting" tickets and one **wooden nickel/voting token**.
- The "tasting" tickets will be redeemed for sample tastings.
- Donations can also be accepted for sample tastings.
- The **wooden nickel/voting token** will be considered a vote for the People's Choice "**Taste**" winner.
- The "tasting" tickets **will not** be counted as a vote.
- The team with the most **WOODEN NICKELS** will be named the People's Choice "**Taste**" winner.
- The team with the most **DONATIONS** will be named the People's Choice "**Fundraising**" winner.
- Trophies will be awarded to each winning team during the **Awards Ceremony** at 4:30 pm.
- You may advertise prior to the event to attract friends and family to the Cook-Off. Donations may be collected prior to the People's Choice competition.
- Items other than food can be used to entice cash donations. For example – t-shirts, hats, koozies, etc...
- Signage and decorations may help attract people to your tent/area.