

“Backyard Barbeque” Rules and Regulations Southaven Springfest

Although the “Backyard Barbeque” contest is a separate entity and is not included in the Championship contest, the following will provide guidelines for the teams cooking in the division. A \$75 entry fee entitles each team to enter this contest. Any questions concerning this contest should be directed to Debbie Storley, “Backyard Barbeque” chairman. James Lantrip, Barbeque Chairman, will make all final decisions. These decisions will be based on what is best for 1) Springfest, and 2) the contestant. All entries must be cooked on the festival grounds. You may season or prepare the meat as the cooks see fit. Cooking can only be done on a charcoal or wood fired grill. Boiled or fried food will not be accepted. No ingredients or methods of preparation will be made before judging.

You are responsible for observing prudent temperature and sanitary requirements.

Rules:

1. “Backyard Barbeque” entries will be blind judged only. There will be no final round judging. Trophies will be awarded to the first three places. Entries are limited to Pork Shoulder or Pork Ribs.
2. Blind judging containers will be delivered to each participant at the team’s cook site on Saturday between 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. If you have not received your container by this time, send a team member to see Debbie Storley, chairman. When you bring your entry to the judging area, the containers may only contain your entry.
3. Anything placed in the container that identifies you team will cause your entry to not be scored. Cut your entries such that each judge will have their own portion. Provide sufficient samples for judging by 6 judges.
4. Blind judging will be held in the team’s check-in tent. We suggest that you familiarize yourselves with the location before judging time. All samples must be delivered to the check in area between 9:45 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Judging will commence exactly at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday. A sign will indicate the check in location. Any entry that arrives after the appointed check in time will not be scored. You will be allowed to submit only one entry. After you turn in your entry, you must immediately leave the judging area.
5. To protect the integrity of this competition, all judges will be screened for competence to insure that the quality of the entry will be judged objectively based on the merits of the samples.