

Backyard Cook Team Rules & Regulations

- All teams will be assigned a 12' x 12' space in the Pig Fest area. Teams who have cooked in more than one professional event during the past 12 months are not allowed to cook in the backyard division.
- All meat entries must be fresh or frozen and must remain unaltered from the state it was received from the supplier, until it is inspected by the contest official inspector.
- Contest categories on Saturday are Pork Ribs (loin, St. Louis-style, or spare ribs only – NO country-style ribs allowed), Pork Shoulder (may be butt or whole) and chicken. All meat categories must be cooked on site, on the grill and presented without garnish for judging on Saturday.
- Teams may only use wood or charcoal for cooking the meat entries. No gas or electric grills will be allowed in the cooking areas for any reason. Any team found in violation of this rule will be disqualified.
- Contestants may begin check in at 7 a.m. Friday, November 11. Contestants must have set up complete by 5 p.m. and attend the cook team meeting at 6 p.m.
- Containers will be furnished to the contestants for presentation of category entries. **Garnishes will not be allowed** in any of the three categories Saturday. Each container should have enough of the prepared entry for six judges.
- All judging will be done blind. No on-site judging will be done for the purpose of scoring entries. However, independent judges will inspect cook sites during the competition to insure adherence to the contest rules. Teams will be expected to cooperate fully with these inspections.
- Winners and awards will be announced at the awards ceremony on Saturday afternoon.
- **The chief cook will be held responsible for the conduct of his team and guests. Please be considerate of neighboring teams. Public intoxication will not be tolerated.**
- **It is the responsibility of each contestant to see that the contest area is kept clean and that the area is cleaned and policed following the contest after breakdown and before Sunday morning.**
- Each contestant must comply with all applicable rules and regulations of the Stewart County Health Department.
- **Decisions of the Barbecue Committee Chairman and the Judges are final.**

Please cook by the rules. Good luck to all!

We look forward to seeing you November 11-12, 2016.

