



## **BBQ Cook-off Rules**

**Event date: September 22, 2018**

**Event location: Princeton Municipal Building, 310 W. State St., Princeton IN**

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1. Participants **MUST** sign both the waiver on the Entry Form, and the Health Department Food Sanitation Guidelines Document. Guidelines must be strictly adhered to at all times. Failure to do so will result in disqualification.
2. Event Cook Coordinators must approve all cooking entries.
3. Entry teams may have as many team members as they want. However, for the purpose of related publicity or for awards presentations, only four team members will be considered “official” team members.
4. **MANDATORY** Team Captain Meeting will be 6:30 AM (CDT) at the Princeton Municipal Building. We will summarize the day’s planned activity, and any last-minute Q&A.
5. Team Locations: Team booth areas are pre-assigned. MAX booth dimensions are 12 feet deep from the curb edge of the street and 21 feet wide. Please plan accordingly.
6. Set-up for booth and cooking equipment begins at 6:00 a.m. Cooking may begin at 7:00 a.m. Lighting of the grill is considered part of set-up and may be done before 7:00 a.m. cook time. Fires must be lit once in position, no pre-lit fires before arrival.
7. Meats judged in the Backyard Cook-Off are Chicken and Pork Ribs (detailed in Section 9). Judging of all meat begins promptly at 2:00 p.m. Best Butt judging will begin at 3:00 p.m. Winners for all will be announced at the Awards Ceremony at 4:30 p.m.
8. A panel of judges will evaluate each entry on the following criteria: Appearance (20 points possible), Taste (30 points possible), Moisture (20 points possible), Tenderness/Texture (20 points possible), and Overall Impression (10 points possible). A copy of the judges’ scoresheet can be provided upon request. All decisions of the judges will be final.
9. Categories for the Backyard Cook-off are as follows:
  - Chicken:** 6 servings (suggested serving sizes 2-3 oz.) No Cornish Game Hens
  - Pork:** 6 servings (suggested serving sizes 2-3 oz.) Pork ribs must be cut apart.
  - Best Butt:** Best served in small portion cups for many to try.
10. **All meats must be prepared on-site. All meat must be raw and uncooked at check in.** Prior preparation, such as marinating and seasoning, is permitted.



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### **11. DIP/SAUCE – IMPORTANT!**

- **DURING PREPARATION:** You may cook with dip/sauce.
- **AT TURN-IN FOR JUDGING:** Do not add sauce, dip, marinade, sop, or juice to meat or container once the meat is prepared for turn in. Do not add any additional spices, dip or sauce to meats once prepared for turn in. Aluminum foil will be provided when cooks sign in for their team meat trays. Use this foil only. Meat is to be placed on the foil for turn-in. Do not fold foil over meat or mark the foil in any manner. NO garnishing or markers allowed.

**12. FREE SAMPLES TO THE CROWD** are encouraged. However, contestants and/or sponsors may not sell food, drink, souvenirs, or other items to the public. **ANY & ALL SALES ARE PROHIBITED. NO FOOD CAN BE SOLD** at the event, and any attempt constitutes disqualification from the event.

**13.** City regulations prohibit public consumption of alcoholic beverages.

**14.** Teams, participants and contestants in the Backyard Cook-off are responsible for the **CLEAN UP** of their area immediately following the contest. Each team is responsible for keeping the contest area clean and policed before leaving event (no ashes, hot or cold, shall not be left on site). Trash cans and bags will be provided during event. Additional trash bags available upon request.

**15.** Utilities (water and electric **ONLY**) are limited availability. Use your Registration Form to indicate if you need electricity.

**16. EQUIPMENT SET-UP / STAGING:** Up to two (2) vehicles are permitted in the contest area for set up purposes only. After set up, all vehicles, driven, towed and any others must be moved to the Bicentennial Park parking area or another parking area.

**17.** All traffic lanes in contest area must be kept open.

**18.** Once a team's entry fee is received, there are **NO REFUNDS** of any kind, in any amount, for any reason, in any time frame. Entries will be processed on a first paid basis.

**19.** Backyard Cook-off Committee personnel reserve the right to amend these rules and regulations as situations warrant. Intent to circumvent these rules or amendments will not be tolerated.