



OFFICIAL BBQ BASH RULES

\$300 Entry Fee includes meat/food, or supply stipend, a space for a 10 x 10 pop-up tent and tables, and free event T-shirts for all team members. Benefits for team registration also include promotion on banners, social media, newsletter, and website.

Set-up Time: 1:30 PM

1. **Eligibility:** The BBQ Cook-Off is open to all amateur and professional grillers, aged 18 and above, who are passionate about barbecue.
2. **Categories:** The main competition categories are chicken or pork. Teams must prepare and present dishes in one of the categories. The optional secondary category allows teams to showcase their barbecue sauce or side dish creations.

*Main Category - Chicken **or** Pork*

*Second Category - BBQ Sauce **or** side dish*

3. **Equipment:** Each team is responsible for bringing their own equipment, including a pop-up tent, table, chairs, serving cups, utensils, and any other necessary items. Teams are allowed to use pellet smokers, charcoal grills, or propane grills for cooking.
4. **Ingredients:** Participants must use fresh ingredients for their barbecue dishes. Pre-marinated or pre-seasoned meats are allowed, but all sauces, rubs, and marinades must be prepared by the team. Pre-cooked meat is not allowed*. However, second category items may be prepared prior to the event.

***At a team's discretion, teams may begin cooking at 8 AM at Brock's Gap Brewery in their bottom parking lot.** Additionally, Brock's Gap is opening their bottom event space for teams to have access to restrooms and have an area to relax while food is cooking. However, if needed, teams must provide a warmer to keep

food/samples warm. Please keep in mind that attendees will not be arriving until 4 PM.

5. **Judging:** Judging will be based on taste, tenderness, presentation, and overall impression. Teams must provide samples in serving cups for both rounds of judging.

Round One - Teams will be judged by attendees. Every attendee will be given 2 separate color tickets that they will place in a jar according to which team they'd like to vote for in each category.

Round Two - Teams will provide samples for judges for the final judging for 1st Place Winner and 2nd Place Winner.

6. **Cooking Area:** Each team will be assigned a designated cooking area. Teams must maintain cleanliness and adhere to proper food handling and safety practices throughout the competition.
7. **Decorum:** Participants must exhibit good sportsmanship and respect towards fellow participants, event staff, and attendees. Any disruptive or inappropriate behavior may result in disqualification.
8. **Liability:** Participants are responsible for their own safety, equipment, and belongings. The event organizers are not liable for any loss, injury, or damage incurred during the cook-off.
9. **Fundraising:** The BBQ Cook-Off may serve as a fundraising event. Teams are encouraged to contribute to the fundraising efforts through sponsorships, donations, or other means to support the designated cause or organization.