



THE OFFICIAL RED, WHITE & Q COMPETITION RULES

(As outlined by the International Bar-B-Que Cookers Association)

1. **Rustler's BBQ sanctions this event with all rules for judging as written by this organization.**
2. **A contestant or team consists of one chief cook and no more than four assistants.** Contestants may check into the BBQ Cook off grounds at Nichols Park, Henryetta, OK 74437 between 6-8pm no later than 8:00pm on Friday, September 2, 2021.
3. **All competitors will bring their own meat to the site RAW...No pre-marinating, precooking, or pre-spicing prior to official start time.**

Categories for the competition are as follows:

BEEF BRISKET

PORK BUTT

ST. LOUIS STYLE RIBS

You may **COOK** with sauce but **DO NOT** add sauce, marinade, sop, or juice to meat or container once the meat is prepared for judging. **No garnishing or markers allowed for the judges portions.** (These rules don't apply for the People's Choice Sampling/Judging.)

4. **Cooks are to prepare and cook barbecue in as sanitary a manner as possible.**
Cooking conditions are subject to inspection by the Rustler's BBQ Committee and/or County and State Health Inspectors. Conditions found to be unsanitary will be grounds for disqualification from this cook-off. Fires must be wood or wood substance.
Pellet Grills (must provide your own power) will be allowed but NO gas or electric fires are allowed. No holes, open fires, or dug pits will be allowed. However, a burn-down barrel will be allowed but **MUST** have some type of safety barrier placed across the top and around the sides of the barrel. Precautions **MUST** be made to prevent any fire threat. All teams must have at least **ONE** fire extinguisher on site.
5. **Contest meats must be delivered to the designated judging location.**
Contest meats will be judged on Saturday, September 3. All teams must attend the Cooks Meeting at 11:00am Saturday for explanation of the rules, any additional instructions and confirmation of turn-in times for each category.
Please turn approximately a half pound of meat, sliced for the judges in the provided numbered tray
WINNERS FOR ALL CATEGORIES WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT 4:30pm

6. BLIND JUDGING: You will receive 1 tray per category.

Each of these trays will be numbered so that the judges do not know which team's food they are tasting.

7. All Cooking Teams will also be judged for People's Choice.

Rustler's BBQ will sell lanyards for attendees that want to participate in judging the People's Choice category. When entering we will need to know if you plan on doing People's Choice.

Each team will need to make sufficient meat to be passed out in SMALL samples from 1pm – 3pm. You should have samples of pulled pork and having additional samples of non-entry BBQ is permissible. Voting tickets will be distributed with each purchased wristband. Each team needs a vessel where the voting tickets can be placed as each ticket counts as a 'vote'. Rustler's BBQ will tally the votes at 3:15pm and announce the winners at 4:30pm.

8. Any nudity, lewdness, or any form of vulgarity will NOT be allowed. NO pyrotechnics or explosives are allowed.

Any intentional use of the above by a team will result in disqualification, removal from grounds and elimination from the tournament.

9. Prize money and trophies will be awarded as follows:

Prize payouts: 10 entries will pay at \$250 1st place then \$150 for 2nd and \$50 for 3rd. If we get 20 entries we will up the prize value to \$500 first place, \$250 for 2nd and \$100 for 3rd. \$500 for people's choice. RUSTLER'S will pay \$500 for the grand Champion.

2 Pork Butts will be supplied for the people's choice competition. The competitor(s) will need to check the box saying they will or won't be competing in the People's Choice Competition at time of registration.

10. Music Bands, and/or sound equipment within your team area is allowed.

HOWEVER, excessively loud music and/or sounds that interfere with announcements, scheduled live bands and entertainment on stage, or that intrude upon or interfere with the comfort of fellow contestants will NOT BE ALLOWED OR TOLERATED. Offenders will receive no more than three warnings from representatives of Rustler's BBQ and non-compliance will be grounds for disqualification from the Cook-off and expulsion from the Barbecue Cook-off Grounds.

11. QUIET TIME is 11:00pm, Friday night until 7:00am Saturday morning.

All teams will need someone with their grill/smoker at all times. Please be respectful of the neighborhood around the event site, especially on the overnight shift.

12. Contest spaces of 20'x20' will be available for each team.

There is no electricity available at these spots. All cooking facilities, rigs, props or show articles must fit within your team's contest space.

13. The Chief Cook for each team will be responsible for the conduct of his team, guests or invitees.

Additionally, the Chief Cook will be responsible for his team's compliance with the rules and regulations herein set forth. EXCESSIVE USE of alcoholic beverages will be grounds for disqualification. Contestants must not give, offer, sell or donate alcoholic beverages to the general public.

Teams will only offer BBQ to the public if they have purchased a lanyard. Any offensive conduct will be grounds for disqualification from the Cook-off and expulsion from the Barbecue Cook-off Grounds.

14. Rustler's BBQ reserves the right to make additional rules and regulations as the situation warrants. Decisions of Rustler's BBQ are final.

15. Rustler's BBQ, its members or directors, the City of Henryetta, and all participating landlords will not be held responsible for theft or damage to equipment or bodily injury of any kind.

16. Animal(s) of any kind WILL NOT BE PERMITTED in any contestant's contest space.