

RULES AND GUIDELINES FOR THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP BARBECUE COOKOFF, INC. 2009

1. This event is sanctioned by the **Lone Star Barbecue Society (LSBS)** with all rules for judging as written by that organization. Membership in the LSBS is not required of a qualified team to cook in the NCBC.
2. A contestant or team consists of one chief cook and no more than four assistants. Contestants may check into the Barbecue Cookoff Grounds beginning at 8:00 A.M Friday, October 23, 2009, but **MUST** be in place by 12:00 midnight on Friday, October 23, 2009 but please try to arrive by 10:00 P.M.
3. Categories for the 2009 National Championship Barbecue Cookoff are as follows:
 - **BEEF BRISKET**
Turn in nine (9) slices, ¼ to 3/8 inch thick. (Approximate size of a standard pencil)
 - **ONE HALF CHICKEN**, (No Cornish Game Hens)
Turn in two (2) halves of a whole fully jointed chicken (each half must have a leg, thigh, wing, & breast portion)
 - **PORK SPARE RIBS (SLAB)** (No Country Style, Baby Back or Loin Back)
Turn in nine (9) full ribs, cut apart
 - **COOKED ON SITE**: All meat will be brought to the site **RAW**...No pre-marinating, pre-cooking, or pre-spicing prior to official start time. Promoters have established an official **START TIME** as Friday, October 23, 2008 at 5:00pm. Meat will be inspected at cook site after check-in.
 - **SAUCE**: You may **COOK** with sauce but **DO NOT** add sauce, marinade, sop, or juice to meat or container once the meat is prepared for turn in. **DO NOT** add any additional spices or sauce to meats once prepared for turn in. Aluminum foil will be provided when cooks signs in for his/her tray. 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.
4. Cooks are to prepare and cook barbecue in as sanitary a manner as possible. Cooking conditions are subject to inspection by the **NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP BARBECUE COOKOFF COMMITTEE** and/or County and State Health Inspectors. Conditions found to be unsanitary will be grounds for disqualification from this cookoff. Fires must be wood or wood substance. **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.
5. All contest meats will be inspected as you check in or when you are taken to your site by National Championship Barbecue Cookoff officials. The Cookoff official will present you with an official LSBS form, signed off by the official. You will take this form to a designated location in the Cookoff Area where you will receive and sign for your trays and foil. Meat may not be removed from the cook site after it has been inspected. **Trays may be picked up during the following hours:**
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm and 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm, Friday afternoon
If you arrive after designated pick up times; you may pick up trays after the Saturday a.m Cooks Meeting
6. **JUDGING**: Contest meats will be judged on Saturday, October 24, 2009. Contest meats must be delivered to the designated turn-in point located in the cookoff area. **Attend the Cooks Meeting** at 8:00 AM Saturday at the designated cookoff area for explanation of the rules, any additional instructions and confirmation of turn-in times listed below:
CHICKEN: 10:50 AM to 11:10 AM for judging at 11:15 AM
PORK SPARE RIBS: 12:20 PM to 12:40 PM for judging at 12:45 PM
BEEF BRISKET: 1:50 PM to 2:10 PM for judging at 2:15 PM
THE OFFICIAL TIME WILL BE THAT ONE AS KEPT BY THE LSBS HEAD JUDGE & HER DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE. WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT 4:30 PM.
7. **DOUBLE BLIND JUDGING**: You will receive 2 foam trays and 1 aluminum tray (for chicken) w/lid. Each of these trays will have a double matched theatre ticket which has been affixed to the tray with masking tape. The Chief Cook only will sign the back of the ticket on each tray. The Chief Cook is responsible for removing the signed ticket and putting it in a safe place. You **MUST** present this signed ticket to claim any prize when the winning tickets are announced at the award ceremony.
8. All Cooking Teams will be judged for **Best Rig and Best Decorated Layout** in this National Championship Barbecue Cookoff, prize money for 1st place, plaques for 2nd & 3rd place.
9. 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 possible elimination from any future National Championship Barbecue Cookoff!

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

- Grand Champion: \$3700.00
- Reserve Grand Champion: \$2000.00
- 1st Place Each Division: \$700.00
- 2nd Place Each Division: \$450.00
- 3rd Place Each Division: \$425.00
- 4th Place Each Division: \$400.00
- 5th Place Each Division: \$375.00
- 6th Place Each Division: \$350.00
- 7th Place Each Division: \$325.00
- 8th Place Each Division: \$275.00
- 9th Place Each Division: \$250.00
- 10th Place Each Division: \$225.00
- Best Decorated Layout, 1st Place: \$250.00
- 2nd & 3rd Place: Plaques
- Best Rig, 1st Place: \$250.00
- 2nd & 3rd. Place: Plaques
- People's Choice Award, 1st Place: \$300.00
- 2nd Place: \$200.00
- 3rd Place: \$150.00

All Cooking teams who make the final table but do not place in the top 10 will receive a \$75 voucher redeemable at next years National Championship Barbecue Cookoff.
(Prize money will be based on 150 cookers)

NO POINTS WILL BE AWARDED TOWARD OVERALL CHAMPIONSHIP FOR BEST RIG OR BEST DECORATED LAYOUT.

11. Music Bands, and / or sound equipment within your team area is allowed. HOWEVER, excessive loud music and / or sounds which interfere with announcements, scheduled live bands and entertainment on stage, or which intrudes upon or interferes with the comfort of fellow contestants will NOT BE ALLOWED NOR TOLERATED. Offenders will receive no more that 3 warnings from either the Barbecue Chairman, Director, Vice-Chairman or Security Vice-Chairman and non-compliance will be grounds for disqualification from the Cookoff and expulsion from the Barbecue Cookoff Grounds.
12. QUIET TIME is 12:00 Midnight; Friday and Saturday and will be strictly enforced.
13. Contest spaces of 30'x45' will be available for each team. There is no electricity available at these spots; water is shared by using adapters. All cooking facilities, rigs, props or show articles must fit within your team's contest space. A Travel Trailer or Motor Home and one other vehicle will be allowed in the contest space. Other space provided for extra vehicles. Only vehicles with a current year National Championship Barbecue Cookoff window I.D. decal will be allowed in the cooking contest area.
14. The Chief Cook for each team will be responsible for the conduct of his team, guests or invitees. As well, the Chief Cook will be responsible for his team's compliance with the rules land 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 not offer Barbecue for SALE. Any offensive conduct will be grounds for disqualification from the Cookoff and expulsion from the Barbecue Cookoff Grounds.
15. THE BARBECUE COOKOFF CHAIRMAN AND LSBS HEAD JUDGE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO MAKE ADDITIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS AS THE SITUATION WARRANTS. DECISIONS OF THE BARBECUE COOKOFF CHAIRMAN AND LSBS HEAD JUDGE ARE FINAL.
16. The National Championship Barbecue Cookoff, Inc., its members or directors will not be held responsible for theft or damage to equipment or bodily injury of any kind.
17. Animal(s) of any kind WILL NOT BE PERMITTED in any contestant's contest space nor will any animal(s) be permitted on the Barbecue Cookoff Grounds, EXCEPT for seeing-eye dogs.
18. Under no conditions or circumstances will any contestant or family of contestants or guest or public be allowed to bring golf carts, motor vehicles, motorcycles, three or four wheelers, bicycles or any type of transportation into the cookoff area, except wheelchairs or apparatus for the handicapped. PLEASE NOTIFY IN ADVANCE IF YOU PLAN TO USE A HANDICAP

APPARATUS.

- 19. No motor vehicles will be allowed to enter or exit the cookoff area after 12:00 midnight, Saturday.
- 20. The **“People’s Choice Award”** contest is open to those cooks that wish to participate. The general public will be given the opportunity to purchase tickets from the NCBC to sample your cooking from 9:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. on Saturday. Tickets collected by participating teams will be counted as “votes” and the winners receive a trophy and cash as follows:

1st Place: \$300.00

2nd Place: \$200.00

3rd Place: \$150.00

- 21. Participating teams may use and serve any type of meat(s) this does not need to be the same as is being prepared for competition. Size and amount will be determined by the individual team. Taste tickets (votes) will be collected in containers provided by the cookoff. Containers must be prominently displayed by each team from 9:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. at which time the containers must be delivered by the cooking team to the designated location for meat turn-in. Votes will be counted and will be announced at 4:30 P.M. PARTICIPATION IS STRICTLY VOLUNTARY but FUN!! You get to meet lots of BBQ fans and they have the chance to sample some Award Winning BBQ. If you are going to participate you must register for this event when you check in!



NO ANIMALS OF ANY KIND WILL BE PERMITTED...EXCEPT FOR SEEING EYE DOGS!

**SHOWMANSHIP ENTRY FORM TO BE TURNED IN WITH OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM
SHOWMANSHIP BAND / SKIT MUST BE ORIGINAL**



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To be judged for Showmanship this form has to be completed.

TEAM NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

SKIT THEME: _____

SHOWMANSHIP BAND / SKIT MUST BE ORIGINAL

All teams will be judged for Best Decorated Layout and Best Rig.

No Entry Form is necessary.