

# Barbeque Championship Series

## Judging Rules and Guidelines

Judges must be at least 18 years of age.

Judges must be willing to dedicate the required time for all entries' judging and be willing to sample all entries presented.

After the judges meeting, contact with contestants is not allowed and judges must stay near the judging area between categories.

Drink only water during the judging. Alcoholic beverages, coffee, pop and such can affect the palate and skew scores which would not be fair to competitors.

During judging, eat only crackers, parsley or any other palate cleanser provided.

No smoking, consumption of alcohol or controlled substances permitted in the judging area. Violations are grounds for disqualification of the offending JUDGE.

Fill out scorecards and mark the appropriate category and other pertinent information, copy down entry numbers as they are given by the Table Monitor.

On scores of 5 or lower you are strongly encouraged to make an appropriate notation in the comment box. (Judges may comment on any score as teams use feedback to continuously improve. Please be descriptive, but concise.

The Table Monitor is in charge of your table and your first point of contact for questions or concerns during the judging.

Each entry will be displayed by the Table Monitor to be judged for Presentation. Score each as it is presented and before the next entry is displayed.

After Presentation scoring the Table Monitor will pass each entry around the judging table. Remove one piece of meat (use tongs or fork if provided) and place it in the appropriate area for the entry number. This will continue until all entries have been distributed. Do not shake or pull apart meats taken from the container. The Table Monitor will get a ruling from the Head Judge regarding scoring for insufficient pieces.

After all meats have been distributed, then you may begin scoring for Texture and Flavor. Complete the scoring on each entry before moving to the next entry.

No talking is permitted during judging until after all tables have completed judging a category.

If family members or relatives are competing with a team, no other family members or relatives may judge the event. They may assist as table monitors or in other capacities in the judging area.

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No photographs of entries may be taken in the judging area, except for designated event photographers.

When you have completed your scoring and comments, turn your score sheet into the Judging Monitor. DO NOT clear your area until told to do so by the Table Monitor.

Do not compare scores and keep score sheets as free of sauces and food grease as possible.

If you have any questions, bring them to the attention of the Table Monitor as quietly as possible.

After notification that you have completed a category, please clean up your judging station and assist the Table Monitor in preparing for the next category.

At the completion of the judging, please leave your judging station free of debris.

Judging will be on a scale of 1 to 10.

To assist in understanding and providing continuity in judging, please use the following descriptors as the basis your numeric scores.

1 – Disqualified. Only the Head Judge may this determination.

2 – Awful, raw or inedible

3 – Had significant faults

4 – Faulted

5 – Somewhat below average

6 – Average

7 – A bit above average

8 – Very Good

9 – Great!

10 – Outstanding!!!

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Judging will be conducted on four meat presentations;

Chicken – thigh, leg, or breast.

Pork Ribs – Spare or back ribs, bone-in

Pork – Shoulder or Butt. Pulled, chopped or sliced or any combination, keeping in mind that there must be enough for all judges to sample from all cuts.

Beef Brisket – Sliced or pulled. If burnt ends are provided, be sure there are enough for 6 judges to sample.

Turn off cell phones during the judging.

Do not sit at the same table as your spouse, significant other, family member or close friend. We want to keep a high level of diversity in experience and taste which will benefit the contestants and will help further the skills of all our judges.

The Head Judge will be the final authority for any actions or interpretations.