

Backyard Challenge Rules:

- 1) Entry fee will be \$75.00 to enter in either or both divisions: Charcoal or Gas
- 2) Chicken and Pork Rib (no country ribs). You must enter both the Gas and Charcoal divisions and have entries in both the Chicken and Rib categories to be eligible for Grand Championship.
- 3) All meat must be inspected, in original store wrapper and in a cooler with ice, and must be held at 40 degrees.
- 4) After meat is inspected, you may begin to marinate products. Meat inspection will start at 6:00pm Friday through 8:00am Saturday.
- 5) No food products are to be sold or given to public from cook site.
- 6) A 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winner will be awarded in for both Divisions in each category.
- 7) Turn in times: 12:00 Chicken; 1:00 pm – Ribs; 1:45 pm - Dessert. 2:30 – 3:00 pm Awards.
- 8) You will have five (5) minutes before and five (5) minutes after the hour to turn in your entries to judges.
- 9) Containers for judging turn-in will be provided. You must turn in at least 6 samples. Example: 6 ribs; 6 chicken thighs, etc.
- 10) Entries will be judged on appearance, tenderness/ texture and taste in accordance with Kansas City BBQ Society rules.
- 11) When you finish cooking, a container will be provided for your hot ashes, excess grease etc. please use this container to avoid fires and help keep your area clean.
- 12) Your cooking area must be as clean as you found it. Garbage containers will be provided. Must have a gray water container and cleaning containers with a solution of water and bleach.
- 13) Do not have any open fires on the ground. Use a charcoal starter (chimney or start the fire in your cooker). All grill fires must be contained.
- 14) You will have a 10 x 10 cook site area designated for you. Those needing more space need to notify the Backyard Challenge coordinator for possible consideration as available.
- 15) You may cook with gas, wood, or charcoal.
- 16) Water and ice will not be provided.
- 17) The decisions by the judges will be final. A **MANDATORY** cooks meeting will be held Saturday, June 5th at 8:00am to go over rules and questions.
- 18) No pets, fireworks, or firearms are allowed on grounds.
- 19) Failure to follow the above rules may cause your entry to be disqualified.
- 20) Value of Awards will be in excess of \$5,000 in cash, prizes, and products.
- 21) Set up times will be Friday June 4th, 6-10pm & June 5th, 6-8am. **NO** exceptions. Security will be provided for event.

- 22) You must be 18 years of age to complete. 18 or younger, a parent or guardian must be present at all times.
- 23) Hearth and Grill Shop, vendors, sponsors and any other participating entities shall not be held liable for any injury or loss.