

Big Sandy Creek Festival BBQ Cook Off Rules

1. A \$25.00 entry fee is required for each meat category entered (chicken, ribs, boston butt and brisket). You are allowed to enter multiple categories. There will also be a People's Choice (aka Festival Grill Master) award based on whatever presentation of meat(s) within the categories that you would like to offer to the public for this part of the contest, and serving size equivalent of 2 oz. minimum. See more about this category in the payout.
2. Entry containers must contain 5 portions for each category you enter for judges. Containers will be provided.
3. Contestants must provide their own tables, chairs, and tents if desired. There will be very limited electricity and water availability.
4. Competition meats may not be seasoned or marinated before the competition. No pre-cooked or pre-boiled meats will be allowed. All meat must be in USDA approved packaging at the time of check in.
5. Check in starts at 6 a.m. on Saturday, August 25th, 2018.
6. Fires can be of electric, gas, wood, or charcoal grills. Open fires or fire pits are not allowed.
7. The head cook must have the barbeque at the judging area on time. One container of each category will be judged. All entries must be in containers supplied by the judges. The scorecard will tell you what you will be judged on.
8. Turn-in times are as follows:
 - a. Chicken 3:00 p.m.
The team may cook chicken whole, halved, or individual pieces.
 - b. Pork Ribs 3:30 p.m.
Ribs, loin back (baby back), spare ribs. No country style ribs.
 - c. Boston Butt 4:00 p.m.
Boston Butt weighing a minimum 5lbs or more must be cooked as a single piece of meat.
 - d. Brisket 5:00 p.m.
Brisket must be cooked as a single piece of meat.
 - e. People's Choice begins 5:30 p.m. ends 6:30pm
9. The cook must maintain health standards when handling meat. Meat must be maintained at 40 degrees or lower prior to cooking and 140 degrees or higher after cooking. Sanitary gloves must be worn while handling the meat.
10. All meat must be thoroughly cooked. Blood or redness indicating raw product will be disqualified.
11. There will be awards for first and runner up in all categories. Winners will also have their picture taken and placed in the local newspaper.
12. This is an amateur cooking contest and it is intended there be no further distinctions regarding entry classifications.
13. A blind judging system is based on a duplicate numbered ticket (e.g. theatre ticket) which will be utilized in all judging categories. Blind judging consists of one-half of the double ticket being enclosed in a small envelope and being secured (usually by tape) to the BOTTOM of the turn-in container. The second half of the ticket is placed inside the judging container. When receiving the judging containers, the head cook prints his name on his half of

the ticket in the presence of contest committee personnel. Any container that appears to have been deliberately marked or altered will be referred to the head judge who will rule on disqualification. Damaged containers will be replaced by the head judge. Damaged containers and all tickets must be turned in to the head judge at this time in order to receive a new container.

14. All entries will be scored on a scale of 1 through 5 in each of the judging criteria, with 5 being the best.

15. Until announcements are made, the taped envelope should remain attached to the top three category winners' judging containers. At the time winners are announced, the taped envelope will be removed from the container (on stage) and opened by one contest official. A second official will announce the number. The head cook or team member must present the corresponding half of that ticket to the head judge who will confirm that the numbers match, and announce the head cook's name and team name.

16. Judges decisions are final.

17. Each team is responsible for the clean-up of their space.

Payouts are as follows:

a. Chicken

1st Place – \$100 & Trophy

2nd Place – \$50 & Trophy

b. Pork Ribs

1st Place – \$100 & Trophy

2nd Place – \$50 & Trophy

c. Boston Butt

1st Place – \$100 & Trophy

2nd Place – \$50 & Trophy

d. Brisket

1st Place – \$100 & Trophy

2nd Place – \$50 & Trophy

e. **People's Choice**

***FESTIVAL GRILL MASTER* – 50% payout** based on crowd participation

*\$10 entry fee per public participant/ armband + 1 ticket for voting

*Each Participating Team will need to provide a 2 oz. sample offering of their preferred meat of choice to participants.

f. **Best Q-Pit by Design – 100% payout – NO ENTRY FEE**

* 100% participation by public

\$1 vote placed in a jar at voting table for Q-Pit team of Choice that they observed and like the Q Pit teams layout, design, team participation, organization, attire, etc. – So Q teams we encourage you to be unique and original in your Q-Pit atmosphere and spacing!

Big Sandy Creek Festival BBQ Cook Off Registration Form

Team Name: _____

Name of Head Cook: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

The fees: \$25.00/each category.

Categories: Chicken, Ribs, Boston Butt, Brisket and People's Choice

Make checks/money orders payable to: Alexandria Community Club

All entries must be received by August 10th, 2018 by mail. Call-ins are allowed until 6 p.m. August 24th, but will require a late entry fee of \$10/category entry.

Please check as many categories as you will be participating in: \$25/category

Chicken Ribs Boston Butt Brisket People's Choice

Head Cook Signature: _____ Date: _____

Total Enclosed: _____

Please mail entries to:

Alexandria Community Club
c/o BBQ Cook Off
304 W 4th St
Alexandria, NE 68303
Tammy Schmidt/Coordinator: 402-587-2229

Notes to committee:

Big Sandy Creek Festival BBQ Cook Off Liability Waiver

THE COMMUNITY CLUB OF ALEXANDRIA SERVES THE RIGHT TO MAKE ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS AS THE SITUATION WARRANTS. ALL JUDGE DECISIONS ARE FINAL.
VIOLATIONS OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE CONTEST MAY RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION.

Team Name: _____ Date: _____

Head Cook: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

I hereby acknowledge that I am voluntarily participating in the Big Sandy Creek Festival BBQ Cook Off. I hereby assume full responsibility for all liability and all risk of injury or loss, including death, which may result from my participation in this event. I hereby hold harmless, release, waive, forever discharge and covenant not to bring legal action or claim against the Community Club of Alexandria or any of its committees or representatives, from any and all claims or demands I may have by reason of any accident, illness, injury or death, or damage to, loss or destruction of any property, arising or resulting directly or indirectly from my participation in the event and occurring during such participation. This general release and waiver of liability of all claims is binding on my heirs, executors, administrators and family members and any and all persons pursuing a claim on my behalf, on behalf of my estate or against me or my estate. By signing below, you are agreeing that you understand and agree to all terms in the waiver. All team members must sign this document in order to be considered for the Big Sandy Creek Festival BBQ Cook Off. Each member will asked to be identified at time of check-in.

1. Print Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

2. Print Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

3. Print Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

4. Print Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____