

ABGA BBQ Cook-off Monday, June 10, 2019

- There will be 5 Categories –
Beef, Chicken, Pork, Goat - Main ingredient in each category needs to be the focus.
Example: (beef ribs, burgers, steak, brisket)
Crockpot – anything goes in this category
- Judging will be held Monday evening. Categories will be judged in the following order:
CROCKPOT – 6:00 pm CHICKEN – 6:30 pm
PORK – 7 :00 pm BEEF – 7:30 pm
GOAT – 8:00 pm
- The contest will be divided into two divisions: ABGA and JABGA. All competitors must be a current member of ABGA or JABGA.
- Teams will be allowed to compete but must list names upon registration. Team members must be from within the same membership category.
- Entry fee: \$25.00 per entry. You may enter multiple food items and categories by paying the fee for each entry. Registration will be open on Sunday, June 9, 8 am – 4 pm in the ABGA Show Office. No late entries will be accepted due to preparation of the contest area.
- People’s Choice award – Competitors wishing to compete in the People’s Choice will have a table set up to serve to the public. Tickets will be sold to the public at \$1 each, 6 for \$5, 15 for \$10. Purchaser will deposit the ticket in the container in front of each food entry.
- All awards, including the People’s Choice, will be given at the awards banquet on Wednesday.

Rules

- JABGA members who are competing individually may appoint 1 JABGA member to assist them with cooking and turn-in while they are competing in the show ring or contests. The Contest Organizer must be notified prior to the contest start.
- Competitors shall provide all needed ingredients, equipment, supplies and electricity, except as arranged for in advance. Competitors must adhere to all electrical, fire and other codes. A fire extinguisher shall be near all cooking devices.
- All competition meats shall be inspected by the Official Meat Inspector during the times established by the Contest Organizer but not prior to the day before judging. Once the competition meat has been inspected, it shall not leave the contest site. Cooking shall not begin until the competition meat has been inspected by the Official Meat Inspector. All competition meat shall start out raw. No pre-seasoned meat is allowed other than manufacturer enhanced or injected products, as shown on label. Competition meat not meeting these qualifications shall be disqualified, not allowed to be turned in, and not judged, and receives no score.

- Cooking will begin at 6 am and continue throughout the day. Competitors must prepare and cook all food in the designated area.
- Fires shall be of wood, wood pellets, charcoal, gas and electric heat source. Propane or electric is permitted as fire starters, provided that the competition meat is not in/on the cooking device. Electrical accessories such as spits, augers, or forced draft are permitted. No open pits or holes are permitted. Fires shall not be built on the ground.
- Entries will be submitted in a numbered container. Turn-in containers will be provided by the Contest Organizer. The number must be on top of the container at turn-in.
- The container shall not be marked in any way that makes the container unique or identifiable. Aluminum foil, toothpicks, skewers, foreign material are prohibited in the container. Marked entries or containers with the above listed material will receive a one (1) in all criteria from all Judges and disqualified.
- It is the responsibility of the competitor to see that the assigned cooking space is clean and orderly following the contest. All fires must be put out and all equipment removed from site. It is imperative that clean-up be thorough.

Judging

- An entry will be judged only at the time established by the contest organizer. The allowable turn-in time will be five (5) minutes before to five (5) minutes after the posted time with no tolerance. A late turn-in will not be accepted by a Rep and will receive a 0 (zero) in all criteria.
- Judges may not fraternize with teams on turn-in day until conclusion of judging.
- Judging will be done by a team of 6 persons at the judging table, who are at least 16 years of age. Only judges, contest reps and necessary support staff are allowed in the judging area during the judging process. No other activities are permitted in the judging area during the judging process.
- The scoring system is from 9 to 2, all whole numbers between two and nine may be used to score an entry (9 excellent, 8 very good, 7 above average, 6 average, 5 below average, 4 poor, 3 bad, and 2 inedible).
- The low score will be thrown out. Results will be tallied. If there is a tie in one of the categories, it will be broken by the computer, as follows: The scores will be compared (counting all five judges) for the highest cumulative scores in taste, then tenderness, then appearance. If still tied, then the low score, which was thrown out, will be compared and the higher of the low scores will break the tie. If still tied, then a computer-generated coin toss will be used. In the event of lost, destroyed or missing score cards the remaining score cards will be averaged in each category and those averages shall be used as the missing scores on replacement score cards. After there are six total score cards the normal procedure will be followed for dropping the low score. These correct scores will be the official scores for any and all purposes