



## **RULES**

**YOU MUST HAVE THE REGISTRATION FORM FILLED OUT AND TURNED IN 1 WEEK PRIOR TO THE RIB-OFF. WE WILL HAVE A MEETING ON THE THURSDAY (2 DAYS) BEFORE TO GO OVER RULES.**

**YOU MUST HAVE NO MORE THAN 4 PEOPLE HELPING WITH ANY SORT OF FOOD COMING FROM YOUR DESIGNATED AREA. EACH TEAM WILL RECEIVE NO MORE THAN 4 WRISTBANDS (TEAM PACKET).**

**YOU ARE ALLOWED ONE VEHICLE PER TEAM AT YOUR COOKING TENT. YOU MAY UNLOAD ANOTHER, BUT ONLY ONE IS ALLOWED TO STAY.**

**AFTER ALL TEAMS HAVE SET UP AND THE EVENT HAS STARTED, NO VEHICLE MAY ENTER OR LEAVE THE EVENT. IF A VEHICLE LEAVES, IT WILL NOT BE ALLOWED BACK IN UNTIL THE EVENT IS OVER.**

**EACH TEAM IS ALLOWED TO HAVE AS MANY COOLERS AS NEEDED FOR FOOD, BUT ALLOWED NO MORE THAN 1 – 60 QT. COOLER PER TEAM FOR ALCOHOL.**

**MAKE SURE EVERYBODY ON YOUR TEAM IS FAMILIAR WITH THESE RULES.**

## EACH TEAM WILL BE JUDGED ON:

### **People's Choice Award (hors d'oeuvres, preferably redneck style)**

Hors d'oeuvres are a staple in this competition. It is your choice what appetizer you choose to serve. The more you have, the better chance you have of getting tips. The team with the most charitable tips receives the people's choice award.

You may use gas, electric, or whatever you like to cook your hors d'oeuvres.

Hors d'oeuvres can be cooked and served at any time during the competition, from the moment you get set up to 5:00 PM, when we count the charitable tips. You can also cook these the night before the competition, if you prefer.

## EACH TEAM'S RIBS WILL BE JUDGED ON: Presentation, Texture, Flavor, and Creativity

**Presentation** is the overall appearance of your ribs; no sauce pooling, meat uniformity, attractiveness, etc. They may not be garnished in any way; no lettuce, no herbs, no sides, etc. If you garnish your ribs, you will be disqualified. This category gets a possible **10 points**.

**Texture** is mastering the art of cooking a perfectly eaten rib. The meat should not fall off the bone, but be easily pulled off the bone when bitten into and twisted. The bone should be white and sweat after the meat releases, then turn slightly grey. This category gets a possible **15 points**.

**Flavor** is the overall taste of your ribs, rub, and/or sauce and their cohesiveness, the perfect amount of sweet, spicy, salty, tangy, etc. There is a possible **20 points** in this category.

**Creativity** is the combination of different flavors in your rub and sauce or the cooking technique. There isn't much room to waiver here with a possibility of **10 points**.

You may use gas, electric, charcoal, or wood to cook your ribs.

~~THE JUDGES WILL BE INTRODUCED AS THEY COME IN AND ARE ALLOWED TO WALK AROUND AND ENJOY THEMSELVES, TALK AND EAT HORS D'OEUVRES. THEY WILL HAVE SHIRTS OR "MAN BIBS" ON THAT SAY "JUDGE." THEY MAY WANT TO TRY YOUR RIBS OR TAKE A "PEAK." DO NOT LET THEM SEE OR EAT YOUR RIBS. YOU WILL BE DISQUALIFIED IF THEY DO!~~

**SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:**

**TEAM MEETING ON THURSDAY, JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup> AT 6:00 PM IN TALLY HO RESTAURANT'S "NEW ROOM." YOU WILL RECEIVE FOUR (4) WRIST BANDS, SPARE RIBS, AND T-SHIRTS AT THIS TIME. YOU CAN MARINATE, SEASON, RUB, CLEAN OR CUT THEM HOWEVER YOU WANT AFTER THIS POINT (i.e. ST. LOUIS STYLE RIBS ARE CLEANED, AND THE KNUCKLES HAVE BEEN CUT OFF; THIS IS LEGAL).**

**TEAMS MAY BEGIN SETTING UP ON WATER AVENUE AT 7:00 AM.**

**AT 10:00 AM YOU CAN START COOKING YOUR COMPETITION RIBS; NO EARLIER, BUT IT IS OKAY TO START LATER IF YOU CHOOSE.**

**AT 4:00 PM YOU MUST HAVE YOUR RIB PLATE TURNED IN FOR JUDGING. THERE MUST BE 5 RIBS ON EACH PLATE, SAUCED BUT NOT**

**POOLED. SAUCE ON THE SIDE IS ALLOWED, BUT NOTHING ELSE.**

**\*\*\*ABSOLUTELY NO GARNISH. THIS WILL RESULT IN  
DISQUALIFICATION\*\*\***

**WE WILL LET EACH TEAM DRAW A NUMBER TO BE USED ON YOUR  
PLATE PRIOR TO TURNING THEM IN, FILLING OUT A TEAM CARD IN THE  
PROCESS.**

**WE WILL PRESENT THE RIBS TO THE JUDGES, INDIVIDUALLY, BY  
NUMBERED TEAM. NO NAMES WILL BE MENTIONED. THEY WILL BE  
JUDGED IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER.**

**BETWEEN TEAMS THEY WILL CLEANSE THEIR PALATE WITH WATER OR  
BEER, IF THEY CHOOSE.**

**PLEASE RESPECT THE MUSICIANS AND DJ'S, AND KEEP YOUR  
RADIOS/STEREOS OFF WHILE THEY ARE PLAYING. FIRST WARNING, YOU  
WILL BE DOCKED POINTS; SECOND WARNING, YOU WILL BE  
DISQUALIFIED; THIRD WARNING, YOU WILL BE EJECTED FROM THE  
EVENT. BETWEEN ACTS YOU ARE WELCOME TO JAM AS YOU WISH!**

**REMEMBER THIS IS A COMMUNITY EVENT FOR THE BENEFIT OF LOCAL  
CHARITIES. PLEASE MIND YOUR MANNERS, AND MOST OF ALL, HAVE  
FUN!**