



# 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Championship/Patio Barbecue Competition September 27 & 28, 2019

*Sanctioned by the  
Memphis Barbecue Network-  
Championship Division & Patio Division*

**Qualifying event for the Delta BBQ Battle!**



***Friday, September 27***

**5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.**

Sponsors' Dinner

Entertainment

“Anything But” Competition

Fireworks Display

***Saturday, September 28***

**6:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

Rotary Club Pancake Breakfast

5K Walk/Run

Barbecue Competition Judging – Championship & Patio Divisions



## **Steak Cookoff Association**

sanctioned steak & one-bite events

Sanctioned by



Entertainment

Arts/Crafts & Food Vendors

Amusement Area

Presentation of Barbecue Awards

*Sponsored by the Ruleville Chamber of Commerce*



# 2019 Team Application

Check *ONLY* one of the following:

**Championship Team**     **Patio Team**

Official Team Name \_\_\_\_\_

Chief Cook \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (day) \_\_\_\_\_ (evening) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Payment for the total entry fee must be received with application no later than September 13, 2019. Applications submitted are not guaranteed entrance. The Great Ruleville Roast reserves the rights to reject any application after spaces are full. If your application is not accepted, your money will be refunded. However, no refunds will be made once you have been accepted into the contest.

Limited space is available so apply early to secure your admittance.

Any photos taken at the event become the property of The Great Ruleville Roast and may be used for promotional purposes. For any additional information or questions contact Elise Jenkins, Barbecue Chair, at [jenkins2@tecinfo.com](mailto:jenkins2@tecinfo.com) or 662-719-1675.

**I am entering this contest voluntarily and acknowledge that participation is a privilege, not a right. In exchange for the opportunity to participate in The Great Ruleville Roast, I assume all risks and indemnify and release all sponsoring and/or hosting entities, including but not limited to the City of Ruleville, the Ruleville Chamber of Commerce, The Great Ruleville Roast, the Memphis Barbecue Network, and the Steak Cookoff Association and their employees, agents and volunteers from any and all liability for personal injury arising out of my or my team's participation in this event.**

Complete this form and return it along with your registration fee no later than September 13, 2019.

Send application and entrance fee to:

The Great Ruleville Roast

c/o Elise Jenkins

P. O. Box 191

Ruleville, MS 38771

*Make checks payable to **Ruleville Chamber of Commerce***

**I agree to abide by all the rules and regulations of The Great Ruleville Roast, the MBN and SCA and understand that their decisions are final.**

Signature (required): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

2019 Application (continued) **Official Team Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

### CATEGORIES & FEES

#### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

#### **Anything But Division (OPEN TO ALL TEAMS – CHAMPIONSHIP & PATIO)**

CATEGORY	COST PER ENTRY	NUMBER OF ENTRIES	AMOUNT DUE
Sauce	\$20		
Baked Beans	\$20		
Seafood/Fish	\$25		
Chicken	\$25		

**Anything But Fees:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

**Patio Division** – MUST ENTER 2 CATEGORIES TO RESERVE A SITE \*Electricity included in entry fees (20 amps).  
• MUST COOK ALL 3 TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR GRAND CHAMPION

CHECK PATIO CATEGORY ENTRIES – \$75 each category

Pulled Pork       Pork Ribs       Pork Loin      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Championship Division** – \*Electricity included in entry fees (20 amps).

CHECK CHAMPIONSHIP CATEGORY ENTRIES - \$125 each category

Whole Hog       Pulled Pork       Pork Ribs      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Extras**      Port-a-John @ \$125 each      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Electricity Fee @ \$50      \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ amps

**\*Teams requiring more than the standard 20 amps will need to contact Elise Jenkins for arrangements.**

**MBN Admin** – Required for all cooking teams      \$ 10.00

**TOTAL ENTRY FEES ENCLOSED:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Make check payable to Ruleville Chamber of Commerce*

\_\_\_\_ Best Decorated Site-No Entry Fee    Theme: **BOOTS & BBQ**

**Team Members-** 10 wristbands issued to team members staying on site from Midnight to 6 am.

(please list all members): \_\_\_\_\_

**Standard Area:** 20' wide x 20' deep Standard Cooking Site - **Maximum space allowed is 40' wide.**

Requests for additional space must be justified by size of rig and/or equipment and must be made in advance.

Total Set-Up Size (trailer, cooker, tent, etc): \_\_\_\_\_ Space requested: \_\_\_\_\_ Wide x \_\_\_\_\_ Deep

**RV space is available BUT limited and granted on a first come, first served basis. Some electrical hook-ups – NO water hook-ups. Arrangements must be made in advance and approved by the Barbecue Chair.**

RV space requested: Yes    No    Space required? \_\_\_\_\_ Wide x \_\_\_\_\_ Deep    Electricity\*\*? Yes    No

**\*\*Electrical hook-ups require an additional \$50 fee.** Contact the Barbecue Chair for requirements and reservations.

**Set Up & Registration:** All teams must register before setting up. Load in starts at noon on Thursday, September 26 and ends at 4 pm on Friday, September 27.

Arrival:       Thursday       Friday      Time: \_\_\_\_\_



## Contest Prizes & Judging Times Category Prizes



Category	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place			
<b><i>Anything But</i></b>						
Sauce	\$50 + Plaque	\$30 + Plaque	\$20 + Plaque			
Beans	\$50 + Plaque	\$30 + Plaque	\$20 + Plaque			
Seafood/Fish	\$75 + Plaque	\$50 + Plaque	\$25 + Plaque			
Chicken	\$75 + Plaque	\$50 + Plaque	\$25 + Plaque			
<b><i>Patio</i></b>						
Pulled Pork	\$125 + Trophy	\$100 + Trophy	\$75 + Trophy	\$50 + Trophy	\$25 + Trophy	
Pork Ribs	\$125 + Trophy	\$100 + Trophy	\$75 + Trophy	\$50 + Trophy	\$25 + Trophy	
Pork Loin	\$125 + Trophy	\$100 + Trophy	\$75 + Trophy	\$50 + Trophy	\$25 + Trophy	
<b><i>Championship</i></b>						
Whole Hog	\$600 + Trophy	\$450 + Trophy	\$350 + Trophy	\$250 + Trophy	\$150 + Trophy	
Pulled Pork	\$600 + Trophy	\$450 + Trophy	\$350 + Trophy	\$250 + Trophy	\$150 + Trophy	
Pork Ribs	\$600 + Trophy	\$450 + Trophy	\$350 + Trophy	\$250 + Trophy	\$150 + Trophy	
Best Decorated	Plaque	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	

### ***Patio Grand Champion***

**\$200 and Trophy (total prize package \$350\*\*)**

***plus Paid Patio\*\*Entry to Cleveland Octoberfest/MS Delta State Barbecue  
Championship (equivalent to \$150 in entry fees)***

### ***Championship Grand Champion***

**\$800 and Trophy**

### **Category Judging Times**

Category	Check-in Time	Judging Time
<b><i>Friday</i></b>		
Sauce & Beans	5: 45-6:00 pm	6:00 pm
Seafood/Fish	6: 30-6: 45 pm	6: 45 pm
Chicken	7: 15-7:30 pm	7: 30 pm
<b><i>Saturday</i></b>		
Whole Hog/Patio Pulled Pork	9: 45-10:00 am	10:00 am
Pulled Pork/Patio Pork Ribs	10: 45-11:00 am	11:00 am
Pork Ribs/Patio Pork Loin	11: 45-12:00 pm	12:00 pm
Championship Finals Begin		approx. 1:00 pm

### **Information Checklist:**

**Mandatory Cooks Meeting: 4:00 pm Friday**

Tear down: Not before 5:00 pm Saturday

Location: Rule Park-Downtown Ruleville



# OFFICIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Barbecue is defined by Memphis Barbecue Network as pork meat, FRESH OR FROZEN AND UNCURED, prepared only on a wood and/or charcoal fire, basted or not, as the cook sees fit, with any consumable substances and sauces. Meat for the contest may not be pre-cooked, sauced, spiced, injected, marinated or cured in any way, or otherwise pre-treated prior to official meat inspection. **Teams may NOT remove competition meat from the site after inspection.**

Each team is responsible for maintaining the meat at a temperature below 40 degrees Fahrenheit prior to cooking, and at or above 145 degrees Fahrenheit after cooking. Each team should exercise good hygienic practices.

Teams may cook with any type of wood and/or charcoal. Other flammables (propane, compressed or liquid gas, etc.) may be used within the cooker ONLY to START the INITIAL fire. No type of flammables may be used within the cooker once the meat has been placed there. If the cooker has a built-in propane burner, the lines must be disconnected after the initial fire is started. Gas cannot be used to generate heat for the smoker or holding oven. Any team who violates this rule will be disqualified from the contest. Local fire and safety laws may prevent the use of gas anywhere on the grounds at any time, and, if so, these laws shall prevail.

Electrical devices may be used within the cooker if they do not directly generate heat. Approved devices include rotisseries, fans, and delivery systems for approved fuel (i.e., pellet grills). Electric smokers, holding ovens or other devices with heat producing electrical coils are not allowed. Microwaves may be used to warm/heat sauces, but not to cook, warm, or reheat meat.

## Championship Division Meat Categories

2. The Championship official meat categories are Whole Hog, Pulled Pork, and Pork Ribs.

a. A **whole hog entry** is defined as an entire hog, whose dressed weight is 85 pounds or more prior to the optional removal of the head, feet and skin, and the hog must be cooked as a complete unit on one grill surface. No portion of the whole hog may be separated or removed, and returned to the grill, prior to or during the cooking process.

b. A **pulled pork entry** is defined as a portion of the hog containing the arm bone, hind leg bone, shank bone, and/or a portion of the blade bone. A whole shoulder, a picnic shoulder, a ham, or a Boston Butt are all considered to be valid entries if they contain a portion of the bone as mentioned above. The entry must be cooked as one whole unit, bone included, until it reaches a minimal internal temperature of 145 degrees. No portion of the pulled pork entry may be separated or removed, and returned to the grill, prior to or during the cooking process.

c. A **pork rib entry** is defined by Memphis Barbecue Network as the portion of the hog containing the ribs and classified as a spare rib or loin rib portion. Country style ribs are not a valid entry.

## Patio Division Meat Categories

3. The Patio Porker official meat categories are Pulled Pork, Pork Ribs and Pork Loin.

a. A **pulled pork entry** is defined as a portion of the hog containing the arm bone, hind leg bone, shank bone, and/or a portion of the blade bone. A whole shoulder, a picnic shoulder, a ham, or a Boston Butt are all considered to be valid entries if they contain a portion of the bone as mentioned above. The entry must be cooked as one whole unit, bone included, until it reaches a minimal internal temperature of 145 degrees. No portion of the pulled pork entry may be separated or removed, and returned to the grill, prior to or during the cooking process.

b. A **pork rib entry** is defined by Memphis Barbecue Network as the portion of the hog containing the ribs and classified as a spare rib or loin rib portion. Country style ribs are not a valid entry.

c. A **pork loin entry** is defined as bone in or without bone. Loin must weigh at least 5 pounds at time of meat inspection. No stuffing is allowed.

4. A Patio Porker team must cook at least two (2) of the three (3) categories to be eligible for a site. A team must cook all three (3) categories to be eligible for Patio Grand Champion.

5. **All meat categories for the Championship Division and the Patio Porker Division must be inspected by the Official Meat Inspector for compliance with entry requirements.**

## Anything But Division Categories

6. Categories are Sauce, Beans, Seafood/Fish, and Chicken. No inspection is required and garnish is allowed. Teams are allowed multiple entries in these 4 contests only. A fee is required for each entry. A team can only win one place in a category regardless of the number of entries. This division is open to all teams – Championship and Patio Porker teams.

## Delta BBQ Battle

8. All teams qualify for the Delta BBQ Battle. Teams' highest preliminary score in the official meat categories will be combined with highest scores from Que on the Yazoo, DSU Pig Pickin' and Cleveland Octoberfest/MS Delta State BBQ Championship (3 of the 4 contests). Championship winner will receive \$5,000 and Patio winner will receive \$1,500.

# OFFICIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS, cont.

## Judging

9. **ANYTHING BUT JUDGING** will be held on Friday, September 27. Blind judging only and garnish is allowed. *These contests are open to all teams (Championship and Patio Porkers).*

10. **CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION JUDGING** will occur on Saturday, September 28. Preliminary blind judging and finals on-site judging rules of the Memphis Barbecue Network will be used. Preliminary blind judging will begin at 10:00 a.m. for Whole Hog division; 11:00 a.m. for Pulled Pork division; and 12:00 p.m. for Pork Rib division. Finals judging will be on-site and begin at approximately 1:00 p.m.

a. **WHOLE HOG ENTRIES** - Portions of the ham, shoulder and loin must be present and identifiable in the blind box. No other portions of the whole hog are allowed in the blind box. All meat in the blind box **MUST** come from the whole hog cooked as a complete unit. No other meat or garnish of any kind is allowed in the blind box. The blind box must contain enough of each portion to give bite size samples to 6 judges and all pieces must fit inside the closed container (9"x9") provided. No garnish of any kind is allowed in the blind box. During finals judging, other portions of the whole hog may be presented to the 4 finals on-site judges in addition to the ham, shoulder and loin.

b. **PULLED PORK ENTRIES** - The preliminary round blind box must contain enough pulled pork to give bite size samples to 6 judges and all pieces must fit inside the closed container (9"x9") provided. No garnish of any kind is allowed in the blind box.

c. **PORK RIBS ENTRIES** - The blind box must contain at least 6 sections of ribs and all pieces must fit inside the closed container (9"x9") provided. No garnish of any kind is allowed in the blind box.

11. Each Championship team must cook enough to provide bite size samples to 6 judges in the preliminary blind judging [all pieces must fit inside the closed container (9"x9") provided] and have enough to provide for 4 finals on-site judges if the team qualifies for the final round. It is recommended that Championship teams entering the pulled pork division cook a minimum of two (2) butts or shoulders. Teams entering the Championship pork rib division should cook a minimum of five (5) slabs of ribs. It is not necessary to cook more than one hog.

12. **PATIO PORKER DIVISION JUDGING** will occur on Saturday, September 28. Blind judging rules of the Memphis Barbecue Network with **one preliminary judging round** (see Items 14-19) only will be used for each contest. The Patio Porker Grand Champion will be determined by the highest cumulative score from all 3 categories (pulled pork, pork ribs, and pork loin).

13. Each Patio team should cook enough to provide bite size samples of pulled pork and pork loin for 6 judges and at least 6 sections of ribs and all pieces must fit inside the closed container (9"x9") provided. No garnish of any kind is allowed in the blind box.

14. **PRELIMINARY BLIND JUDGING** is the "blind" judging of all teams (Championship and Patio Porkers) and all entries in a secure location where judges do not know which team submitted the samples. The purpose of preliminary blind judging in the Championship Division is to identify the top three (3) entries in each meat category and to rank the rest of the entries. The top three (3) entries in each meat category in the Championship Division will advance to the final round of on-site judging. The preliminary blind judging in the Patio Porker Division will determine the winners in each meat category. These scores are then combined for a cumulative score to determine the Patio Grand Champion.

15. In the Preliminary Judging there are 6 judges per table in the Championship Division and 5 judges per table in the Patio Division. The lowest score in each judging criteria will be dropped. Teams should pay special attention to the way their meat is prepared for the blind judges. There are no sharp knives in the judging area, so it is recommended that teams cut or "pull" their entries into small enough sections to easily fit into the 9"x9" container provided by the contest.

16. With each entry container, there can be up to two sauce containers with lids turned in. Teams may send any combination of sauce, rub, marinade or basting sauce. Only the containers and lids that were issued by the contest may be used for sauce; no other container is allowed. Teams will turn in the sauce container with their blind box sample container. **DO NOT** put the sauce container inside the sample box.

17. Teams are not allowed to mark on the meat or sauce containers in any way. If a team is turning in a "HOT/SPICY" sauce for judging, the check in volunteer will mark that container as "hot". If marks are on the container, the sample(s) will be put in replacement containers.

18. Meat turned in for blind judging may not be sculpted, shaped or presented in any way to make it identifiable. Any suspicion of this will result in the sample not being accepted.

19. The Preliminary Blind Judging Criteria - Appearance of Entry, Tenderness of Entry, Flavor of Entry and Overall Impression.

## OFFICIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS, cont.

20. **FINALS ON-SITE JUDGING** is done only in the Championship Division. This round is operated as a completely new contest with nine separate entries: three whole hog, three pulled pork, and three rib teams. All judging in the final round is on-site. Final judges are escorted by a contest official that will monitor the time (minimum of 10 minutes and maximum of 15 minutes) they spend with each team. No scores from the preliminary round are carried over to the finals round of judging.

21. There will be four (4) finals judges traveling in a group, judging all nine entries. They are responsible for ranking the nine teams without regard to meat category and choosing the Grand Champion. Each team will be judged independently even though the judges are traveling in a group. Even though teams will be presenting and feeding four (4) people, the presentation must still fit in the 15-minute window.

22. NO garnish is allowed on the grill surface or presenting platter in finals judging. Foil is permitted on the grill surface. Only disposable plates, napkins, bottled water/cups, etc. must be used during finals judging. It is the team's discretion as to what they present the sample/entry on at the table. Cloth table cloths and decorations in the team area are acceptable.

23. The Finals On-Site Judging Criteria – Area and Personal Appearance, Presentation, Appearance of Entry, Tenderness of Entry, Flavor of Entry and Overall Impression. Judges are required to use decimals in all criteria.

### General Information to all Teams

24. Contestants' category(ies) **must be stated on entry form.**

25. **All competition entries for all divisions must be prepared and cooked on site. Any team (Championship and/or Patio Porker) found to serve judge competition meat that was not prepared and cooked on-site, by them, WILL be disqualified.**

26. All teams should review the 2019 MBN General Rules and Regulations found on the website [www.mbnbbq.com](http://www.mbnbbq.com).

27. Each team must comply with all applicable rules/regulations of the Sunflower County Health Department. **NO MEAT/ENTRY/PRODUCT MAY BE SOLD.**

28. Each contestant competing shall supply all of his own meat, cooking ingredients, individual cooking devices, utensils, preparation tables, etc. A regulation cooking area (20' by 20') is provided. All contestants must adhere to all electrical, fire and other city, county, state or federal codes. A fire extinguisher must be in each cooking area.

29. Each contestant must check in with the Barbecue Chair before set up when cooking area assignments will be issued. Standard set up begins at noon on Thursday, September 26 and ends at 4:00 p.m., Friday, September 27. **All teams must be set up by 4:00 p.m. and attend the mandatory cooks meeting.** Cooking may begin any time after meat inspection. Teams will not be allowed to move vehicles into the team area until after awards on Saturday.

30. All deliveries of equipment and supplies, etc. must arrive before 4:00 p.m. on Friday, September 27. **All vehicles must be removed from the area by 4:00 p.m., Friday. No vehicles are allowed to remain in the cooking areas.**

31. A team may have as many assistants as are necessary. All cooks and assistants that handle food in any way must comply with all applicable rules and regulations of the Sunflower County Health Department.

32. No live animals, including pets (dogs, pigs, etc.), are allowed in the cooking area. Cooking in pits is not allowed.

33. **All teams are required to send a representative to the Chief Cooks' meeting on Friday, September 27, at 4:00 p.m.** Location will be provided with acceptance confirmation.

34. It is the responsibility of each contestant to see that the contest area is kept clean. All fires must be put out and all equipment, garbage, etc. removed from site. Any site not properly cleaned will result in disqualification from future participation.

35. The chief cook will be held responsible for the conduct of his team and guests. Any disturbances or altercations because of team members, guests or individuals in the team's area are grounds for disqualification and expulsion from future contests. Excessive use of alcoholic beverages will be grounds for disqualification. **No glass containers are allowed.** Under no circumstances are alcoholic beverages to be distributed (given away or sold) to the general public by the contestants.

36. The use of golf carts and ATVs is restricted to the Barbecue Committee. **Team members and/or guests are NOT allowed to use any type of vehicle (golf carts, ATVs, etc.) in the festival area. Violations will result in disqualification.**

37. No live bands, combos, etc. will be allowed in the individual cooking areas at any time during the event. Absolutely no entertainment allowed during judging on Saturday beginning at 10:00 a.m. **All entertainment and music must end at Midnight on Friday. Quiet Time will be enforced by the Ruleville Police Department from Midnight, Friday to 6:00 a.m. Saturday. Only team members with wristbands can stay on-site in their cooking areas from Midnight on Friday to 6:00 a.m. Saturday.**

## OFFICIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS, cont.

38. Standard cooking area is 20' x 20'. Special requests must be stated on the application and must be approved in advance by the Barbecue Chair. Maximum width is 40' and must be justified. Water and electricity (110 outlet, 20 amps) are included in application fees. **A limited number of 30-amp hook ups are available on a first come, first served basis and require an additional fee. Contact the Barbecue Chair for those arrangements.**

39. Applications submitted are not guaranteed entrance. Accepted applicants will be contacted and entry fees will be deposited. Accepted applicants will be contacted with information regarding the judging process, registration and parking.

40. The Barbecue Committee reserves the right to reject any application. If your application is not accepted, your fees will be refunded by mail. No refunds will be made once you have been accepted into the contest whether you appear or not.

41. All checks should be made payable to the Ruleville Chamber of Commerce and mailed to Elise Jenkins, GRR Barbecue Chair, P. O. Box 191, Ruleville, MS 38771.

42. The Great Ruleville Roast Committee reserves the right to make additional regulations as the situation warrants. Violations of rules and regulations will result in disqualification, expulsion from grounds, and/or disqualification from future participation. Decisions of the Memphis Barbecue Network, The Great Ruleville Roast Barbecue Chair, Co-Chair and judges are final.

For other information or to make advance arrangements, contact Elise Jenkins, GRR Barbecue Chair, at 662-719-1675 / [jenkins2@tecinfo.com](mailto:jenkins2@tecinfo.com).