

Wiregrass Blues Society BBQ Competition Rules and Regulations.

Back Yard BBQ Winner takes all Competition!

\$1000.00 Cash prize, Trophy and Bragging Rights as best BBQ in the Wiregrass Area.

“People’s Choice Award”. Trophy and Bragging Rights as The People’s Choice BBQ in the Wiregrass Area. (This competition will be based on crowd response.)

Entry Fee is \$100 and \$75 for WBS Members

Teams must have clean equipment, signage, and price point signs, a clean 10x10 tent or larger, but not excessive, Teams should bring tables and all the necessities for selling your BBQ to the public throughout the day.

Each team will be assigned an unshared cooking space, designated by the Contest Organizer. All seasoning and cooking of product shall be done “within” the assigned cooking space at the designated time.

Contestants shall provide all needed equipment, food, supplies, condiments, electricity, unless arranged for in advance. Contestants must adhere to all electrical, fire, and other city codes and licenses. An in-date fire extinguisher comparable to the job, must be near all cooking devices. A business license or special event license is required by The City of Dothan.

It is the responsibility of the contestant to see that the team's assigned cooking space is safe, clean, and orderly following the contest. Failure to thoroughly clean the area may disqualify the team from future participation at WBS sanctioned events.

Meat shall not be sculptured, branded, or presented in a way to make the team’s entry identifiable. Teams in violation of this rule shall receive a penalty score of one (1) in all criteria from all Judges and disqualified.

Brisket, Ribs, and Chicken will be the Judged Meat Categories:

- BRISKET: must be cooked for a minimum of 5 hours on site.
- RIBS: (beef, pork, lamb) your choice. Must be cooked onsite from raw.
- CHICKEN: includes whole pieces, chopped, and sliced. Your choice. Must be cooked onsite from raw.

Judging will start around 5 pm. So, bring your culinary A-GAME and grill it to perfection. Old & New School Methodologies welcome. Just make it great!! Entry will be judged only at the time established by the contest organizer.

Garnish is welcomed, but optional. If garnish is used it plays no role in the score. When used, garnish is limited to chopped, sliced, shredded or whole leaves of fresh green lettuce, curly parsley, flat leaf parsley, curly green kale and/or cilantro. ALTOGETHER PROHIBITED GARNISHES are lettuce cores and other vegetation, including but not limited to endive, red tipped lettuce. "PROHIBITED" garnish shall result in a penalty score of one (1) on Appearance.

Sauce will be part of the points system and shall be applied directly to the meat and not to be pooled or puddled in the container. No side sauce containers will be permitted in the turn-in container for judges so make it nice.

Entries will be submitted in an approved WBS “numbered” container given to the contest organizer at the judging station. The number must be on top of the approved container at turn-in.

Each contestant must submit at least five (5) portions of meat for the 5 judges.

There will be no refund of entry fees for any reason, except at the election of the contest organizer. CAUSES FOR DISQUALIFICATION & EVICTION of a team, its members, and/or guests: A cook team is responsible jointly and

severally for its head cook, its team members, and its guests and all their equipment. a) Excessive use of alcoholic beverages or public intoxication with a disturbance. b) Serving alcoholic beverages to the general public. c) Use of illegal controlled substances. d) Foul, abusive, or unacceptable language or any language causing a disturbance of the peace. e) Excessive noise, including but not limited to that generated from speakers, such as radios, CD players, TVs, public address systems or amplifying equipment, will not be allowed, festival is designated to start at 2:00 p.m. and will last no later than 10 p.m. unless otherwise determined by THE WIREGRASS BLUES SOCIETY and or THE PLANT SECURITY.

Judging Appearance & cleanliness are certainly part of the Judging. Judges will rate each contestant's space with a 1-10 score, according to their tent and brand appearance, cook and personnel appearance, cleanliness of equipment, and attitude and character of each team. This score will be used only in case of a tie breaker.

Judges will have no interaction with competitors prior to competition. A pitmaster may enter team areas prior to turn-in but must stay out of the working process.

Judging will be done by 5 different Influential Business Professionals from the Wiregrass area. Judging will take place in front of the VIP section at THE PLANT at the Judge's tables facing outward to engage with the crowd. Judges must be at least 27 years of age. Judges, Contest Reps, and necessary support staff only, are allowed in the preapproved VIP Judging Area during the judging process. No other activities are permitted around the judging tables 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.

A score of one (1) is a penalty or disqualification and requires approval by a Contest Rep. to be given. Grounds for penalty/disqualification: All judges will give a one (1) in Appearance for prohibited garnish, pooled sauce or less than 5 samples of meat. All judges will give a one (1) in all criteria for sculptured meat, a marked turn-in container, foreign object in the container, or incorrect meat. All judges not receiving a sample will give a one (1) in all criteria.

The weighting factors for the point system are: Appearance Taste Tenderness and Sauce

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 site appearance score, if that fails a crowd favorite between the two, 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 crowd response will be solicited.

Learn more about the festival here: <https://www.wiregrassbluesfestival.com/>

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