



North Carolina Blueberry Festival Association

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Barbecue Cook-Off Awards:

- 1st Place - \$900 & Trophy
- 2nd Place - \$700 & Trophy
- 3rd Place - \$500 & Trophy

SCHEDULE:

Thursday, June 18th

- 4:00pm – Contestants begin setup
- 7:00pm – Setup completed
- 8:00pm – Cooks' meeting

Friday, June 19th

- 6:00am – Cooking begins
- 5:00pm – Judging begins
- 7:00pm – Contest winners announced

OFFICIAL RULES & REGULATIONS:

1. The Chief Cook will be responsible for the conduct of his or her team and guests.
2. Contestants are expected to respect the rights of other contestants with special emphasis on loud music, loud or profane language.
3. No public display of consumption of any alcoholic beverages will be allowed on the grounds.
4. Contestants will not sell any food, drinks or other items to the public.
5. No pets allowed.
6. All cooking spaces will be numbered and will measure 12'x20'.
7. Each cooking space will be given one vehicle parking permit.
8. Pigs will be cooked in an "above ground" cooker. Pigs may be cooked with wood, charcoal, or gas.
9. Burn barrels will be provided if you need one. *Please note this on the application.*

10. Open fires will be allowed only for the purpose of making coals for cooking of pig. Please keep fires as low as possible and protect the unwary from stumbling into them.
11. No charcoal or wood embers are to be emptied on the grounds.
12. Drip pans for grease will be used. Grease barrel will be provided. All grease will be emptied into barrel.
13. Each gas cooker will be inspected and have to pass safety inspection before Chief Cook can receive his or her pig.
14. Burgaw Fire Department Fire Marshall and a representative of the Barbecue Cook-off will make the following inspections:
 - A. Gas leaks (from gas tank to burner)
 - B. Solid connections (No hoses slipped over copper tubing held by hose clamp will be allowed. Quick connects will be considered as solid connections.)
 - C. Tanks will be secured in or to something to prevent them from being turned over.
 - D. Approved fire extinguishers will be required on all cookers for safety reasons.
15. The first site to be judged will be determined by drawing at cooks meeting. A representative of the judging committee will accompany judges while pigs are being judged and take up score sheets. *Make sure only one person representing the cook-sponsor is present at the cooker while the pig is being judged.* Each judge will be given score sheets with no information which would in any manner identify the cook-sponsor. The committee, not the judges, will total the score sheets.
16. Each cook is to have the following on hand for judging:
 - A. Four sharp knives
 - B. Four cups or bottles of water
 - C. Towels (paper or cloth)
 - D. Small container of your sauce
17. If and when a chief cook decides to withdraw or disqualifies his or her pig from the competition, he or she will notify the committee as soon as possible.
18. No pigs will be removed from the cooking site under any circumstances. Any pig will be disqualified if any part of the pig is removed or intentionally disturbed other than cutting that is allowed for seasoning.
19. Any pig judged not done will be disqualified. Cooks are to keep cooking the pig until it is judged to be done in the opinion of the cooking committee.
20. THERE WILL BE NO PASSES. Cooks will be given enough time to complete their pig. If the Chief cook is not ready for judging, he or she will be disqualified.
21. No trophies or awards will be on display Friday between 8:00am and the completion of the judging.
22. After your pig has been judged, start preparing your pig for pickup. Pull meat from bones and chop your pig. (You will be supplied a container to put meat in.) Please do not put any sauce on meat. Bones and skin can be put in trash cans.

23. You are responsible for cleaning up your cook site.
24. A completed score sheet with your average score in each category will be available for each entry approximately two weeks after the contest.
25. In the event of a tie, tied positions will be determined by computer.
26. A copy of these rules, score sheet and parking permit will be mailed to each Chief Cook prior to the contest.

The North Carolina Blueberry Barbecue Cook-off committee reserves the right to make additional rules and regulations as the situation warrants. The North Carolina Blueberry Barbecue Cook-off contest and staff shall not be responsible or liable for the property of any team. All property of the teams shall be under the care, custody and control of the team whether in transit to, from or within the cook site. Violations of the rules of the contest will result in disqualification. Decisions of the judges and pig cooking committee are final.