



Kyle Fair Tex-Travagaza

Rib Cook Off Rules



All teams in the BBQ Rib cook-off MUST be pre-registered and pay the entry fee to compete in the contest. Register by mail, email or in person to City of Kyle Parks and Recreation Department located at 700 Lehman Rd. Kyle, Tx 78640. Make checks payable to City of Kyle Parks and Recreation Department. Registration must be completed by May 1, 2023 to reserve your spot. The City of Kyle will be providing all ribs for the contest to each team.

All Ribs are property of Kyle Fair Tex Travagaza.

Ribs not submitted for judging will be made available to the public for tasting at your cook site. Each person buying tickets will be able to vote for their favorite Rib in the People's choice. Public will trade one (1) ticket for each rib they sample

Rules:

- Each team will consist of a Head Cook and assistants.
- All team members must be at least 14 years old. The Head Cook must be at least 18 years old or have a parent or guardian on-site.
- Each team will provide their own grill/cooker to be used exclusively by the team within the confines of the team's cooking space. The use of a single cooking device by more than one team is prohibited. One team, one entry.
- Only wood fired, charcoal fired, pellet fired, or propane fired cookers are permitted. Electricity is **NOT** provided by the City. Full electric smokers are prohibited. Personal quiet generators are required within your booth. Power cords, hoses or any items must stay within your booth space.
- Each team will provide their own seasonings, sauces, and serving tools. A judging box will be provided. Plates and boats for public sampling must be provided by the team for ticketed people's choice voters.
- All seasoning and cooking of the product shall be done within the confines of the teams cooking space.
- Each team will be allocated space to cook in and an onsite camp space for the duration of the event. **No** electricity will be provided.
- List of ingredients for ticketed people's choice voters. To prevent allergic reactions.
- Contestants must adhere to all electrical, fire, health, and other codes whether local, county, or state.
- Each turn in box requires at least one bone for each of the 5 judges. Garnish is optional. Judges will not grade based on garnish. Entries must be submitting to the entry box provided. No marks or items may be placed in the box that may identify person or team.
- All team members will be required to wear shirt, pants, and shoes while in the contest area.
- All contestants are expected to respect the rights of other teams. Have fun and be respectful.
- Any outside beverages must be kept within the team cook site. We encourage you to support the festival vendors as well as the City of Kyle beer tent.

Judging Criteria:

Each team will be rated 1-10 with 10 as the highest in each of the categories(**Taste, tenderness, and appearance**).