

MWBA BBQ Contest Rules - 2018

These rules are general in nature and are common sense and very close to the 298 rule. The 298 rule is 98% or the people will do the right thing by them self. All rules are created for the other 2%

The final word is always of the Midwest Barbecue Association (MWBA) Representative that is working the contest.

MISSION STATEMENT

MIDWEST BBQ ASSOCIATION IS DEDICATED TO THE TEACHING AND ADVANCEMENT OF THE ART OF COMPETITION BARBEQUE. AS AN ORGANIZATION THE MIDWEST BBQ ASSOCIATION SPONSORS AND HOSTS COMPETITIONS IN LOCAL COMMUNITIES THAT ENCOURAGE ENTHUSIASM FOR THE ART OF COMPETITIVE BARBEQUE BY DEVELOPING AND CULTIVATING NEW AND EXISTING MEMBERS WITH EDUCATION, FAIR COMPETITION AND VARIOUS ACTIVITIES. THE MIDWEST BBQ ASSOCIATION IS A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION THAT FOCUSES ON PROMOTING GOOD STEWARDSHIP BY HELPING CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS. REGARDLESS, OF THE MEMBERS LEVEL OF EXPERTISE, WE ALL SHARE THE PASSION AND DESIRE TO DEVELOP OUR SKILLS AS COMPETITIVE BBQ TEAMS.

Safety

At all times, you must keep all food products either hot or cold. This applies to contest and serving products.

Every team shall have a cleaning system that includes bleach water. It is highly recommended that disposable containers be used when possible.

Every cook team must have a Class 5 ABC or greater fire extinguisher at their site.

Absolutely no smoking in the cooking area.

Cooks

Each team may have as many cooks as they want. But each person can only be on one team that day.

Each team is required to send a minimum of one person to the cooks meeting. No exceptions!

Cooks meeting time will be announced upon your arrival at the event, or shortly thereafter.

Turn in's

Turn in times will be announced at the cooks meeting **or on the MWBA**

[facebook page](#). The window is 9 minutes after the posted time. Another word, if the turn in time is 11:30 you will have from 11:30 until 11:39 to have that category turned in to the table captain.

You must use the box you have been given by the MWBA representative.

No garnish is allowed for any food category!

You may use a single sheet of foil in the bottom of the container.

Nothing more or you'll risk disqualification for that category.

MWBA sanctioning allows for blind judging only. Entries will be submitted in an approved container, with NO garnish, or decorating of any kind. Only the entry to be judged is allowed in the container. Marking of any kind will disqualify the entry. Each entry will be judged on PRESENTATION, TASTE / FLAVOR, and TENDERNESS / TEXTURE. Meat may be sauced or un-sauced. A minimum of 6 separate and identifiable portions must be submitted.

Time is that on your cell phone. All cell phones are on the same time schedule.

Judging

We have moved to a 1 to 5 scale for judging...1 being lowest, 5 the highest.

- 1 Being something you don't want to swallow*
- 2 Something you would eat if you were very hungry*
- 3 What you would expect in a chain BBQ restaurant*
- 4 You want to finish the sample*
- 5 You want the teams name and want to take lessons from them*

Fires

All fires/heat sources must be contained. No open pits, ground fires etc.

Wood, gas, pellet, charcoal etc. are all acceptable for use.

Keep your cook site clean. You must leave your area like you found it or better

Alcohol

BBQ and cold beer seem to go hand-in-hand. Remember the 298 rule above? We will let common sense of the majority rub off on the other 2%.

Keep the alcohol on the down low as many of these events are family oriented and many folks like coming out to the cook sites to visit.

Depending on the event, the area approved for sale and consumption of alcohol may not envelope the cook sites. Please try to patronize the event

sponsor with some or part of your alcohol purchase, but always try to keep it out of sight when you are competing outside of the approved consumption area. The Event organizer's liquor license is at stake should there become any issues that arise outside of the approved area.

If the contest asks you not to bring in your own alcohol, respect there decision and don't.

Fine Print

If you feel you have been treated unfairly please talk to the rep working the contest. If that doesn't resolve the issue you have the right to file a complaint with the MWBA President in writing. That will be reviewed by the Board of Directors within

7 days and you will have their resolution/answer within 14 days.

Remember all MWBA members and most event organizers are all volunteers. Our goal

As the MWBA is to help our nonprofit organizations or community groups to profit and/or raise funds for their respective groups.

Each contest organizer may choose to add, change or amend these rules. These changes would be announced at the cooks meeting day of that contest.

Thanks for participating in this MWBA Event and if you are intested in cooking in more events like this one, we are always looking to add new members. Please consider joining our organization and becoming part of the MWBA family. Reach out to the MWBA rep for more information on how to join. We're all here to share our passion for great BBQ, help those starting out in competitive BBQ and to just have a fun time coming together to compete.