



Las Vegas BBQ Festival - BBQ Competition Rules

Early Bird Buy-in is \$275. * Ends Aug 15 *****

- After August 15, the buy-in will increase to \$325.
- No entries will be permitted after September 15th.

Categories:

- Chicken Drums
- Ribs
- Cook's Choice BBQ Side ancillary (*optional*)

People's Choice

The main feature of the Las Vegas BBQ Festival is the People's Choice sampling. **All teams will be provided with protein to cook & serve during the PC competition.**

Participation in the People's Choice Sampling is mandatory.

The People's Choice Sampling will be open between 12pm - 4pm (or while supplies last).

Chicken & Ribs

We'll provide the proteins! All chicken drums & ribs used in the competition must be procured through The Nevada BBQ Association.

- **Proteins provided with the buy-in:** Each team will receive one (1) case of chicken drums (40lbs/ approximately 100 -120 pcs) and minimum of eight (8) racks of pork ribs.
- **Additional Proteins:** We will monitor BBQ Sample pack pre-sales. As we get closer to the contest, there may be an opportunity for teams to cook & serve additional racks of ribs.

Cook's Choice BBQ Side Ancillary

This is an **optional category** but a great way to stand out & win extra prize money! We recommend cooks prepare a minimum of 50-100 samples.

Cooks may choose from the following BBQ Side options:

- Beans
- Potato Salad
- Mac & Cheese
- Cornbread
- Vegetable
- Other (must be approved by the NVBBQA)





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BBQ Sample Packs will be on sale to the public prior to the event. See **EventBrite** to purchase.

The public will receive tickets to sample the BBQ and a voting token(s) with each BBQ Sample Pack purchase so they can vote for their favorite team. Voting will be for a favorite overall team, not by food item.

- Each sample ticket can be exchanged for one BBQ Sample (1 ticket = 1 rib, 1 ticket = 1 chicken drum, 1 ticket = a 4oz BBQ Side)
- **Make some money back!** Every sample ticket a team collects can be redeemed for \$1 from NVBBQA at the close of the sampling period.

Sample containers & utensils

- The NVBBQA will provide teams with sample trays (paper), 4 oz cups, and plastic forks.

Prizes

Win your share of a \$4,000 prize pool!

Chicken & Ribs (each category)

1st: \$650
2nd: \$450
3rd: \$250
4th: \$100
5th: \$50

Cook's Choice BBQ Side Ancillary

1st: \$250
2nd: \$150
3rd: \$100
4th: \$75
5th: \$50

People's Choice Team

1st: \$200
2nd: \$100
3rd: \$75





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Timeline

Load-In Information

Load in after 10 a.m. on Friday, September 29. Please check-in with an organizer before parking. We'll load teams in as they arrive.

If you will be arriving later than 8pm on 9/29, please contact the organizer to arrange your arrival.

Cooks Meeting - Friday, September 29 at 6:00 p.m.

Turn-In Times - Saturday, September 30

12:00 (noon) - Chicken Drum

12:30 - Ribs

1:00 - Cook's Choice BBQ Side

People's Choice Sampling

12:00 - 4:00pm (or while supplies last)

5:30pm Awards (or earlier)

Load-Out Information

Please bag your own trash and take it to the dumpster. Ash containers & a grey water receptacle will be available. Teams are responsible for leaving a clean space.

Health Department Regulations

As teams will be serving samples to the public, the Las Vegas BBQ Festival is considered a Tasting Event by the Southern Nevada Health District.

All food must be prepared onsite. Please let us know if you have any questions.

The NVBBQA will handle the permits but teams are responsible for their cook space meeting Health Department standards. **We are happy to answer any questions you have.** Please see the checklist below:

- [Temporary Food Establishment Checklist](#)





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If you have any questions or concerns regarding the Health Department regulations or People's Choice, please contact Travis Barr or any of the NVBBQA board members. **We're here to help!**

Judged Entires

Each team shall turn in their boxes at the front of the Premier BBQ & Fire store. From there, it will be carried inside to the judges where judging will be blind.

- **Competitors must use the provided proteins** & provided turn-in boxes for their entries.
- Turn-in boxes must contain a minimum of 6 samples for the judges.
- Garnish is optional. If garnish is desired, you may use: fresh green lettuce, curly parsley, flat leaf parsley, curly green kale and/or cilantro.
- The Chicken & Rib meat must be served on the bone.
- Competitors will be judged by Appearance, Taste & Tenderness.
- Cook's Choice BBQ Side Ancillary may be served in small, disposable cups within the turn-in box. The box must include a minimum of 6 samples. Each sample should be 2oz or larger.

Additional Information

Electricity will NOT be provided. Teams that want electricity will need to bring their own power sources. We reserve the right to ask you to discontinue the use of your generator if we deem it too loud and a disturbance to surrounding teams.

Fire sources can be wood, wood pellets, charcoal, electric, or propane. Deep frying is not allowed.

The red Solo cup rule applies: All alcoholic beverages should be in cups or concealed containers. Excessive use of alcoholic beverages or public intoxication are grounds for eviction. This is a family friendly event.

It's each team's responsibility to keep their area clean. Please bag your own trash and take it to the dumpster. You are responsible for removing grease and gray water.

- Ash containers and a gray water receptacle will be available.

Each team must have a recently serviced fire extinguisher in their cooking area.





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Feel Free to Contact Us With Any Questions

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Event URL

nvbbq.org/lasvegasbbqfestival

Event Date

September 30, 2023

Location

Premier BBQ & Fire
8420 W Desert Inn Rd
Las Vegas, NV 89117

