



Official Rib/Chicken Cooking Rules

Questions? Email us at director@elmhurstwalkin.org

GENERAL RULES

1. Each team will consist of one head cook and as many assistants as head cook chooses.
2. No distribution of food to the public (except best sauce competitors)
3. First aid will not be provided.
4. Contestants must have a fire extinguisher. Use of gasoline or other auxiliary heat sources will result in immediate disqualification. This does not include torches used to start your smokers.
5. No soliciting of any kind. No refunds.
6. In order to qualify for the Grand Championship, contestants must compete in the rib, chicken and sauce categories.
7. All decisions of the 'Cue For A Cause Committee are final.

SET-UP

8. Teams may arrive and begin setup at 9:00 am.
9. After set up, all meat will be inspected at your tent and containers and clamshells for turn in will be distributed. **NO COOKING, SEASONING AND/OR MARINATING OF RIBS AND CHICKEN PRIOR TO MEAT INSPECTION.**
10. No stakes or hammering into pavement permitted.
11. 10x10 canopy tents are permitted. Please bring weights to secure.
12. No open pits or holes permitted.

EQUIPMENT - FOOD/COOKING

13. Contestants must provide all equipment.

14. Water and electricity will not be provided. No generators allowed.
15. All charcoal and wood products must be extinguished and placed in assigned ash bins.
16. All equipment must be removed at the completion of the event and trash placed in dumpsters.
17. Charcoal or wood smokers only.
18. Contestants must adhere to all fire and other city, county, state and federal codes.
19. For Best Ribs, pork only. Spare and baby backs are allowed. No country ribs.
20. For Best Chicken, wild, farm raised, Cornish Game Hens and Kosher are allowed. Contestants may use any part of the chicken for the turn-in **provided the same parts are used for all portions.** As an example, if you're cooking thighs, the turn-in box must have all thighs.

TURN-IN

1. A 9x9 Styrofoam "clamshell" will be provided to you.
2. No marking of turn-in box.
3. Turn-in box must accommodate six judges.
4. **TURN-IN TIMES ARE AS FOLLOWS:**
CHICKEN: 2:30pm
RIBS: 4:00pm
5. There is a 5-minute window on either side of the turn-in times.
6. Garnish is optional.

THESE RULES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE PRIOR TO THE CONTEST DATE. PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE WWW.EWANET.ORG FOR UPDATES TO THESE RULES PRIOR TO THE EVENT.