

**2025 KIDS-Q COMPETITION APPLICATION**  
**Smoke on the River BBQ Competition**  
**August 30, 2025 – Kelley Park, Burlington, KS**

***Contest Description and Design:***

There will be two (2) divisions based on child's age as of August 30, 2025\*:

- 10 Years Old & Under
- 11-16 Years Old
- \* No participant shall be 17 years of age or older.
- Each participant will be provided one pound of hamburger.
- Cheeses, breads, condiments, buns and sauces are welcomed in the entry submitted.
- Judging Criteria - Entries will be judged on ***Appearance, Taste and Tenderness.***

***Registration Fees:***

[   ] \$10.00 Registration Fee – due immediately     \$\_\_\_\_\_

Submit this application electronically or by mail. Submissions will not be confirmed until both your application and full payment are received. Pay online no later than August 29, 2025; OR submit payments by mail. Mailed payments should be mailed as soon as possible, but no later than August 23, 2025 to:

*Smoke on the River BBQ*  
*1111 Sage Brush Ct.*  
*Burlington, KS 66839*

***Competition Times\*:***

*August 30, 2025*

- 4 p.m. – Kids-Q Cook's Meeting (Kelley Hall)
- 6 p.m. – Kids-Q Competition turn-in time

\*All times subject to change

***Prize Awards:***

Each Division: 1st - \$150 and trophy; 2nd - \$75; 3rd - \$50

Prizes and money will be presented during the Awards Ceremony on Sunday, August 31 at 3 p.m. (approximately).

**KIDS-Q RULES AND REGULATIONS**  
**(REQUIRED READING)**

Smoke on the River BBQ Club (SOTR) reserves the right to refuse a team's entry or decline a judge's application, certified or otherwise, at its discretion. SOTR will refund entry fees when the applicant gives notice in writing or otherwise by email, by August 29, 2025. Refunds will be made by check within thirty (30) days of receipt of the written notice of cancellation. Weather

is not an acceptable reason for cancellation if adverse weather occurs after August 27, 2025, through the close of the event on the evening of August 30, 2025. Participants, their members, successors, and agents agree to abide by all local, state, and federal laws.

***Rules and Regulations:***

- USDA-approved hamburger kept at 40 degrees (40°) or less will be provided to Competitors. A contest representative will inspect all items to be submitted for judging (buns, cheeses, veggies, etc.) between 12 p.m. and 5 p.m.
- Any outdoor cooking method will be permitted... gas, grill, charcoal, propane, etc. Please note, electricity will not be provided.
- Competitors will be able to cook at their team sites, which will be marked off and shall serve as the boundary where friends and family may approach without disqualifying the team for being in the cooking area. If Competitors are with a Team competing in the Smoke on the River BBQ Competition, the Competitor can cook at that Team's site.
- Contest representatives will be present to supervise and assist in keeping the competition area clear of any non-team members. An adult representative will be allowed in the competition area to assist in lighting the team's charcoal safely. No adult within the competition boundary at this time shall be allowed to handle any of the team's competition items or cooking utensils.
- All teams will be assigned an area to cook in, in which they must keep all cooking gear in their area.
- There will be a Kids-Q Cooks meeting at 4:00 p.m. in Kelley Hall, where the rules and regulations will be reviewed. Teams will receive their 9 x 9-inch Styrofoam clamshells to submit their entry in. The entry must fit in the container.
- Team participants must prepare their own entry, including seasonings and any garnish used. Garnish is "open."
- The official turn-in time is from 5:55 p.m. until 6:05 p.m. No entries will be accepted prior to or after this "turn-in time." Contest officials shall have the time displayed at the turn-in table, which shall be the "official clock."
- Teams must hold their cooked items at a temperature of 140 degrees (140°) or higher until turn-in time (please check your meat temperature).
- Each team must turn in an entry consisting of at least six (6) samples in the turn-in container provided. No other container will be accepted. More than six (6) entries are acceptable if the team wishes to submit.
- The judging protocol utilized by the KCBS shall be used to ensure the quality and integrity of the judging process.
- Scores shall be tabulated in the same manner as the Smoke on the River competition.
- Awards will be announced Sunday, August 31, 2025, during the Awards Ceremony at Kelley Hall, at approximately 3 p.m.

- Each team shall be responsible for the clean-up of their area, including the removal of their grill and charcoal. Parents and adults may assist.
- Failure to abide by these rules could cause disqualification of the team.

Enter on the website at [www.smokeontheriverbbq.org](http://www.smokeontheriverbbq.org) or by U.S. mail. Phone calls and other communications arranging for entry without using the online registration and payment system, or U.S. mail, are null and void.

Teams are responsible for any damage that may result to the Park and/or grounds due to damage from heat or cooking equipment that is or has been placed in direct contact with grounds or asphalt that results in cracking or damage otherwise. The same applies to equipment used in the cooking site (pit) that includes, but is not necessarily exclusive of, same roadways or parking surfaces as well as electrical facilities.

### **RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY**

In acknowledgement of possible risk, injury, or property damage in competing at the 2025 Smoke on the River Kids-Q Competition, the undersigned team member, acting as authorized agent for "The Team," states that the Team is voluntarily participating in these activities with the knowledge of any and all danger involved. The Team agrees to assume any and all risks associated with the participated activities, including but not limited to risks of bodily harm, death, or property damage, whether those risks are known or unknown.

As consideration for being permitted by the Smoke on the River BBQ Club and the City of Burlington to participate in the Smoke on the River Kids-Q Competition and to use Kelley Park and its facilities. The undersigned team member, acting as authorized agent for the Team, forever releases the Smoke on the River BBQ Club, the City of Burlington, any event-affiliated organization, and their respective directors, officers, employees, volunteers, agents, contractors, and representatives from any and all actions, claims, or demands. I, the Team, my assigns, heirs, distributees, guardians, spouse, agents, and legal representatives now have or may have in the future for injury, death, or property damages related to: (1) my participation as a Team at the Smoke on the River; (2) negligence or other acts, whether directly connected to these activities or not and however caused; (3) the condition of the premises where the activities occur, whether or not I am then participating in the activities; (4) the presence of micro-organisms, viruses and/or contamination that may pose a life safety hazard; or (5) which may result from the Team's participation, or which may occur to third parties by the act(s) of the Team members and their agents.

The Team shall defend any action so asserted or maintained arising out of any action taken by the Team members. I also agree that I, my assigns, heirs, distributees, guardians, spouse, agents, and legal representatives will not make a claim, sue, or attach the property of the Smoke on the River BBQ Club, the City of Burlington, any event-affiliated organization, or their respective directors, officers, employees, volunteers, agents, contractors, or representatives.

The Team, its members, and its successors grant full permission to the Smoke on the River BBQ Club and the Smoke on the River Event committee to use any photographs, videotapes, records, or any other record of the Event for any legitimate purpose, including but not limited

to the future promotional efforts on behalf of the Event. The Team and its members and/or successors agree to follow the rules of the local contest, KCBS rules, and local, state, and federal government laws and hereby authorize the Team member signing below to execute this agreement on behalf of the Team, its other members, and its successors to assume full legal liability and responsibility for the behavior of the "Team" and its guests.

As between the parties, each party shall be solely responsible for any and all liability arising from personal injury, including death, or any damage including property damage arising from the act or failure to act of the Respective Party or of its Officials, members, or Agents pursuant to this agreement.

ON BEHALF OF THE TEAM I CERTIFY THAT I AM AUTHORIZED TO SIGN THIS SERIES OF AGREEMENTS, "DOCUMENT", AND THAT I HAVE READ, HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO ASK QUESTIONS AND UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO THIS DOCUMENT, INCLUDING ALL PAGES OF THE TEAM APPLICATION.

Participant: \_\_\_\_\_ Data: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_