



Contest Specific Rules:

The UK Barbecue Championships

Including

The Tubby Toms Freestyle Championship

CompBBQUK KCBS Championship

Saturday 7th June and Sunday 8th June 2025

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1. Introduction

- 1.1. These rules cover attendance at, and participation in The UK Barbecue Championships which is part of Mini Grill & Smoke on the Farm, taking place across Saturday 7th June and Sunday 8th June 2025.
- 1.2. The UK Barbecue Championships will be separated into two separate contests.
 - 1.2.1. On Saturday 7th June will be the **Tubby Toms Freestyle Barbecue Championships**. The contest will be sanctioned by CompBBQUK and run in accordance with its Champion Series contest rules which can be found here: [CompBBQUK Champion Series](#).
 - 1.2.2. On Sunday 8th June will be **The CompBBQUK KCBS Championships**. The contest will be sanctioned by The Kansas City Barbecue Society and run in accordance with their international rules.

2. Name and Location

- 2.1. The overall contest will be known as The UK Barbecue Championships
- 2.2. The location for the contest will be as part of Mini Grill & Smoke on the Farm which will take place at Hayles Fruit Farm, Winchcombe, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, GL54 5PB.

3. Contest Timeframes

3.1. Draft timeframe (subject to change with notice)

Friday 6 th June	
12:00 - 19:00	Team Arrivals
Saturday 7 th June – Tubby Toms Freestyle Barbecue Championships	
07:00 - 08:00	Team Arrivals
08:00	Team meeting, and CONTEST START
12:00 - 12:30	Round 1 Turn In – UK Burger Championship in Association with Beefy Boys
13:30 - 14:00	Round 2 Turn In – No Meat
15:00 - 15:30	Round 3 Turn In – Around the World
17:00 (approx.) TBC	KCBS Meat Inspection and Cooks Meeting
Sunday 8 th June – CompBBQUK KCBS Championships	
12:00 (11:55 - 12:05)	Chicken Turn In
12:30 (12:25 - 12:35)	Pork Ribs Turn In
13:00 (12:55 - 13:05)	Pork Turn In
13:30 (13:25 - 13:35)	Brisket Turn In
16:00 (approx.)	Awards and close
16:30 - 19:00	Team departures

4. Saturday 7th June – Tubby Toms Freestyle Barbecue Championships

- 4.1. Contest will be a “freestyle” contest, within the bounds of these specific contest rules and those of a CompBBQUK Champion Series contest.
- 4.2. Freestyle means that teams are free to turn in entries for each round in a style and cooking technique of their choosing as long as it conforms to the requirements laid out in these rules, for each round, entry and the Champion Series requirements. They are also free to use any ingredients they wish within the cooking process or entry as long as the entry conforms to any requirements around use of, or absence of specific ingredients or type of ingredient.

4.3. General Rules

- 4.3.1. Limited pre-preparation on site or off site is permitted outside of contest timeframes. For example, mixing of spice blends, however no element of entries may be pre-cooked or pre-assembled. If you are unsure, please contact us to ask.
- 4.3.2. All cooking must take place on barbecues / smokers that derive their heat source from burning solid natural fuels (charcoal, wood, or pellets). Using items such as induction hot plates or gas camping stoves is permitted for limited purposes such as heating sauces.
- 4.3.3. All cooking must take place at the location of the contest, within allotted timeframes of the contest and in accordance with the rules and regulations of each contest.
- 4.3.4. Cooks and teams must ensure that all preparation and cooking is done in hygienic and sanitary conditions.
- 4.3.5. Teams can consist of 1 – 5 named individuals with one team member designated the head cook who is considered responsible for the team during the event.
- 4.3.6. Teams are not permitted to share the use of barbecues, smokers, or team areas during the contests.
- 4.3.7. Each team will be permitted a single entry per round.
- 4.3.8. Teams are responsible for providing or sourcing all their own equipment and ingredients for entries. CompBBQ UK or the event will not be providing equipment or ingredients unless previously agreed.
- 4.3.9. All teams must have a suitable fire extinguisher and fire blanket easily accessible in their team area.
- 4.3.10. All hot ash and embers must be disposed of in the designated bins provided.
- 4.3.11. All recycling and refuse must be disposed of in the provided locations or taken off site.
- 4.3.12. Every care must be taken not to damage the ground or environment of the contest location. You must leave your team, contest area and event location as you found it.
- 4.3.13. During quiet time all competitors, judges and all those involved with the contest must keep all noise to an absolute minimum. This should be judged as no noise that is audible outside of your team area or camping area.
- 4.3.14. Quiet time will be from 21:00 to 07:00 from Friday 6th June to Monday 9th June. The contest is on the grounds of a working farm and business which includes a camping and caravanning site which will contain visitors not associated with the contest or event.

4.4. Round Rules

- 4.4.1. All entries will be judged as per the CompBBQ UK Champions Series scoring mechanism, rules and scoring process which in summary consists of a score between 0-9 in four categories which are, visual appeal, flavour, mouth feel and creativity.
- 4.4.2. Teams will be given an individual 10-minute window within the overall 30-minute window to turn their entries in at the turn in table.
- 4.4.3. The contest clock situated on the turn in table will be the only official time for the contest.
- 4.4.4. Turn ins cannot be submitted early and must be at the turn in table (or in the queue for the turn in table) by the end of the 10-minute window. 1 second late is a disqualification.



- 4.4.5. If an entry requires anything other than a disposable knife and fork, such as a spoon or straw to enable a judge to sample it, that must be provided as part of the turn in.
- 4.4.6. If an entry requires portioning to be judged, any required utensils such as knives or serving spoons must be included as part of the turn in.
- 4.4.7. Entry (unless otherwise stated in the round outline) must be submitted on a single serving platter or board and must be carried by a single person when turning in. The platter or board must not be greater than **65cm x 65cm**.
- 4.4.8. Entries can consist of **six identical portions OR single items** that can be portioned into six identical servings, unless otherwise specified in the round outline.

4.5. Round Outline

4.5.1. Round 1 – UK Burger Championship in Association with Beefy Boys

- 4.5.1.1. Turn in window 12:00 – 12:30
- 4.5.1.2. The entry must consist only of six individual full-size burgers (no sliders) with a minimum of one meat patty / piece of meat and a bread top and bottom.
- 4.5.1.3. No other restrictions on type of meat or bread, other fillings, sauces or condiments.

4.5.2. Round 2 – No Meat

- 4.5.2.1. Turn in window 13:30 – 14:00
- 4.5.2.2. The entry may not be based around or contain any meat or fish

4.5.3. Round 3 – Around the World

- 4.5.3.1. Turn in window 15:00 – 15:30
- 4.5.3.2. The entry must be themed around a single countries or culture's cuisine
- 4.5.3.3. The presentation may also be themed

5. Sunday 8th June – CompBBQ UK KCBS Championship

- 5.1. Will be run in accordance with the sanctioning and requirements of the International KCBS Master Series Rules