

UCOM UrbanServ BBQ Grill-Off Fundraiser Competition Rules



🔥 “Grill-Off Hunger” – Turning up the heat to help our neighbors!

Event Overview:

All proceeds benefit UCOM UrbanServ’s mission to fight food insecurity in our community. Grillers will bring their best BBQ dish to be judged at the start of the event. This is a **friendly competition** to celebrate community, culinary creativity, and compassion.

📄 Competition Entry Requirements:

1. **Entry Fee:**
All competitors must register in advance and pay the entry fee of \$50.00.
2. **Team Size:**
Competitors may enter solo or in teams of up to 3 people.
3. **Registration Deadline:**
All entries must be received by November 1.
4. **Entry Photos:**
All those entering must submit three photos:
 1. **A picture of the team**
 2. **A picture of their grill station set up**
 3. **A final picture, to be submitted the day of the competition, of their BBQ entry**

🔥 Grilling Guidelines:

1. **Cooking Method:**
 - Charcoal, wood, gas, and electric grills are all permitted.
 - Open flame safety must be observed at all times.
 2. **Prep Location:**
All prep and cooking must be done **at your home** and a photo of your grilling set up must be sent in with your registration.
 3. **Meat Selection:**
Any cut or type of meat is allowed (beef, pork, chicken, ribs, etc.). One main BBQ dish per team will be judged. Any sides to enhance your main dish will add points awarded.
 4. **Time:**
Cooking may begin the day before the event, and all dishes must be **ready and submitted by 12:00 p.m. on the day of the event, November 8**, for judging. Late entries will not be judged.
 5. **Food Safety:**
 - All meat must be kept at safe temperatures.
 - Gloves and clean surfaces must be used when handling food.
 - No cross-contamination between raw and cooked products.
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Judging Rules:

1. Submission for Judging:

- Each team will submit one plate to the judges at the designated judging table.
- Each individual / team will be ready to give a description of their submission and their cooking process.

2. Judging Criteria:

Judges will score each dish based on the following BBQ standards:

- **Taste/Flavor (40%)**
- **Tenderness/Texture (30%)**
- **Appearance/Presentation (20%)**
- **Creativity/Originality (10%)**

3. Scoring System:

Judges will rate each category on a scale of 1–10. The highest total score wins.

4. Tiebreaker:

In the event of a tie, judges will conduct a quick blind taste-off using the tied teams' dishes.

Rules of Conduct:

- This is a family-friendly and community-oriented event. No aggressive behavior or excessive alcohol consumption will be tolerated.
 - Grilling areas must be kept clean, and all trash must be disposed of properly.
 - Decisions of the judges are **final**.
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Awards & Recognition:

-  **Grand Grill Master (1st Place)**
 -  **Smokin' Second Place**
 -  **Third Place Flame Favorite**
 -  **People's Choice Award** – voted by attendees!
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What to Bring:

- Your BBQ submission to feed up to 7 samples to judges and a competitive spirit to really sell your masterpiece!
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Support the Cause:

All dishes submitted to the judges will also be served in portions (if possible and while supplies last) to event attendees for sampling. Every sample sold helps "Grill-Off Hunger"!