

Rules for Judging the BBQ Rib Throw-down

1. Judges may not socialize with contestants until after the judging, they may however walk through and exchange pleasantries, they may not enter the cooks area or have extended conversations with them.
2. There will be 3 judges that will judge the ribs without knowing who's ribs they are tasting. The ribs will be judged on their appearance, texture and flavor. All will be graded on a 1 to 10 scale with 10 being the highest score. The texture is expected to still have some chew and not just be fall off the bone soft. Only ribs allowed are the ribs we supply the contestants.
3. Judges will be dismissed for not following the rules, inappropriate conduct, appears be intoxicated or under the influence, sickness, advising other judges how to score. The only beverage allowed at the judging table is water provided by contest organizer.
4. There must be at least 3 samples in the box for the judges to sample. Only ribs and garnish are allowed in the box. Team number shall be on the bottom of the box so that the judges can not see them.
5. This event will happen rain or shine please be prepared for both, you may start up your heat source before the contest, ribs will be handed out at 9am. You must pay the entry fee before you start, Contestants are responsible for adhering to applicable all Health Department rules. All contestants are expected to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner, this is a family friendly event. Foul language, or appearance of intoxication will not be tolerated.
6. Each table will have a head cook and as many assistants as they wish, contestants will supply everything they need except the ribs.
7. Ribs will be turned in at 2pm, judging will start shortly after.
8. Let's make this a friendly fun event, please make any recommendations that you feel will make this a better event o the Houghton Lake Chamber Office.