

EAST SIDE CLUB 9th ANNUAL RIB COOK-OFF RULES

1. Entry fee is \$125 – All competitors will receive 2 racks of back ribs (Babyback ribs) for the judging competition. In addition, you may purchase additional racks at our cost if you wish cook them for your team. We will also be providing 6 additional racks for the People's Choice judging. You must provide samples to be qualified for this portion of the competition. Entry fee and completed entry application must be RECEIVED at ESC, 3735 Monona Dr, Madison WI 53714 by 4:00 p.m. on 7/1/19. No refunds of any fees will be returned after 7/1/19.
2. Check in will begin at 6:00 a.m. on a first come first serve basis. (Please keep in mind we can only get so many vehicles on the back lawn at one time before it becomes very congested). This will allow you the time needed to retrieve your ribs, set up and marinade/dry rub/smoke if needed. Judging will be at 2:00 p.m. (samples need to be ready at this time also), allowing 8 hours for cooking. If you do not need that much time, you have until 9:00 a.m. for the check in deadline. A MANDATORY meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. so please arrive on time. **TEAM CAPTAINS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND.**
3. We intend on this being an extremely fun, family-friendly event – this is our 9th rib cook-off, of what we hope to continue as an annual fundraising event – if you are looking for a serious competition, this might not be for you.
4. Any type of smoker or grill can be used however, if your team will need electricity or has a trailer, please include that on the entry application (we reserve the right to limit the number of competitors that need electricity due to facility limitations). Also, you will be in the open (overhang on back of building will be used by the band). If you need shade, please bring a tent.
5. All registered cooking teams shall consist of one captain and two team mates.
6. A sanitary station will be provided.
7. Food handling gloves will be provided and must be worn at all times when handling food.
8. All competitors are subject to Health Department rules – please keep cooking area clean. Shoes and shirts must be worn at all times.
9. We will provide gloves and towels for you – you will need to bring any cooking utensils, pans, etc. that you will need. The club will not provide additional items for your use.
10. Any barbecue sauce can be made prior to the event and brought with you on the day of the competition. Sauce must be used in the cooking process – none may be served on the side. The ribs must be cooked from start to finish on premise and cooked to a temperature of 160 degrees.
11. A table will be provided to you if you need it (please indicate on your entry) – please plan on only using the space in front of the table for your grill/smokers. If special accommodations will be requested, we need that included on the entry application so we are aware of it ahead of time. Approximate space for your area will be 10 ft. x 10 ft.
12. A coal dump station will be provided.
13. The Club will be serving a rib dinner that day. Tickets are \$15 per person (club members \$14), including the bands, and will be sold in advance. Depending on demand/supply, a limited number of rib dinners will be sold the day of the event for \$15 - some rib packets will be sold at the grill.
14. We are planning on 15-20 competitors – payouts may vary depending on number of competitors.
15. We anticipate a celebrity judging panel of 6 people - announced at a later date.
16. Styrofoam boxes will be provided for your rib delivery to the judges. No garnish will be allowed.
17. All grills and equipment must be removed by 6:00 p.m. as we have other events planned the next day.

18. Due to the Club's vicinity in a residential area, please be mindful and respectful of the neighbors. We will be holding the event in the back yard area – access to this area is provided by a driveway down the hill to the left of the building. The driveway is located next to our neighbors – please keep noise to a minimum when loading and unloading. Due to space/parking limitations, TRAILERS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THE CLUB PARKING LOT - further instructions to participants will follow.

19. The first paid and completed entry forms received at the Club will be added to the competitor list. If we fill up, you will be placed on a waiting list.

20. Each competitor will receive a supply of fliers to help promote the event.

21. The event will be held Rain or Shine.

22. **Drinking – there will be NO CARRY INS ALLOWED (This will be strictly enforced).** Offenders will be disqualified and asked to leave the event. Up to three 12-packs of domestic beer will be sold to teams at club cost. This is a pre order ONLY, this will not be available on the day of the event due to needing to order extra product from our vendors. Please choose from the selection on your teams entry form the types of beer that are available.

23. Judging will be based on Taste, Texture, Tenderness and Presentation. Prizes will be based on total combined points. Judging Criteria includes:

A. Judging is not comparative. Each entry is judged on its own merit.

B. Two scores will be given:

a. Appearance

b. Taste & Tenderness

C. Total Score = Total Appearance + Total Taste & Tenderness

D. Each entry will be scored 2 through 9.

9-Excellent 6-Average 3-Bad

8-Very Good 5-Below Average 2-Inedible

7-Above Average 4-Poor

A separate People's Choice Award will be given based on number of wrist bands sold to, and voted on, by the public.

**** Rules are subject to change and will be announced to participants prior to the event.**

Please fill out entry form and beer order form. Add up the total for the discounted beer and \$125.00 entrance fee and return both sheets to the East Side Club by no later than 4 p.m. on 7/1/19.

Thank You for taking an interest in our fun competition.

Questions should be directed to the competition director

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