



## 2020 Back Yard BBQ Contest Rules

**When and Where**  
**May 30<sup>th</sup>**

**At the**  
**Steele County Fairgrounds**  
18th Street & South Cedar Ave  
Owatonna, Minnesota 55060.

### **Schedule**

This schedule includes only items of particular interest to backyard teams. Visit our website for a complete schedule.

#### **Saturday, June 1**

**6:30 AM-7:30 AM:** Check-in, meat inspection and setup

**7:30 AM:** Backyard cooks meeting. (Mandatory—at least one team representative must attend.)

**11:00 AM:** Backyard is open to the public—sampling begins

**1:00 PM:** Backyard chicken turn-in

**1:30 PM:** Backyard ribs turn-in

**2:00 PM** Surprise category turn-in

**2:30 PM** Smithfield Loin Challenge turn in

**3:00 PM:** People's Choice ticket gathering cut off.

**4:00 PM:** Backyard contest Winner announcement including "Team with Theme" and People's Choice awards.

### **Facilities**

Set up areas will be approximately 10 x 15 feet. Choice of spot will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

If you would like to be co-located with another team, please note this on your application. We will make every effort to accommodate your request.

Limited electrical service will be accessible to all booths. Your team must provide an electrical cord. We suggest that you bring cords totaling at least 100 feet in length. We will attempt to accommodate all teams with electricity but the amperage is limited...

### **Registration and Fees**

The backyard cook off competition will be limited to the first 20 teams. Applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, so please get your application in early. The entry fee is \$50 per team.

Check back often for updates on additional contest Sponsors!

### **Events**

**Chicken:** Contestant provided chicken prepared according to Kansas City Barbecue Society (KCBS) rules.

**Ribs:** Contestant provided pork ribs prepared according to KCBS rules.

**People's Choice:** The People's Choice is awarded to the team collecting the largest number of "votes" from the visiting crowds. Proceeds of this voting process will be donated to the Minnesota Special Olympics Owatonna chapter. Contestants will be expected to provide samples and goodwill to solicit the people's choice votes.

Team with Theme: Contest staff will vote on the team that has the best theme going.

**TROPHIES for People's  
Choice, Grand &  
Reserve Champion,  
Team with Theme,  
and 1st THROUGH 3rd  
of each category will  
be awarded**

**Facilities** There will be **one 20 amp circuit for every two booths**. This will provide adequate power for lights and a small fan, but not for larger appliances. If you expect your needs to exceed 10 amps, you should bring a generator. Water will be available within 100 feet of all booths. We suggest you bring a hose to aid in filling water containers. You should bring a hose splitter if you want to extend a hose closer to your site. You may not be able to extend the hose all the way to your site. Your team must provide all equipment and supplies (cooking equipment, tents, tables, chairs, etc.) except for turn-in containers and sampling supplies. Your team is responsible for the clean-up of your booth and the removal of your equipment and supplies. Dumpsters will be provided on-site for waste disposal. **Clean-up should be completed by 7:00 PM on Saturday.**

## **Rules and Procedures**

**All Teams will be assigned their spot on the morning of the event by the event organizer – exceptions may be made only at event organizers discretion. If you think you have need for early spot assignment contact Wade before the event.**

Approximately 25 lbs of pork in the form of whole pork loins will be provided for each team at check in to prepare for public sampling AKA the people's choice award. Teams are required to set up onsite with facilities for preparing and serving samples. Teams will make samples available to the public to promote your team's chances at winning the People's Choice Award. Participation in the People's choice is part of the contest! We suggest that you provide a 1 oz. sample for each visitor. Hand outs for the People's choice should be sample size portions only. Serving supplies for sampling will be provided. You may choose to also provide samples of any or all of your entries including ribs, chicken, other grill products or your BBQ sauces in any form. Teams may have as many members as required. Setup must be completed by 7:30, and all vehicles and equipment that do not fit within your booth must be removed, ASAP. You must have a team representative at the Backyard Cooks meeting on Saturday morning.

**No Propane fired grills please!** You must cook your ribs and chicken on site but you may marinate it prior to arrival. Please remember it needs to be kept at safe food temperatures at all times during the process. All meat will be checked prior to the chef's meeting for appropriate temperature (must be < 42 degrees maximum).

## **Judging**

Judging in the **Chicken and Ribs**, categories will follow the rules and procedures of the Kansas City Barbecue Society (KCBS), except as noted above. Entries will be scored in blind judging by a panel of approximately 6 judges. Chicken and Ribs are scored for Appearance, Taste, and Tenderness. Containers for the submission of samples for judging will also be provided. (9" lidded containers for pork and ribs); The People's Choice is awarded based on the number of "votes" your team collects in exchange for samples and goodwill distributed through your booth. Money collected through the voting process will be donated to the Owatonna chapter of the Special Olympics and other sponsored charities each year.

## **Awards**

The contest will award trophies for winners in each KCBS-Style category: Chicken, Ribs and surprise category; First through 3<sup>rd</sup> place. We will recognize a Grand and Reserve Grand Champion based on your cumulative scores for both KCBS categories and surprise category. One winner in the Team with Theme and People's Choice will also be recognized.

**"Team With Theme" Trophy will be awarded to the team who develops, illustrates or decorates the best team theme**

**100% of teams entry fees will be paid out to the winners of each KCBS category and People's choice.**

## **More Information**

For more information, please visit our website at [www.smokininsteale.com](http://www.smokininsteale.com).

If you have issues that are specific to your team, please email [info@smokininsteale.com](mailto:info@smokininsteale.com), or call Wade Schroeder, backyard BBQ contest committee chairman, at (507) 573 - 1586.



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STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

## BBQ COMPETITION & BLUES

Sponsored by:  
**Owatonna Knights of Columbus**

May 30<sup>th</sup> 2020

### BACK YARD AMATEUR BBQ COMPETITION REGISTRATION FORM

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Day Time Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Eve Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks Payable to: Smokin in Steele

**Mail Entries form and check to:**

*Smokin In Steele*

*Owatonna Knights of Columbus*

*P.O. Box 945*

*Owatonna, MN 55060*

All contest information available for print out at our website:

[www.smokininsteele.com](http://www.smokininsteele.com)

Trophies awarded to all classes.

All proceeds from the Back Yard BBQ

Amateur competition will go to the

Owatonna chapter of Special Olympics

Minnesota.

**Contact Wade Schroeder with questions:**

C - 507 573 1586

**Entry Fee per team: \$50.00 – Limited space – 20 Teams maximum**

Release/waiver of liability: in consideration of your accepting this entry, I the undersigned, intend to be legally bound, hereby for myself, my heirs, executors, and administrators, waive and release any and all rights and claims for the damage I may have against the Owatonna Knights of Columbus, Steele County, Steele County Free Fair, City of Owatonna, or their agents, successors, sponsors, and assigns for any and all injuries suffered by myself, my team, or my guests in this event. Further, I hereby grant full permission to the Owatonna Knights of Columbus and any other agent authorized by this event's organizers to use any photographs, videotape, motion pictures, recordings, or any other record of this event for any legitimate purpose. I further understand and release my photos to be posted onto the smokin in Steele website.

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Signature of chief cook (Parent, if under 18)

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Date