

Wisconsin's Best Rib Fest Local Rib Cook-Off
Monday, Sept 4, 2017
Menominee Park, Oshkosh, WI 54901



REQUIREMENTS

- All teams participating in Wisconsin's Best Rib Fest Local Rib Cook-Off must have pre-registered and paid the \$30.00 entry fee for the first rack entry and \$20.00 for any additional rack entries. This is a non-refundable entry fee.
- All entries must be prepared and cooked at Menominee Park in the designated cooking area. You may season or prepare the meat as you see fit **AFTER** the meat inspection by the health department.
- Cooking can be done on a charcoal, wood fire, wood pellet or propane cooker of any design.
- No alcohol of any kind may be brought into the festival grounds. Coolers will be inspected.
- Limited spots are available on a first come, first serve basis. Sign up early.
- This cook-off competition is open to any/all barbeque enthusiasts.

Please Note: You are responsible for observing prudent temperature and sanitary requirements as set by the Winnebago County Health Department.

RULES

1. Each team will consist of a chief cook and up to 1 assistant (wristbands are assigned and required). Any extra family members will have to go thru the main gate.
2. Each team will provide a grill/cooker to be used exclusively by that team within the confines of the team's assigned cooking space.
3. Each team will provide their own tent which will be a 10' x 10" max, such as an easy up style.
4. All cooking areas must be covered.
5. Each team will bring their own products, including meat, seasonings, cords and all cooking equipment needed. Please keep in mind, no home canned goods are allowed per the health department.
6. No vehicles are allowed in or by the cooking area. There will be designated parking for contestants outside the cooking area.
7. Contestants must adhere to all electrical, fire, health and other codes whether local, state or federal.
8. No Cooking of any kind may begin before meat inspection and approval.
9. All contestants are expected to respect the rights of other teams. This is a family event. Profane language or infringement on another team's area will not be permitted.

TIMELINE

- 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Open to the public
- 7:00 a.m. Set up
- 7:30 a.m. Meat inspection
- 2:00 p.m. Judging
- 3:00 p.m. Awards presented

SET UP

1. Each team will be assigned a space.
2. Set-up is at Menominee Park
3. There will be an area for car, truck or trailer parking outside the festival/cooking area.
4. Generators are not allowed.

Judging Overview

1. Teams must cook at least one (1) full rack of ribs (baby back or spare ribs).
2. Each team must prepare five (5) individual pieces of meat servings for the judges.
3. Anything placed in the container that identifies your team will disqualify your entry. Each team will be identified by number.
4. All samples must be delivered to the judging area at 2:00 p.m. and will be marked.

Judging Criteria

1. Entries will be judged by a judging team of 5 judges (1 celebrity and 4 “ribbers”).
2. Each entry will be judged on Taste, Tenderness and Appearance.
The scoring system is 10 (excellent) to 1 and all in whole numbers.
In case of a tie, it will be broken as follows. The scores will be compared for the highest cumulative scores in Taste, Tenderness and Appearance. The lowest score will be dropped and the higher cumulative scores will break the tie. If still tied, the process will be repeated, dropping the second lowest score and the higher cumulative scores will break the tie and determine a Champion!
3. No garnish or sauce containers will be allowed in the turn-in box.
4. Product may be presented with or without sauce or seasonings.
5. If you choose to use a sauce with your ribs, it must be applied to the ribs. Sauce must not be pooled in the container.
6. Marking or sculpting of any kind, of the meat or the container, will not be allowed.
7. Aluminum foil, toothpicks, skewers, foreign material or stuffing are not permitted. Any entry not complying with this rule will be disqualified in all judging categories.

The Rotary Clubs of Oshkosh reserve the right to amend these judging procedures at any time, as it deems necessary to benefit the contest and its contestants.

Rib Contest Prizes

1st Prize \$100 and Trophy

2nd Prize \$50

3rd Prize Free admission to 2018 Wisconsin's Best Rib Fest Local Rib Cook-off

Please go to our website wisbestribfest.com for more details.

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Registration Form
\$30.00 fee must accompany registration form

Team Name: _____

Team Members Names: _____

Contact Person: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Registration and fees are due by August 21, 2017.

**Once your payment is received, you will be assigned a spot in the competition.
Remember it is on a first come, first served basis.**

Please fill out and mail registration form, hold harmless agreement and check payable to
Oshkosh Rotary Club:

Oshkosh Rotary Club
C/O WBRF Local Rib Cook-Off
P.O. Box 785
Oshkosh, WI 54903-0785

-----OFFICE USE ONLY-----

Date Received _____

Check/M.O. # _____

Hold Harmless Included _____

Check/M.O. \$ _____

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Hold Harmless Agreement

It is agreed by the applicant/participant that he/she shall assume full responsibility for, and hold the Oshkosh Rotary Clubs or any other sponsoring parties harmless and whole from any and all liabilities arising from the applicants, applicants agents and representatives conduct and actions (including, but not limited to: Transit to and from event, event set-up period, the event and the event take down period).

Applicant/participant understands that he/she is solely liable for any and all claims and losses related to his/her actions and products exhibited, created, or brought to the event. Applicant/ participant also understands that there will be NO REFUNDS of applicant's participation fees due to bad weather, ejection, disqualification or other occurrences beyond the control of the Oshkosh Rotary Clubs and/or other sponsoring parties.

I also understand that without this form completed and agreed to, with all signatures affixed, the team entry WILL NOT be accepted. This hold harmless agreement must be returned with the team entry form.

I have read the hold harmless agreement, refund policy, and agree to abide by the above mentioned and all other rules of the event.

Signed: _____

Print Name: _____

Date Signed: _____