

2023 Neewollah BBQ Cook-Off Rules

Friday - Saturday, October 20-21st

Independence, KS Riverside Park Oval

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GENERAL EVENT INFORMATION

To register, submit this signed form with an entry fee, payable to Neewollah Inc., by Friday, October 13, 2023.

Entry Form information is on pg. 7.

The space is approximately 20 by 20.'

Neewollah will provide 2 Pork Butts for each team.

A mandatory cook's meeting will be held on Friday, October 20th, at 8:00 pm with the BBQ cook-off chairs at the check-in tent.

During this meeting, the BBQ co-chairs will go over the following:

---Rules and answer any questions.

---Finalize entries.

---After the meeting, meat inspection will take place or as teams arrive earlier in the day.

---An official container to collect People's Choice vote tickets.

A BBQ cook-off committee will collect BBQ samples for the Judges' Tent between 9:30 am and 11:15 am.

People sampling BBQ must be wearing the official armband. Sampling can NOT start before 11:30; any team serving before this time will be automatically disqualified.

The People's Choice Award is determined by public vote. Display the official container in a prominent place.

GENERAL COOKING INFORMATION

The Neewollah BBQ Cook-Off is neither affiliated with nor sanctioned by the Kansas City BBQ Society. Their rules do not apply to this event.

All meat must be sealed in store-bought packaging, uncooked, unseasoned, and uncured. No home-packaged/sealed meat allowed.

No meat is to leave the event site once it has been inspected.

While a license from the health department is not required, food safety practices are required. Store uncooked meats at 41 °F and keep cooked meats at a minimum of 140 °F.

Food handling gloves are needed when coming into contact with any foods.

All fuel sources will be allowed. Each team must provide its smoker. No cooking on another team's smoker will be allowed. --No open campfires are allowed.

Every team must furnish cookware, utensils, paper towels, tables, canopies, and cooking sources.

Acceptable cooking sources include:

Electrical outlets are available but limited. Please use as many non-electrical sources as possible.

- An electrician will be onsite to help with problems and check for appropriate electrical usage.
- Each team must provide their own outdoor rated 12 gauge extension cords.
- No multi-outlet electric cords or strips are permitted.

Each team must have a designated Team Captain.

DISQUALIFICATION

Disqualification will be as follows:

- Turning in undercooked meats (blood presence).
- Foreign objects in containers.
- Failure to maintain a clean environment in the cooking area.
- Giving out samples to the public before judging.
- Sculpting turn-in boxes.
- Using another team's smoker.
- Use of glass containers such as bottles and tobacco smoking within the cooking area or around the cooker is prohibited.
- Teams will be disqualified for excessive use of alcohol, any use of controlled substances, and any unfair or unsportsmanlike conduct toward other BBQ teams, event staff, judges, and guests. This includes any guests your team has as well.

BBQ JUDGING CRITERIA INFORMATION

There will be four categories: Chicken, Ribs (any style of pork ribs bone-in only), Pork Butt, and Sides.

Side category rules: Any side is eligible but must be cooked on the smoker. If the judges can't tell it was made on the smoker in some way, then your entry will be disqualified.

Each team is required to turn in 5 identifiable pieces for each category. Styrofoam boxes will be provided to each team for turn-ins.

Entry fees are \$25 for each category/\$100 for all 4. Your team **MUST** enter all four categories to qualify for the grand prize!

Judging times will be

Chicken - 9:30 am

Ribs - 10:00 am

Pork Butt - 10:30 am

Sides - 11:00 am

Entries will be judged on a scale of 2-10, emphasizing appearance (does it look good?), taste, and tenderness. The exception to this will be the sides. Sides will be judged on appearance, taste, and complimentary with the BBQ. Teams that turn in a disqualified entry will receive a score of 1 for that entry. DQ could be far too early/late turn-in, wrong number of pieces, undercooked meat, sculpting, etc.

Garnish will NOT be allowed. If there is anything in the box besides what the category is, your entry will be disqualified.

No extra sauce or any other foreign objects are allowed in turn-in boxes. Foreign entities include forks, spoons, knives, foil, etc. The only exception to this rule is for the sides category. You can use 3 oz (or smaller) single-serving cups for the sides category if needed.

There must be more than one mass of food in the turn-in box. It must be in 5 different pieces so each judge has their serving, or your entry will be disqualified.

No sculpting is allowed. Sculpting is anything defined as shaping, branding, marking, or making your turn in a category or box identifiable to you or your team. Your team will be disqualified!

People's Choice will start at 11:30 and run until 2 p.m. (or until all people waiting in line have been served.)

No samples can be given out before this time, or your team will be disqualified.

A container with your team name will be provided for tickets during People's Choice. The top 3 teams with the most tickets will receive a prize.

People's Choice is up to you on what your team serves. There are no restrictions. 20% of the entry fees will go to the 1st Place team, 15% will go to the 2nd Place team, and 3rd Place will have their entry fee covered in next year's competition. We usually have around **800-1,000** people (depending on weather conditions) eat at this event. The co-chairs will adjust the percentages appropriately if there are fewer than ten teams.

People's Choice is highly encouraged; please bring a table and utensils for your team to serve.

For People's Choice, at least two pork butts will be provided to you at the cook's meeting on Friday night for you to serve people on Saturday. We want to ensure every team participating has enough meat to serve everyone. You can use any meat category for people's choice, but the pork butts will assist you to feed everyone. This event is a BIG event for the week-long Neewollah festival; we usually have around **800-1,000** people (depending on weather conditions) eat at this event. They only need a small sample from each team since they will try everyone's food.

Entry Forms will need to be received by Friday, Oct. 13th. Entry fees will be due the same day. No payments will be taken on the day of the competition. Pay by check or money order. This allows us time to determine the payout amounts and to know how many teams will be there so we can get enough materials for everyone.

BEST DECORATED BOOTH

Judging for the Best Decorated Booth will be based on four criteria:

Theme: Booth decorations should correspond with the 2023 Theme “Beautiful Moment, Timeless Memory,” corresponding with our annual musical “Beauty and the Beast.”

Costume: Have fun and dress according to the theme.

Booth set-up: Decorate like CRAZY!!! Remember, you are limited to the number of electrical outlets.

Audience Appeal: Include the audience in your team’s fun!!!

JUDGING CATEGORIES

Judging will occur between 9:30 AM -and 11:30 AM. Judges will remain anonymous.

PRIZES

Grand Champion	\$1,000.
Reserved Champion	\$750.

Chicken

1st Place	300
2nd Place	200
3rd Place	100

Ribs

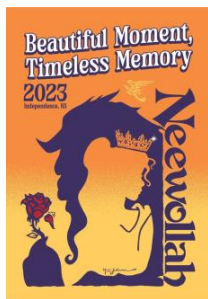
1st Place	300
2nd Place	200
3rd Place	100

Pork Butt

1st Place	300
2nd Place	200
3rd Place	100

Sides

1st Place	300
2nd Place	200
3rd Place	100



People's Choice

1st Place
2nd Place
3rd Place

20% of Entry Fees
15% of Entry Fees
Free entry to next year's competition

Best Decorated Booth

\$50.00

Generalissimo's Choice

It's a secret!!

A MESSAGE FROM THE 2023 CHAIRS

For questions and additional information, please have the Head Cook contact John Gray at 620-926-0519 or Chris Moore at 620-330-4873.

Our wishes for a great 2023 1st Annual Neewollah BBQ Cook-Off! Good luck to everyone, and bring on the BBQ that people will love. If the rules are revised, we will contact you personally.

I have hereby read and fully understand the official rules for the 2023 Neewollah BBQ Cook-Off. The Head Cook's signature on this form indicates all individual team members agree to comply fully with these rules.

Release of liability

For and in consideration of the privilege of participating in this event sponsored by Neewollah, Inc. , I hereby assume all risk of personal injury or damage to myself or any member of my team, and I hereby release Neewollah, Inc., its committee, workers and volunteers, and anyone else, individual or organization in charge of or connected with the Neewollah, Inc., from any and all claims and or liability from any accident, injury, damage or loss incurred or suffered by me or anyone in my charge or care no matter what the nature or cause. I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless Neewollah, Inc., its committee, workers and volunteers from any and all damages, cost, charges, expenses, legal fees and any other loss or expenses incurred by said organization or individuals connected therewith resulting from any acts or action on my part or anyone in my charge whether such acts were intentional , accidental or negligent which caused or contributed to the cause of such accident, injury, damage or loss incurred or suffered by such third party I do hereby certify that I have read the foregoing and agree to the same on behalf of myself and team members.

Signature of the Head Cook _____ Date _____

BBQ Team Name _____

**2023 Neewollah
BBQ Cook-off Contest Entry**

Make “Beautiful Moments and Timeless Memories” with the 1st Annual Neewollah BBQ Cook-off (replacing Chili Cook-off)! The entry fee is \$100 (\$25 per category), and checks may be payable to Neewollah Inc. It’s Saturday, October 21st, @ Riverside Park Oval, so enter & mark your calendars!
For a complete set of rules and general information, visit www.neewollah.com.

Head Cook _____

Mailing address _____

E-Mail Address _____

Phone _____

BBQ Team Name _____

Please call John Gray at 620-926-0519 or Chris Moore at 620-330-4873 for any questions.

Entries are due by Friday, Oct. 13th.

Categories Entering: (Must enter into all four categories to receive Grand/Reserved Prize)

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|-----------|---------|-------------|---------|
| ● Chicken | ● Ribs | ● Pork Butt | ● Sides |
| \$25.00 | \$25.00 | \$25.00 | \$25.00 |

Total Being Paid: _____

Return forms and entry fee to Neewollah Headquarters or mail to:

Neewollah Inc.
Attn. BBQ Cook-Off
P.O. Box 311
Independence, Kansas 67301

I have read and fully understand and will abide by the official rules for the 2023 Neewollah BBQ Contest.

Release of liability

For and in consideration of the privilege of participating in this event sponsored by Neewollah, Inc. , I hereby assume all risk of personal injury or damage to myself or any member of my team, and I hereby release Neewollah, Inc., its committee, workers and volunteers, and anyone else, individual or organization in charge of or connected with the Neewollah, Inc., from any and all claims and or liability from any accident, injury, damage or loss incurred or suffered by me or anyone in my charge or care no matter what the nature or cause. I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless Neewollah, Inc., its committee, workers and volunteers from any and all damages, cost, charges, expenses, legal fees and any other loss or expenses incurred by said organization or individuals connected therewith resulting from any acts or action on my part or anyone in my charge whether such acts were intentional , accidental or negligent which caused or contributed to the cause of such accident, injury, damage or loss incurred or suffered by such third party I do hereby certify that I have read the foregoing and agree to the same on behalf of myself and team members.

Signature of Head Cook _____ Date _____