



2026 BBQ Fest Backyard Series Competition Application

Friday & Saturday May 15-16, 2026
Northern Wisconsin State Fairgrounds | Chippewa Falls, WI

Name of Owner/Team: _____

Contact Person (on-site during event): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Eligibility: Each cook or team is required to cook chicken and pork ribs to be eligible to win the KCBS Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Awards.

Separate from the KCBS Backyard Competition, each cook or team may choose to participate in the NWSF "Peoples' Choice Awards" relative to 1st place and 2nd place awards. All Peoples' Choice competitors will be provided two (2) nine pound (9lb) regular pork loins courtesy of the NWSF and Mike's Star Market.

Vehicle Policy: All non-supply vehicles must be removed from the competition area by 9:30am Saturday morning and may not re-enter until the event is closed. Parking will be available in the general parking lot.

Highlighted Rules for Cooks:

- Fires shall be of wood, wood pellets, or charcoal. Gas and electric heat sources shall not be permitted as fire starters. Propane or electric is permitted as fire starters only.
- Electrical accessories such as spits, augers or forced draft are permitted.
- Space limit: 18 backyard contestants / teams
- Space Allocation: First come, first served basis at the venue, no assigned spots. Teams should arrive together for placement. Each space is 20' x 20'.

Power Supply: Electrical power is available if included with the application. Contestants / teams must bring their own extension cords.

Amenities:

- Water source near contestant spaces.
- Ice is available for purchase.
- Bring your own tables and tent: 6' tables are available to rent at \$8 each.
- Designated area for trash and ash disposal.
- Camping available via nwsfa.com website.
- Contestants / teams should be packed up and unhooked from power no later than 6:00pm on Saturday, May 16.

Backyard Series Schedule

Friday, May 15

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| 3:00pm – 7:00pm | Meat checks for Backyard Teams |
| 4:30pm – 7:00pm | Styrofoam competition boxes handed out to each cook(s) or team |

Saturday, May 16

6:00am – 8:00am	Meat checks for Backyard Teams
8:00am	Mandatory KCBS Backyard Cooks' meeting & pick up Styrofoam boxes if not yet received
11:00am	Backyard Event opens to the public
Noon	Backyard Chicken turn-in
12:30pm	Backyard Ribs turn-in
1:00pm – 2:30pm	People's Choice sampling (Two regular 9lb pork loins provided to each team)
3:00pm	People's Choice voting submission deadline
4:00pm	Awards for KCBS Backyard Teams & People's Choice

KCBS Backyard Series Prizes**Competition Grand Champion** (Total points from Chicken & Ribs): \$525.00**Competition Reserve Champion** (Total points from Chicken & Ribs): \$425.00

	Chicken	Ribs
1 st Place + Ribbon	\$150.00	\$150.00
2 nd Place + Ribbon	\$125.00	\$125.00
3 rd Place + Ribbon	\$100.00	\$100.00
4 th Place + Ribbon	\$75.00	\$75.00
5 th Place + Ribbon	\$50.00	\$50.00

Total KCBS Backyard Series Competition Payout \$1,950

People's Choice Awards: This competition is not associated with the KCBS Chicken & Ribs Category (no KCBS points will be awarded), so you have a choice to participate. Provided Backyard cook(s) or Team has indicated "yes", you will be provided with two (2) approximately nine pound (9lb) regular pork loins to cook for the specific competition.

Please check yes or no relative to whether you'd like to participate in the Peoples' Choice Competition:

 YES **NO****People's Choice 1st Place \$275.00****People's Choice 2nd Place \$175.00****People's Choice Competition Payout: \$450****Total (combined) payout between KCBS Backyard + People's Choice: \$2,400****Miscellaneous:** Additional electrical needs and camping reservations are available upon request.

- Yes, I need Electrical (Please specify) _____amp No Electrical needed
- Onsite Camping is available on a first come, first served basis. Contact bwelke@nwsfa.com for the Event Campsite Reservation form.

