

# **Rays Ribs Backyard Barbeque Contest Rules**

1. Northwest Ohio Rib-Cook Committee has the right to modify or expand these rules and regulations as they see fit. Decisions of the Judges and the Committee are final.
2. Northwest Ohio Rib-Cook employees or representatives are not responsible for any accidents, damage or theft of equipment, supplies or property belonging to the contestants of this competition.
3. Contestant must provide all needed cooking equipment supplies and utensils. No open fire pits or holes are permitted. Contestants must adhere to all electrical, fire, health and other codes whether local, county, state or Federal.
4. All Contestants are Equal - All professional/amateur cooks are welcome to participate in this contest.
5. Each team will consist of one chief cook and as many assistants as the chief cook deems necessary. A Chief cook or assistants may not enter more than one team per contest or multiple contests on the same date with the same team name. No other persons will be allowed in the cooking area during the competition. The Chief Cook will be responsible for the conduct of the team.
6. Set up for the Backyard Barbeque Contest is Saturday July 17<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. until 10 a.m.
7. No cooking of any kind may begin until the official pork loins have been distributed. Absolutely no cooking can begin until 10:00 a.m. and Ribs must not leave the contest site.
8. Each team will receive a 15foot by 20foot space to cook in. Vehicles must be parked outside the cooking area. Small easy up style tents or umbrellas are permitted for shade.
9. Team sponsorships will be permitted and are encouraged but will not be required.
10. Teams are encouraged to decorate their sites with a theme or sponsor logo. In the event of any ties during the competition the best decorated team will determine the winner.
11. All team members must be at least 14 years of age by July 17, 2010. The Chief Cook must be at least 18 years of age.
12. All teams must be registered and have the \$25 entry fee paid by July 17, 2010. Entry blanks are available at [www.raysribs.com](http://www.raysribs.com) or at the Allen County Fair Office, 2750 Harding Highway, Lima, Oh 45804 419-228-7141 the contest will be limited to the first ten (10) teams to register and pay the entry fee.
13. Registered teams will each receive Ribs Saturday morning at the 10:00 a.m. rules meeting.
14. Ribs must be presented on trays (trays will be provided by the committee) to the Judging booth at 4 p.m. One rack of ribs will be judged on Presentation and Appearance. The other will be judged on Taste (spice, taste, smoke, overall palate, etc) and Tenderness/ Texture (are the loin moist, dry, tough, tender? etc.) The scoring system is 10 (Outstanding) to 1 (Inedible).
15. No side sauce containers will be permitted. Ribs may be presented with or without sauce as the contestant wishes.
16. Field Judges will be on duty throughout the competition to ensure that all rules are followed.
17. Use of tobacco products is prohibited in the contest area.
18. Absolutely no pets will be permitted in the contest area.
19. All team members will be required to wear shirts and shoes while in the contest area.
20. No Alcohol may be brought into the Rib Cook Off, which includes the contest area. Adult beverages will be available for sale to contestants of legal age.
21. Contestants may bring their own water and soda for personal consumption only.

22. All contestants are expected to respect the rights of other teams. Music is not allowed, no profane language or infringement of another team's area.
23. Northwest Ohio Rib Cook Off Committee will provide electricity within 100 feet of each team's area. A proper UL rated cord must be provided by contestant.
24. Hot and cold water will be available on site. Contestant must provide container.

## **AWARDS**

Prizes will be awarded as follows:

**First place** will receive a Trophy

**Second Place** will receive Trophy

**Third Place** will receive a Trophy