

PEOPLE'S CHOICE COMPETITION RULES

1. Teams may cook on any fire or heat source (Wood, Charcoal, Gas, Electric, Pellet, Fryer)
2. Weights for tent legs are mandatory. Utility lines are present, so no staking will be permitted.
3. Each Team will be assigned a 12x12 Spot. Cooking sites are determined at load in. No power or water will be provided. Teams should bring their own water and power if needed.
4. All contestants **MUST** adhere to all electrical, fire, and other city, county, state or federal codes. Each team is encouraged to have some type of fire extinguishing device in their cook site.
5. Each team must comply with all applicable rules and regulations of the Marshall County health department. **No meat/entry/product may be sold.**
6. Each team should cook their own food on their own cookers on site.
7. It's the responsibility of each team to keep the contest area clean. All fires must be put out and all equipment, garbage, etc. removed from site once the contest is over. (NO DUMPING OF COALS).
8. No use of illegal substances, profane or abusive language, or loud music. This will be grounds for disqualification.
9. Under no circumstances are alcoholic beverages to be sold to the general public by teams.
10. The chief cook is responsible for the conduct of his team and guests. Any disturbances or altercations as a result of a team member, guest, or individual in the team area are grounds for disqualification and expulsion from future contest.
11. Cooks can begin to tear down after winners are announced. You will not be allowed to bring your vehicle into the event area until all awards are final and your site has been inspected and is free of trash and coals/ash have been removed.

PEOPLE'S CHOICE COMPETITION GUIDELINES

1. Visitors will be given ONE ticket per person at the time of entrance.
2. The ticket will be used to judge The People's Choice awards.
3. Public judging will be from 12PM-3PM
4. Participants can cook any recipe(s) of their choosing. Participants will place food in small containers on their site for "The People" to taste and judge. (Participants will be responsible for their own containers and utensils in this category)
5. All tickets must be turned by 3:10PM. You have a 10-minute window to turn in your tickets. (5 minutes before and 5 minutes after designated time)
6. Winners will be announced at the awards ceremony at 4:00PM at the stage.

***** No Bribery or Unfair Advantage**

Bribery or any attempt to gain an unfair advantage in order to receive a ticket is strictly prohibited and will not be tolerated. To ensure a fair competition, we will have secret shoppers observing participants. Anyone found engaging in bribery or influencing the process unfairly will be disqualified and may be banned from future competitions.

Deadline to apply: September 3rd

We are anticipating a larger crowd for BAMA BASH 2026—if you have a larger smoker, please rent two spots to ensure adequate space. No vehicles will be allowed to remain inside the gated area during the event, due to limited space.

LOAD-IN: Friday 6:00 PM–8:00 PM OR Saturday 8:00 AM

Cooks Meeting: 9:00 AM

Public Entry and Sample Handouts: 12:00 PM-3:00 PM

Awards and Prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Places. All cooks are eligible for random prizes after awards are presented. Each participant will receive a ticket. Ticket numbers will be drawn randomly for prizes.

The BAMA BASH is intended to be a family friendly and fun environment. Expect to give samples to 700+. The sample size you choose is at your discretion so keep your meal ideas with this thought in mind. Decorate your booth to create a fun atmosphere and promote your brand. Video, pictures and social media posts, going Live and promoting and cross promoting other creators and products is highly recommended. Lastly, from ALLEGRO, ROTO-Q-360, BENTLEY BBQ, BURN FIRESTARTERS and RANDY'S RUBS, we want each of you to have a safe and enjoyable time. Make some great memories, new friends and GOOD LUCK!

