

2025 MISSOURI STATE FAIR "SHOW-ME STATE TAILGATE THROWDOWN" BARBECUE CONTEST

Superintendents - Shannon and Tiffany Dowell

Amount offered by Fair in this Department\$1,350.00

Friday, August 8, 2025

This contest is limited to 30 teams. \$30.00 entry fee

2025 Official Rules and Regulations

Arrivals Begin 7:00 a.m.

Check-In 7:30 a.m. - East of the Mathewson Exhibition Center

Cook's Meeting - 9:00 a.m.

- 1. The judges' decisions and interpretations are final.
2. Each team must have a contact name and number.
3. Each team will be assigned a cooking space. Grills, cookers, props, trailers, tents, or any other equipment shall not exceed the boundaries of the team's assigned cooking space (10'x20').
4. Contestants shall provide all needed equipment and supplies.
5. Gas, charcoal and electric (availability of electricity is not guaranteed) grills are permitted.
6. The Three Meat Categories: BURGERS: Any type ground meat - beef, pork, turkey, etc.
7. NO garnish is allowed in the tray.
8. Sauce is optional.
9. All entries will be judged only at the time established by the contest organizer.
10. The following cleanliness and safety rules will apply:
11. It is the responsibility of the contestant to see that the team's assigned cooking space is clean and orderly following the contest.

- 12. CAUSES FOR DISQUALIFICATION & EVICTION (of a team, its members and/or guests):
A. Serving food samples to general public.
B. Excessive use of alcoholic beverages.
C. Serving alcoholic beverages to the general public.
D. Use of controlled substances.
E. Foul, abusive or unacceptable language.
F. Excessive noise generated from speakers, stereos, or public address systems.
G. Fighting and/or Disorderly Conduct

Clarification: If product is turned in and is disqualified, it receives a 1 (one) in all criteria. If the team is disqualified and not allowed to turn in, or if the product is turned in after the time limit (not accepted), it is not judged and receives no score.

- 13. Each entry will be judged by 6 people, who are at least 16 years of age.
14. The scoring system is a total of 30. The three considerations are: appearance, taste, & tenderness.
15. Grounds for disqualification: Garnish, marked turn-in container, foreign object in container, less than 6 samples of meat, pooled sauce, or premarinated/seasoned meat.
16. Cumulative points for the three classes will determine the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion.
17. To be eligible for the barbecue contest, teams must submit a completed entry form and entry fee.
18. Teams will enter through Gate 6, no arrivals before 7:00 a.m. All contestants are expected to pay admission into the fair.
19. Immediately upon arrival, teams must check in at the registration table for space assignment.
20. Teams will be provided with 10 x 20 foot space only.
21. Entries not following the contest rules will not be judged.
22. The Missouri State Fair does not guarantee premium money, merchandise, prizes or special awards.

PRIZES

For all 3 categories.

Table with 2 columns: Prize Name and Amount. Includes First Prize (\$200 & Plaque), Second Prize (\$100 & Plaque), Third Prize (\$75 & Plaque), Fourth Prize (\$50 & Plaque), Fifth Prize (\$25 & Plaque), 6th thru 10th (Rosettes).

Over-all

Table with 2 columns: Title and Amount. Includes Grand Champion (Plaque), Reserve Grand Champion (Plaque).