



## 2017 Rules & Regulations for Next Chapter Ministries' BBQ Cook Off

1. All meat (pork ribs and/or chicken) will be provided by Next Chapter Ministries. Each competitor will receive their allocated meat prior to the start of the contest. Guests will be able to purchase Tasting Kits which will allow them to sample 5 different competitor's ribs or chicken. They will then have a ballot with which they will vote on their choice of 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>, according to taste, appearance, and tenderness.
2. Each team will be assigned a cooking space. All seasoning and cooking of product shall be done within the assigned cooking space.
3. Competitors shall provide all needed equipment and supplies. If electricity is needed, please contact Next Chapter Ministries to arrange in advance.
4. It is the responsibility of the competitor to see that the team's assigned cooking space is clean and orderly following the contest. All fires must be put out and all equipment removed from site.
5. Fires shall be of wood, wood pellets, charcoal, or natural gas. Electrical accessories such as spits, augers, or forced draft are permitted. No open pits or holes are permitted. Fires shall not be built on the ground. Parboiling and/or deep-frying competition meat is not allowed.
6. The competition will begin at 3:00 pm, meat needs to be ready at that time. Sauce is optional.

**If you are entering the RIB contest:** Guests will be able to purchase Tasting Kits which will allow them to sample 5 different competitor's ribs. Rib sample size is 1 rib. Guests will then have a ballot with which they will vote on their choice of 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>, according to taste, appearance, and tenderness.

**If you are entering the CHICKEN contest:** Guests will be able to purchase Tasting Kits which will allow them to sample 5 different competitor's chicken. Chicken sample size is one half of a hindquarter. Guests will then have a ballot with which they will vote on their choice of 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>, according to taste, appearance, and tenderness.

### The following cleanliness and safety rules will apply:

- a) No use of any tobacco products while handling meat.
- b) Cleanliness of the cook, assistant cooks, cooking device(s) and the team's assigned cooking space is required.
- c) Shirt and shoes are required to be worn.
- d) Sanitizing of work area should be implemented with the use of a bleach/water rinse (one cap/gallon of water). Next Chapter will provide this cleaning solution.

- e) First aid will be provided.
- f) Prior to cooking, meat must be maintained at 40° F or less (this will be handled by Next Chapter Ministries).
- g) After cooking, all meat must be held at 140° F or above.
- h) The pork ribs and chicken must be cooked to 160° F.
- i) City health requirements do not allow competitors to cook other food in their cooking site throughout the competition. Only preparation of chicken or ribs is allowed.

## **JUDGING PROCEDURES**

This contest will be a People’s Choice Competition. Guests will purchase Tasting Kits that will allow them to sample 5 different competitor’s ribs or chicken per kit. Guests can choose which competitor’s meat they would like to sample.

1. Guests may purchase as many Tasting Kits as they want, but must use them for either chicken or ribs, there cannot be a combination.
2. When a guest purchases a tasting kit, the guest will receive 5 rib or chicken containers. The guest will present one container to each competitor that they want to sample from. The competitor will then give the guest a rib or chicken sample. Sample size = one rib or one quarter of a chicken hindquarter.
3. Each Tasting Kit will also include a ballot which will be used for judging. The guests will vote for their choice for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>, based on appearance, taste, and tenderness. They will then hand in their ballots to the designated table for scoring.
4. For every 1<sup>st</sup> place vote, the competitor will receive 4 points. For every 2<sup>nd</sup> place vote, the competitor will receive 2 points. For every 3<sup>rd</sup> place vote, the competitor will receive 1 point.
5. Total points will determine the champion. Results will be tallied. Prizes will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place in both chicken and ribs.

## **THE NEXT CHAPTER FUNDRAISING CHAMPION AWARD**

1. Each competitor will also have a box on their table entitled, “Fundraising Champion Award”. Guests will have the opportunity throughout the competition to put cash into the box of the competitor they want to win this award. Money will be tallied at the end of the evening, and a winner will be announced with the BBQ winners. Winner will receive their team name on a plaque on our Next Chapter Garden Bench. This is your chance to get creative, invite your friends, wear your team name proudly, find creative ways to get people to donate to your team and to Next Chapter!

## **PRIZES**

The prizes will be as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Place Ribs: \$200

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Ribs: \$125

1<sup>st</sup> Place Chicken: \$125

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Chicken: \$75



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