

YCFUND JUDGING

The Judge Program is designed to recognize those judges who have shown their support for the most judge friendly, cooker friendly competition BBQ circuit. They provide the teams with a fair and unbiased arena to test their cooking skills.

Judging Rules

1. Judges are individual who have elected to sign up for tasting of all categories designated for this BBQ event.
2. Judges must show up at least 20 minutes prior to each event. The designated Judging committee will review the judging scoring system. The judges are asked to please pay attention even if you have heard it many times before since any new rules will be announced at this time. You must attend the judges briefing in order to judge that day.
3. Once a container has been scored you cannot go back and change the score because the next one is better or worse than the previous sample.
4. There will be a judge's staging area for you to check-in, greet other judges. This area is for judges only, not friends and relatives, so please do not ask them to join you. No children will be allowed to stand by any judge at the table. No one under age 21 allowed to judge. No cooking Team members will be asked to judge (To be fair and equal to all cooking teams). The contest organizer may provide drinks in the judging area only for the judge and volunteers who work the contest.
5. Avoid:
 - a. A roaring hangover will make it impossible for you any one to judge properly. Your taste buds will be fried. Wait until the judging is over to consume any alcohol. We want you to have a clear head and an untainted palate while you are judging. Consuming alcohol in between categories or during the judging process is strictly prohibited and you will be removed that day if observed. The judging committee will consult the head judge to make a decision if anyone is not capable of judging.

Judges are asked not to discuss your scores with any cook team. Judges are **NOT ALLOWED** to take any pictures during the judging process, that is, from the time the team brings their container and placed on the table to the time the scoring cards are tallied. Do not take any picture of the table showing the table number. You are **NOT ALLOWED** to copy your scores on a separate piece of paper or enter them in a smart phone or remove them from the judging area in any manner. Also, you are **NOT ALLOWED** to make any marking on the containers.

Judges should Remember you are judging what is presented, not what you think should be presented! No talking, laughing or making faces are allowed when judging a container. One judge should not influence another judge while scoring an entry. If a judge thinks the food is spoiled, not cooked thoroughly or not tasty they should place a napkin over there mouth and place in the napkin then discard it.

Set-Up

The judging tables are set up in a tent or a building that is away from the cooking area. There are always 7- 10 judges at a table depending on the number of judges for each category. Each judge will be assigned to a table. If, by chance, you are assigned a table with a spouse, significant other or close friend bring it to the attention one of the judge committee.

All entries will be scored on a scale of 1 through 10 in each of the judging criteria, with 10 being the best. If there is a tie, with any of the categories the head judge will designate a committee member to break the tie.

There will be a paper/card on the side of each entry to be scored by judges. Each judge will walk counter clock wise around the table and place a score for each entry. Once everyone at the table has scored an entry then all judges will be asked to step away and direct them to the seating area. The judging committee will review each paper/card to show the accurate number of assigned judges designed to the table have placed a scored for each container.

EX: 7 judge then 7 scores are listed

After all entries have been scored the Head judge and assigned committee member will pull the top 2 entries with the highest points and place them on a designated final table to be judge for the top 12 entries. The final table will consist of at least 10 judges who have not been assigned to a table for any tasting within the current categories. (Fresh new taste buds)

HEAD JUDGE: The person designated by the contest committee to be in charge of the cook-off judging. The head judge is responsible for organizing the judging process to ensure fair and impartial judging. The head judge should advise their judges to refrain from tasting contest meats before judging. The head judge from the contest committee will make the final ruling on any cook-off related discrepancies.

Until announcements are made, the winners tickets remain attached to Poster board with the numbers faced down for all category. At the time winners are announced, the taped ticker will be removed from the poster board and provided to Mike Dean (on stage). A second official will remain at his side to confirm the number accurate. The head cook or team member must present the corresponding half of that ticket to the President Mike Dean who will confirm that the numbers match, and announce the head cook's name and team name

Turn In

Each BBQ team will turn in their entries to the judging area. The containers will be check and collected by designated judging committee member. The Container will then be placed on a table by the designated judging committee members.

Damaged containers will be replaced by the head judge/or assistant judge. Damaged containers and all tickets must be turned in to the head judge or assistant judge at this time in order to receive a new container.

