



2012 OFFICIAL RULES & REGULATIONS



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF WAYNE COUNTY**

Judging will include: On-Site for NCPC Division, Blind-taste for Backyard Division*, and Showmanship for all teams. On-site will be conducted by approved NCPC judges. Blind-taste will be conducted by non-NCPC judges. Showmanship will be judged independently.

1. North Carolina barbecue is defined by the NC Pork Council as chopped/sliced pork meat seasoned as the cook believes necessary for best taste. Whole hogs will be provided and may be prepared on a wood, charcoal or gas fire. Meat for the contest entry may not be precooked or cured in any way prior to inspection at the beginning of the contest.
2. The competition site will be located at Old Waynesborough Park, 801 S. US 117 Hwy. Bypass, Goldsboro, NC 27530.
3. All cook team sites will be numbered and pre-assigned by the Cook-Off Committee. No changes will be allowed.
4. A Cook-Off official will direct you to your site. Teams may begin arriving no earlier than 3:00 pm on Friday, April 13th and should be checked in by 5:00 pm.
5. Teams will be permitted to begin setting up their equipment any time after arrival.
6. A mandatory NCPC Division Chief Cooks' meeting will be held on Friday at 6pm and a mandatory Backyard Division Chief Cooks' meeting will follow at approximately 6:30pm.
7. The **PIG IN THE PARK** Cook-Off will provide an approximate **12' x 15' cooking area**, a 100-125 lb. pig, sanitizer for the site, a trash bag for pig remains, and sanitary facilities. The team shall provide all other equipment and supplies to include cooking ingredients, grills, utensils, stem thermometers, drip pans, tables, tents (with documentation or labels stating they are fireproof), chairs, fuel (wood, gas or charcoal), burn barrels, a fire extinguisher, chopping equipment, something to cleanse the palates of the NCPC on-site judges (strawberries, lemons, oranges, limes, celery or crackers) and any item or material which the cook desires. NCPC Division teams should take special note of the "Completeness" criteria on the On Site Score Sheet. Teams must have containers to carry and hold water. Whole hogs will be stored on a refrigerated truck until distributed to team sites. **Pigs will be distributed on Friday at approximately 10:30 PM and the Cook-Off will officially begin at that time. Judging will start at 10:30 AM on Saturday, April 14th.**
8. All teams are encouraged to decorate their cooking area with streamers, banners, flags, signs, etc. to boast about their team, sponsor, community or brag of their superiority in the finer arts of "outdoor cooking". Decorations must be in good taste. **Backyard and NCPC teams will be judged together in the Showmanship category on Saturday morning and 1st, 2nd and 3rd place awards will be given.**
9. Each team must have a Chief Cook with a minimum of one assistant but no more than three assistants. The Chief Cook must be 18 years old and shall be the only person permitted to present the pig during the NCPC judging process.
10. Each team must comply with all applicable rules and regulations of the Wayne County Health Department, including but not limited to:
 - a. Meat must be kept at 40° F or less before cooking; coolers with ice will keep it cold enough.
 - b. After cooking, meat must be maintained above 140° F and covered.
 - c. Aprons and hats must be worn by all cooks and assistants.
 - d. Cleanliness of cooking area and personnel is required.
 - e. Hands must be frequently and thoroughly washed.
 - f. Utensils, cutting boards and equipment must be washed and sanitized after every use.
 - g. Bottles of spray bleach solution will be provided by the Cook-Off Committee.
11. All contestants are requested to respect the rights of all other contestants with special emphasis relating to loud music, loud and/or profane language or infringement on adjoining site with any equipment, cars, coolers, campers, etc. The Chief Cook will be responsible for the conduct of his/her team and guests.
12. **CONTESTANTS MAY NOT SELL ANY FOOD, DRINK, SOUVENIRS OR ANY OTHER ITEMS TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC.**
13. NO public display or consumption of any alcoholic beverages will be allowed on the grounds.
14. NO passes will be given. If a team's pig is not done or ready, the team will be disqualified.

15. All teams will be provided sample score sheets, a complete set of rules and regulations and a schedule.
16. The **PIG IN THE PARK** Cook-Off, its employees, representatives and contractors shall not be responsible or liable for the property of any team, any loss, damage or injury occurring to any team or its representatives. All property of the teams shall be under the care, custody and control of the team, whether in transit to, from or within the **PIG IN THE PARK** Cook-Off.
17. **Drip pans must be used to catch grease.** All grease is to be emptied into the disposal container provided.
18. Burn barrels will be the responsibility of each team and must be located in your designated area to avoid damage to adjoining tents. No charcoal or wood embers are to be emptied on the grounds. All embers will be removed before judging.
19. Open fires will be allowed only for the purpose of making coals for cooking your pig. Please keep fires as low as possible and protect the unwary from stumbling into them. Campfires are allowed as long as they are a minimum of 6" above the asphalt with a metal tray below.
20. All pigs must be cooked in above ground cookers. If using a gas cooker, it must meet current safety standards such as a proper regulator, approved UL hoses, tanks secured to prevent accidental tipping and any other requirements as the site committee deems necessary for the safety of the contestants and the general public.
21. If a Chief Cook decides to withdraw, he/she must notify the Cook-Off Committee immediately.
22. During on site judging, no trophies or pictures of awards are allowed to be displayed.
23. A representative of the PIG IN THE PARK festival committee will accompany the judges while pigs are being judged on site and take up score sheets. The score sheets will contain no information that will identify the cooks or sponsors. Festival staff, not judges, will total score sheets.
24. In the event of a tie, Festival staff will refer back to the judging sheets and the winner will be awarded by the highest points in category meat taste, if still a tie, then skin crispness, and then moisture.
25. **After on site judging has been completed and samples submitted for blind taste judging, all pigs must be turned in fully chopped, seasoned and ready to serve. The PIG IN THE PARK Committee will provide sauce and trays with foil to cover for the completed barbecue.**
26. Each team is responsible for cleanup of their area at the conclusion of the contest (this includes grease on the ground). A trash bag will be provided for pig remains.
27. The Cook-Off Committee reserves the right to make additional rules and regulations as the situation warrants. All decisions of the PIG IN THE PARK Cook-Off Committee and judges are final. Violation of any rules or regulations may result in a team being disqualified.
28. **NO pets** will be allowed.
29. The top 3 winners of the NCPC Team Division **PIG IN THE PARK** Cook-Off *will be eligible* to enter the NCPC State Championship BBQ Cook-Off. The entry fee for the State Championship will be paid for the 1st place winner of the **PIG IN THE PARK** Cook-Off.
30. NCPC Division Awards: 1st place wins \$200, a trophy plus entry fee paid to the State Championship; 2nd place wins \$175 and a trophy, and 3rd place wins \$150 and a trophy.
31. Backyard Division Awards: Trophies for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.
32. 1st place in Showmanship wins \$100 and a trophy. 2nd and 3rd place will receive certificates. Teams from both divisions are invited to participate in Showmanship .
33. Contest winners will be announced at approximately 12 noon on Saturday, April 14th (or as soon as judging is complete and results are calculated).
34. The completed score sheets will be mailed to the Chief Cook only, within two weeks.

***NOTE: To be eligible to participate in the Backyard Division, a team should not have won or placed in an NCPC sanctioned event since April 9, 2011. The PIG-IN-THE PARK Cook-off Committee will make final determinations on Backyard / NCPC divisional status.**