



First-Timers Information Sheet

Thank you for your interest in the [Beltway BBQ Showdown](#)! The information provided below will make your first competition a success. The [Kansas City Barbeque Society](#) (KCBS) website is a great resource. Here are a few of the most common facts:

Rules and regulations from the Kansas City Barbeque Society

(Additional information specific to the Beltway BBQ Showdown is in **RED**)

1. Each team shall consist of a chief cook (Pit Master) and as many assistants as chief deem necessary.
2. Each team is assigned a cooking space. Pits, cookers, props, trailers, motor homes, vehicles, tents, shall not exceed the boundaries of team's assigned cooking space. (**Showdown space is 20 x 20, larger space is available for an extra fee**)
3. Teams shall provide all needed equipment, supplies and electricity, except as arranged for in advance. (**Showdown registration fee includes access to water and 20-amp electric, bring extension cords and hoses**)
4. Cook fires shall be of wood, wood pellets, or charcoal.
5. All competition meats shall be inspected by the Official Meat Inspector during the times established by the contest organizer. (**Showdown meat inspections are performed soon after check in. DON'T do anything with your meat until inspected. You will receive a ribbon to display at your cook site after inspection**)
6. All meat must be purchased fresh and sealed. Do not apply No rubs, marinating, sauce, etc., can be applied until inspection is completed at the competition check in.
7. The four KCBS Meat Categories:
 - a. **Chicken** – Chicken includes Cornish Game Hen and Kosher Chicken.
 - b. **Pork Ribs** – Ribs shall include the bone. Country style ribs are prohibited.
 - c. **Pork** – Pork is defined as Boston Butt, Boston Roast, Picnic and/or Whole Shoulder, weighing a minimum of 4 lbs.
 - d. **Beef Brisket** – May be whole brisket, flat or point. Corned beef is not allowed.
8. Judging typically starts at noon. The four KCBS categories will be judged in the following order
 - a. **Chicken:** 12 pm (noon)
 - b. **Pork ribs:** 12:30 pm
 - c. **Pork:** 1 pm
 - d. **Beef Brisket:** 1:30 pm
9. Sauce is optional
10. Each contestant must submit a least six (6) portions of meat in an approved unmarked container (**Showdown will provide 9x9 regulation 'Turn In Trays' made of recyclable material approved by KCBS, not styrofoam**)
11. There will be no refund of entry fees for any reason except at the election of the contest organizer.

Be sure to review more [competition rules and regulations on the KCBS website](#)..



Beltway BBQ Showdown Pay Outs

In each of the four (4) basic categories: chicken, ribs, beef brisket and pork butt

10th = \$100

9th = \$125

8th = \$150

7th = \$175

6th = \$200

5th = \$300 + Cutting Board Award

4th = \$350 + Cutting Board Award

3rd = \$400 + Cutting Board Award

2nd = \$450 + Cutting Board Award

1st = \$500 + Cutting Board Award

Reserve Grand Champion = \$1,500 + Cutting Board Award

Grand Champion = \$2,500 + Cutting Board Award

The Showdown also offers two (2) additional contests:

- **Buck-a-Bone (People's Choice)** – we provide 9 to 10 racks of ribs. You prepare and submit all racks using your special methods, sauce, rubs, etc. (**\$500 winner**)
- **Sauce Boss (People's Choice)** – Submit 32 to 64 ounces of your special sauce. The public will taste-test the sauce with pulled chicken. (**\$100 winner**)