



# Frequently Asked Questions & Details

The Iowa Pork Producers Association and the Iowa Cubs are excited to host the third annual BBQ & Brew at the Ballpark, a charitable event that features an all-pork Backyard BBQ Competition and People's Choice Competition. Attendees can sample pork and Iowa-brewed beer, enjoy local musicians, and learn tips for smoking pork!

## Who is eligible to compete?

- The Backyard BBQ Competition is open to non-professional barbecue enthusiasts.
- All are welcome, whether this is your first barbecue competition or if you have competed in other competitions.
- Registration is limited to 30 BBQ competitors.
- Iowa's pork producers take great pride in producing quality pork, and we want to see how you cook it! We encourage you to be part of BBQ & Brew!

## What is the BBQ & Brew Backyard BBQ Competition schedule?

- Friday, June 20th
  - Move in from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.
  - Team meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday, June 21st
  - Competition Judging ... 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
  - People's Choice (Pork Butts) ... 12:30 – 2:00 p.m.
  - Awards presentation ... 3:30 p.m.
  - Tear down ... 4:00 p.m. (at the conclusion of the Awards Presentation)

## Location and space?

- BBQ & Brew will take place at Principal Park, 1 Line Drive, Des Moines.
- The competition will be held in the parking lot.
- Each competitor is allotted a 20'x20' space.
- Spaces and locations are on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Additional space is available for parking vehicles.

## What are the Backyard BBQ competition categories?

- The Backyard BBQ Competition has three categories:
  - Pork Loin
  - Pork Ribs
  - Pork Butt
- All pork will be provided.

## Do competitors have to compete in all three categories?

- Competitors do not have to compete in all three categories.
- Competitors must compete in all categories to be eligible for the Overall Prizes.

## What is the BBQ & Brew People's Choice competition?

- Competitors are required to compete in the People's Choice Competition.
- People's Choice will be for just the Pork Butt.
- Competitors will be provided with (3-4) additional pork butts.
- One winner will be selected for pork butts.
- The winner will receive \$1,000. The winner will also receive an additional \$1,000 of pork will be donated to a hunger-relief charity of the winner's choice.
- People's Choice will take place at each competitor's location.

## What is the total amount of pork each competitor will be receiving?

We are asking each competitor to cook an additional 3-4 butts for the People's Choice. Here is the quantity that each competitor will receive:

Pork Cuts (Size of each cut)	Quantity / Competitor		Totals
	Competition	People's Choice	
Boneless Pork Loins (approximately 8 pounds each)	2	-	2 loins
St. Louis Ribs (approximately 3 pounds each)	2	-	2 ribs
Bone-in Pork Butts (approximately 10 pounds each)	2	3 - 4	5-6 butts

## Do competitors have to use the provided meat? Can they bring their own pork?

The provided pork is the only pork that can be used in the competition. We want to ensure a level playing field for everyone.

## When will we receive our pork?

- The pork will be available following the team meeting on Friday evening.
- Competitors can leave pork in the refrigerated trailer until ready to cook.
- Competitors can also pick up pork and season and/or apply rubs and put pork back in the trailer until ready to use.

## What is the Backyard Competition judging schedule?

The turn-in times are:

10:55 a.m. to 11:05 a.m.	Loins
11:25 a.m. to 11:35 p.m.	Ribs
11:55 p.m. to 12:05 p.m.	Butts

## What is the registration fee?

The registration for competing in BBQ & Brew at the Ballpark is \$250. The fee covers the cost of the pork for both the Backyard BBQ and People's Choice competitions.

## What comes with each registration?

Each competitor will receive:

- (4) complimentary digital event tickets
- (2) complimentary event t-shirts

## How do competitors pay their registration fees?

- Upon receiving registration submissions, the Iowa Pork Producers Association will send invoices to the competitors. The fee can be paid by phone (515-225-7675) or by sending a check. Details will be shared in the invoice.
- Your registration is complete upon receiving payment.

## What is the registration deadline?

Registration is open through May 16 or until full (limit of 30 contestants).

## Is every competitor required to get a Temporary Food Establishment License?

- The Iowa Department of Inspections, Appeals, & Licensing requires that every competitor has a Temporary Food Establishment License.
- If you already have a Temporary Food Establishment License, just let us know.
- Here is the link for the Temporary Food Establishment License:  
<https://dia.iowa.gov/food/business-licensing>
- With questions regarding the food permit, contact Addison Boughton at [Addison.boughton@dia.iowa.gov](mailto:Addison.boughton@dia.iowa.gov) or 515-402-6695.
- Temporary Food Establishment Permit deadline is June 6th.

## Are competitors responsible for the \$50 fee for the Temporary Food Establishment License?

- Competitors need to pay the \$50 fee when they apply for their temporary food license.
- The Iowa Pork Producers Association will reimburse the \$50 to each competitor during the team meeting Friday, June 20th.

## Temporary Food Establishment License Requirements?

- Competitors are required to display their Temporary Food Permit on their table.
- Competitors are required to keep a logbook with names, addresses, phone numbers, and times worked for the team captain and all helpers. The team captain should be listed first.
- The logbook must be turned into Iowa Pork following the competition. (Iowa Pork will provide the necessary log sheet.)

## What types of smokers are allowed?

- Any type of smoker is allowed ... natural fire source smokers and electric.
  - Natural fire source smokers include wood, pellet, and charcoal. Fires cannot be built on the ground.
  - Electric smokers, such as Traeger grills.

## Fire Extinguishers Required?

- The Des Moines Fire Department require all competitors to have “ABC-Rated” fire extinguisher.
- The Des Moines Fire Department will send a representative to inspect and tag fire extinguishers on Friday evening. Time to be designated.

## Battery Powered Light?

- The Iowa Cubs parking lot has lights, but it may not provide all the light you need for cooking during the night.
- You may want to bring a battery-powered light.

## Do competitors need to bring their own handwashing stations and three-compartment dishwashing stations?

- Handwashing and 3-compartment dishwashing stations will be provided by the Iowa Cubs and the Iowa Pork Producers Association.

- We will set up 15 stations — one between every two competitors.
- You do not need to bring your own handwashing and dishwashing stations.

## **What items will Iowa Pork and Iowa Cubs provide for competitors?**

- 3-compartment dishwashing stations
- Handwashing stations
- Digital meat thermometers
- Plastic gloves
- Hairnets
- Community trash cans
- People's Choice sampling supplies
- People's Choice voting supplies
- Team signs

## **What is the cost of admission tickets?**

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| • Pre-sale* Tickets   | \$20 |
| • At the Gate Tickets | \$30 |
| • Ages 10 and younger | Free |

## **Overnight Camping?**

- You can stay overnight at Principal Park both Friday & Saturday nights at no charge.
- Just a reminder ... there is no electricity. You will need to bring a generator if you need electricity.

## **Questions about the competition and/or registering?**

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