

BBQ & Brew at the Ballpark

Frequently Asked Questions

The Iowa Pork Producers Association and the Iowa Cubs are excited to host the second BBQ & Brew at the Ballpark, a charitable event that features an all-pork Backyard BBQ Competition. Attendees can sample pork along with Iowa-brewed beer, listen to local musicians, and learn tricks and tips for smoking pork!

BBQ & Brew Backyard BBQ Competition

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.
- 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 are the competition categories? What quantity of each cut will be provided?

- Pork loin ... (2) boneless pork loins (approximately 8 pounds each)
- Pork ribs ... (2) St. Louis pork ribs (approximately 3 pounds each)
- Pork butts ... (2) bone-in pork butts (approximately 10 pounds each)

Berkwood Farms, Des Moines, will provide all pork.

Do competitors have to compete in all three categories?

- Competitors do not have to compete in all three categories.
- However, competitors must compete in all three categories to be eligible for either Reserve Champion or Grand Champion.

BBQ & Brew Backyard BBQ Competition schedule:

- Friday, June 21
 - Move in from 3 to 6 p.m.
 - Team meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday, June 22
 - Judging ... 2 to 4:30 p.m.
 - Awards presentation ... 5:30 p.m.
 - Tear down ... 7 p.m. (at the conclusion of the event)

What is the registration deadline?

Registration is open through May 15 or until full (limit of 30 contestants).

What does the registration fee cover?

The \$200 registration fee covers the cost of the pork for both the Backyard BBQ and People's Choice competitions.

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 comes with each registration?

Each competitor will receive:

- (4) brew tasting admission tickets (Additional tickets are available for purchase.)
- (2) complimentary T-shirts

How early can we arrive Friday, June 21?

You can set up any time after 3 p.m.

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.
- If competitors do not have enough cooler space, the meat can stay in the refrigerated trailer until each competitor is ready for it.

What is the judging schedule?

The turn-in times are:

- 1:55 to 2:05 p.m. Loins
- 2:55 to 3:05 p.m. Ribs
- 3:55 to 4:05 p.m. Butts

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

- The Polk County Department of Public Health requires that every competitor have 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 Scott Stroud at the Iowa Department of Inspections & Appeals: Scott.Stroud@dia.iowa.gov or 515-725-5342.

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

- Competitors need to pay the \$50 when they apply for their temporary food license.
- The Iowa Pork Producers Association will reimburse the \$50 for each competitor during the team meeting Friday, June 21.

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

- All competitors are required to have a handwashing station and a three-compartment dishwashing station.
- Competitors do not need to bring their own handwashing and dishwashing stations.
- The Iowa Cubs and the Iowa Pork Producers Association will provide the handwashing and three-compartment dishwashing stations — one between every two competitors.

BBQ & Brew People's Choice Competition

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 loin and pork butt.
- Competitors will be provided with (4) additional pork loins and pork butts.
- One winner will be selected for each ... pork loins and pork butts.
- Each winner will receive \$1,500 to keep, and another \$1,500 for a pork donation to a hunger-relief charity of the his/her choice.
- People's Choice turn-in and voting will take place in a designated tent.

BBQ & Brew at the Ballpark Event Schedule

Saturday, June 22

2 p.m.	Doors open. Emcee welcomes. Public sampling and brew sampling begin. Music ... Jordan Beem Contestants turn in loin entries for competition.
2:15 p.m.	Opening ceremony / National Anthem Contestants turn in loin samples for People's Choice.
2:30 p.m.	People's Choice ... Pork loin
3 p.m.	Contestants turn in rib entries for competition.
4 p.m.	Contestants turn in pork butt entries for competition.
4:15 p.m.	Contestants turn in pork butt samples for People's Choice.
4:30 p.m.	People's Choice ... Pork butts Music ... Midlanders
5:30 p.m.	Awards presentation
6 p.m.	Music continues.
7 p.m.	Event concludes. Competitors can tear down.

What is the cost of admission tickets?

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| • Pre-sale* ... Pork and Brew Sampling | \$20 |
| • At the door ... Pork and Brew Sampling | \$30 |
| • Non-alcoholic ... Pork Sampling Only | \$15 |
| • Ages 5 and younger | Free |

*Pre-sale will end the week prior to the event.

Location and space?

- Competition takes place in the Principal Park parking lot, 1 Line Drive, Des Moines.
- Each competitor is allowed a space that's 20 feet by 20 feet.
- Spaces and locations are on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Additional space in the lot is available for parking vehicles.
- You can stay overnight at Principal Park.

Questions about the competition and/or registering?

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