

Welcome to the 2018 Rotary Rock-n-Ribs/KCBS Backyard BBQ Competition at the La Crosse Valley View Mall, La Crosse WI!

You do not need any special or fancy equipment to be in our Backyard Competition...just your backyard smoker or grill (no propane or gas) and a little cooking skill. If you have ever wanted to get your feet wet and try competitive barbeque but are not up to the task of cooking in a Master Series competition, try the Rotary Rock-n-Ribs Backyard Competition. The backyard competition only consists of two meat categories and you don't have to cook the meats all night. Just bring your tent or camper, easy up or canopy, smoker, meats, rubs and lawn chair and plan to have a lot of fun. You can exchange a few tips and ideas with other competitors, get the feel for the full-scale competition, and check out the master series team smokers. A few of you will be going home with prize money and bragging rights to tell your family and friends.

Entry Fees

The entry fee is \$130.00 per team. For now, limited to 30 teams; if room is available, will take on more than 30 teams.

Prizes

Each backyard team is required to cook both chicken and pork ribs to win the Grand Champion and the Reserve Grand Champion Awards. Prize money will be awarded to the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion for overall points, and 1st through 10th places in each meat category.

Per the KCBS rules, organizers of a competition must submit to the KCBS in a minimum of 90 days prior to the contest a list of all prize monies and a letter guaranteeing payment of said money at which time payouts can only be decreased with KCBS Board approval and notification to the teams. The guaranteed minimum payout letter to the KCBS will be set for \$3000 as follows:

Grand Champion	\$600.00
Reserved Grand Champion	\$400.00
Chicken & Pork Ribs Categories:	
1 st Place	\$250.00
2 nd Place	\$200.00
3 rd Place	\$150.00
4 th Place	\$100.00
5 th Place through 10 th Place	\$ 50.00
Total Guaranteed Prize Money	\$3000.00

ALSO per KCBS rules, payouts can be increased at the organizer's discretion. It is the Rotary Rock-n-Ribs organizer's desire to have more than 24 teams participate in 2018 that way the payout can be more than \$3000.

Awards & Trophies - Awards will be on the Bassmaster Elite Series' Stage as close to 5 pm on Saturday, June 23rd.

Shade Tree Division at the Jack. The Shade Tree division at The Jack is a lottery drawing for any backyard teams. One rule is the backyard team could not have cooked on the pro side of any competition. To get on the email list for an invitation to the lottery draw, team must send an email to Pam Hess at pmhess@yahoo.com with the subject line being Shade Tree Lottery. In the email, type your name and team name and ask to be placed on the email list. In 2016, 3 backyard teams who participated in the Rotary Rock-n-Ribs backyard competition were picked.

Kansas City Barbeque Society (KCBS) Rules Apply

All teams must follow the 2018 KCBS Backyard Official Rules and Regulations Judging Procedure, except turn-in times.

You will be provided two (2) numbered, plain, undivided 9"x9" white Styrofoam trays for you to turn in your entries. Your number will change after you turn in your entry. **Turn-in times are at 2:30 pm (chicken) and 3:00 pm (pork ribs) on Saturday, June 23rd.**

Meat Inspection. Please follow the 2018 KCBS Backyard Official Rules and Regulations Judging Procedures. Meat inspection will take place on Saturday morning from 6 – 8 am, June 23rd. **No meats shall be marinated, brined or injected prior to meat inspection; you can trim the meats.**

Cooks' Meeting. The cooks' meeting for backyard teams is on Saturday, June 23rd at 8:00 am in the parking lot at the La Crosse Valley View Mall, JC Penny's side, La Crosse WI.

Optional Competitions – Details will coming soon.

- **Steak Cookoff Association (SCA) Competition – Friday, June 22nd.**
- **Midwest TV & Appliance "Big Green Egg" VIP Competition.**
- **Kids Q – Friday, June 22nd.** Entry Fee is \$25 – includes t-shirt.

Cooking Sites.

- You are welcome to set up on your cooking site as early as Friday, June 22nd at 8 am. **If you plan on coming after 9 pm on Friday or early Saturday morning, please let the organizer know your estimated time of arrival.**
- One member is asked to stay on site while entries are cooking.
- Chief Cook takes responsibility for team conduct and to keep cooking site clean during and after the contest.
- Pits, cookers, campers, tents and other equipment shall not exceed the assigned space - Approximate 20'x40' space. Choice of spot will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.
- A fire extinguisher must be near all cooking devices.
- Each team will receive 1 - 30 amp power hookup and water near your site. Please bring your own extension cords, connection hoses, cords and adapters.
- Security will be available for the entire area of the Friday through Sunday; including overnight security.
- Any alcohol consumed must be done responsibly and within the confines of your site. ("Red Cup" rule applies) **No alcohol can be given to or sold to anybody from the general public.**

Electricity. If you have signed up for electricity, you will have access to one (1) - 30 amp power hookup for your cooking site; you may want to bring a 100' or longer outdoor extension cord. If you need additional electricity, please bring your own generator, it would be greatly appreciated.

Water and Ice. Water will be available on-site. Be prepared to transport water to team site from a location near you. We will try to accommodate as much as possible. Ice will be available for purchase.

Food and Beverages. Food vendors - Big Boar BBQ, Sweet Lou BBQ, Pop's Kettle Corn, Beekman's Homemade Ice Cream, and beer (craft beer companies) and beverages will be available for purchase on Friday through Sunday.

Entertainment. Bands will be playing on Friday and Saturday. List of bands will be determined at a later date.

Restrooms. Port-a-johns and hand wash stations located throughout the BBQ competition area. There are restrooms in the La Crosse Valley View Mall that you may use during their open hours – one in the north end of JC Pennys.

Trash

We will be having volunteers coming around your site periodically to pick up your trash. If it is dark outside, please place your trash bags in the dumpsters. Hot ash and grease containers will also be available. Please use the appropriate receptacle. Thank you.

Contact Information

Laurie Tweten – Rotary Rock-n-Ribs Event Coordinator - (608) 769-7446; rocknribsbbq@gmail.com
Tom & Cindy Juhl – KCBS Representatives – (515) 249-5128 or (515) 971-4371

Thank you for choosing to compete in the Rotary Rock-n-Ribs Backyard BBQ Competition.

Good Luck Everyone!