

2026 Ribfest Cook Off

Open Invitational Rib Competition Rules and Regulations

Where: A1 Tire Service- 5550 Athens Trail, North Branch, MN.

Saturday September 19th, 2026

1st Place: \$2500.00- 2nd Place: \$1000.00- 3rd Place: 500.00

People's Choice Award- \$300.00

Prizes will depend on turn out. Based on 20 teams.

\$250.00 Entry Fee- That gets you 10 racks of Ribs for each Contestant/Group

- All cooking is done on site.
- Pitmaster meeting and Rib hand out at 7:30am
- You supply: Cooker/Smoker. Chairs, Coolers, Umbrellas, Seasonings, BBQ tools, rubber gloves, garnishes, etc.
- **NO ELECTRIC COOKERS OR SMOKERS. NO GENERATORS ALLOWED!**
- No one is allowed to bring in ribs from an outside source.
- Ribs will be provided the morning of event. Ribs need to be above 140 degrees during the public eating period.
- Turn-in boxes will be provided for each team. Boxes MUST be turned in by 4:00pm sharp and each team must provide 5 rib bones. You are welcome to garnish your box for turn in.
- Each team will have their own area. Please keep your area clean during and after the event. Leave nothing behind.
- Rib Sampling Tickets will be sold to the public. Once the public gives you a ticket, you supply them with one rib bone.
- We will provide boats for public judging.
- Awards will be given out after the public consumes the ribs and judging is done.
- This event will be rain or shine. Please plan accordingly.

Judging-

One team of 5 judges that are at least 18 years of age will judge entries. Entries are scored in areas of Tenderness/Texture, Taste, and Appearance. The scoring system is from 9 to 1. 9-Excellent, 8-Very Good, 7-Above Average, 6-Average, 5-Below Average, 4-Poor, 3-Bad, 2-Inedible, 1-Disqualified.

No outside Alcohol allowed. Anyone not following above said rules will be automatically disqualified.

Good Luck to Everyone! To sign up Contact: shop.a1tire@gmail.com