



Southaven Springfest 2017 Youth Division Rules and Regulations

1. The Entry Fee for the Youth Division Barbecue is \$10.00 per category.
2. The Youth Division Barbecue is defined by the sponsors as fresh meat prepared on a charcoal fire, basted or not, stuffed or not, as the cook sees fit, with any non-poisonous substances and sauces as the cook believes necessary. There will be two categories in the contest - Hamburger (ground beef) and Chicken. Meat for the contest entry may not be precooked, sauced, injected, marinated, or stuffed in any way prior to inspection at the beginning of the contest.
3. Each contestant shall supply all meat, seasonings, cooking utensils, barbecue grills and other equipment necessary to prepare samples for Judging. Springfest will provide a cooking area.
4. Contestants must make all deliveries of equipment and supplies between 4:00 pm -6:00 pm on Friday. No vehicles will be allowed to stay in the cooking area. Entries must be ready for judging by 8:00 pm, Friday.
5. Each Contestant must comply with all applicable rules and regulations of the City of Southaven and Desoto County Health Department including but not limited to the following:
 - A. Meat must be 40 degrees or less before cooking.
 - B. After cooking, the meat must be maintained at 140 degrees or above in a covered container.
 - C. No tobacco products will be allowed in the cooking area.
 - D. No live animals are allowed in the cooking area.
 - E. Dug pits are not permitted.
 - F. No Alcoholic Beverages will be allowed in the cooking area.
6. Each contestant must provide samples for 6 judges.
7. Judging will be blind only and by secret ballot of the judges.
8. Contestants may enter and compete in both categories. Categories must be stated in advance on the entry form.
9. No more than \$25.00 can be spent for meat and seasonings. One ten-pound bag of charcoal should be enough to cook the team's meat samples.
10. No grills bigger than a 55-gallon drum will be allowed.

11. Contestants from the age of 6 years old to 16 years old will be allowed to compete in the Youth Division Cook
12. An adult **MUST** be in the cooking area at all times to provide supervision and safety of the youth.
13. The youth contestant may obtain guidance from the adult partner, but the youth **MUST** do all preparations **AND** cooking of the entry. Adult participation in preparation and cooking of the entry **WILL DISQUALIFY** the youth.
14. The youth and adult partner **MUST** stay with the cooker from the beginning of the fire until the coals are completely extinguished and their area is cleaned.
15. Springfest will provide containers to the teams to submit their entries. Nothing except your entry (food only - no decorations) may be placed in these containers.