

**2020 Hudson Valley RibFest
SCA Steak Cookoff, and KCBS Barbeque Contest**

Cooks Information Sheet

SCHEDULE FOR 2020

Friday, August 21, 2020: Arrival day for Teams and Vendors.

Gates will open to the public at 5 PM on Friday 8/21.

The contest area will be closed to the public on Friday evening so there will be no interference with teams arriving. However, we urge you to plan to arrive and check in mid-afternoon on Friday to avoid traffic that will be heavier than normal. Please plan accordingly.

10:00 AM to 8:30 PM Check-in for contest teams. Team sites are assigned per your online registration. Please enter via the Vendors/Ribbers/Contestant side entrance. Please try to arrive before dark. Let us know if you will not arrive until Saturday. Quiet hours midnight to 7:00 AM. Security is always patrolling the fairgrounds.

NOTE TO SCA Contest Teams. *Cooks Meeting for all SCA Teams at 10 AM on Saturday in the Youth Building.*

Saturday August 22, 2020: SCA Steak Cookoff. The contest is sanctioned by the Steak Cookoff Association. The SCA Rules apply for this contest. See current SCA Rules and Regulations at <https://www.steakcookoffs.com/rules>.

The event will begin with Turn In promptly at 1:00 PM.

7:30 AM Gates open for contest teams.

9:30 AM Last arrival with equipment not hand carried.

10:00 AM SCA Cooks Meeting in Youth Building.

10:30 AM Gates close for vehicle entry.

12:00 PM Judges Meeting in the Youth Building / RibFest opens to the public.

1-1:15 Apple Dessert Turn In.

2-2:30 Steak Turn In.

4:00 PM (Approximately) Awards presentation in the Youth Building where the judging takes place.

10:00 PM RibFest closes to the public

12:00 AM – 7:00 AM Quiet hours. Security is patrolling the fairgrounds at all times.

There will be trophies for first 5 and cash prizes for the top ten finishers for Steak, 1st \$1000, 2nd \$400, 3rd \$250, 4th \$150, 5th \$75, 6-10th \$25 and top three for Apple Dessert, 1st \$125, 2nd \$75 and 3rd \$50.

Meat inspection for Sunday continues at the convenience of the meat inspectors after the awards.

COOKS' MEETING for Sunday's KCBS contest after completion of SCA Awards Ceremony, Youth Building.

Sunday August 23, 2020: KCBS Barbeque Contest

The contest is sanctioned by the Kansas City Barbeque Society. See the 2020 KCBS Rules and Regulations handbook for detailed information governing this competition. <https://www.kcbs.us/>

The event will begin with turn-in promptly at 12:00 noon.

7:30 AM Gates open for contest teams.

9:30 AM Last arrival with equipment not hand carried.

10:30 AM Gates close for vehicle entry.

11:00 AM Judges Meeting in the Youth Building /RibFest opens to the public

12:00 PM Chicken turn-in

12:30 PM Pork Ribs turn-in

1:00 PM Pork Butt/Shoulder turn-in

1:30 PM Beef Brisket turn-in

4:00 PM (Approximately) Awards presentation in the Youth Building where the judging takes place.

5:00 PM RibFest closes to the public

5:00 PM Gates open for vehicles, no vehicle traffic within the fairgrounds before 5:00 PM.

There will be trophies and cash prizes for 1st through 5th in each category, \$200 1st, \$180 2nd, \$160 3rd, \$140 4th, \$120 5th. \$1,800 1st place KCBS Grand Champ, \$1,200 2nd place KCBS Reserve Grand Champ.

Guarantee of \$8,450 in prize money combined for SCA and KCBS.

Regular sites will be 20' x 20' for \$50. **Larger sites** (20' x 30') are available for an additional \$100. **Sites for RVs** will be an additional \$150. RV sites have adequate electrical hookups and include cooking site. Your team site is chosen by you when you sign up and fill out the on-line application.

Tail Gate Vending. If you wish to sell any products from your site, please purchase a Tail Gate Vendor Permit (\$30.) to display at your site. Tail Gate vendors may sell rubs, sauces, t-shirts, hats, etc., but may not sell food/drink products, etc. that compete with our regular vendors. Without this Permit, you may not sell anything at your site. (A separate Tail Gate agreement will be sent to you later).

CAMPING Basic camping facilities are located directly adjacent to contest area at no cost to you. Please let us know if you intend to camp at RibFest.

WATER. Water is available for free (you must provide hoses and "y" connectors). Water pressure might be low at times due to existing infrastructure.

ELECTRICITY. Electricity for **light general use only** such as lighting is provided at no cost. Please bring 100' of extension cord and **outdoor rated power strips** for your electrical hookup. Hookup of refrigerators, deep fryers, AC units and other appliances is not allowed. If you have higher electrical requirements than general lighting, you must bring your own quiet run generator.

ICE. Ice is available on-site at the Beer Tent throughout the weekend at a nominal cost.

NO PETS: The Ulster County Agricultural Society has a **NO PET POLICY** at the Ulster County Fairgrounds.

You will receive email confirmation of receipt of your submitted on-line application. Additional contest information will be forwarded to you. Please remember to email us contest@hudsonvalleyribfest.org if your plans change or if you have questions. Note that no refunds of contests fees will be made after July 1, 2020.

Cooks Meetings: SCA, Saturday, 10:00 am. KCBS, Saturday afternoon, after SCA awards.

Trash must be removed regularly and be deposited by each contest team in the roll-off dumpster provided, not in trash barrels placed for the use of RibFest guests. Recycling containers will also be available. Trash cannot accumulate at contest teams' sites. Gray water, ashes and grease must be disposed in designated collection areas and can not be dumped onsite. This rule will be strictly enforced and will keep the contest area clean.

Restroom facilities are available on site and open during public hours. The restroom facilities are on a septic system and require attendant service and therefore will be closed during the night. Overnight, porta-potties will be provided for contest teams. Porta-potties will be cleaned every morning.

Contest teams will have use of adjacent Ulster County Pool showers (free) and pool (at nominal cost) to those showing RibFest wrist bands.

KCBS representatives will inspect each site. Sanitation (wash, rinse, disinfect) will be checked at meat inspection. Proper storage of meat is required. It must be maintained below 40F or above 140F. Proper handling of food is required.

Donate left-over food. Distribution of food samples to the public is discouraged; left-over food can be brought back to the judging room for our hungry volunteers. A representative from a local soup kitchen will be onsite to collect left-over foods as well. More details at the Cooks Meeting.

For safety reasons, no team vehicles, other than smoker/griller rigs may be parked within the fairgrounds. This includes the barn area next to the contest area. Unload your gear, and then park your vehicles in designated places outside the fairgrounds. During public RibFest hours (Friday 5 PM – 10 PM, Saturday 11 AM – 10 PM, Sunday 11 AM – 5 PM) no vehicle traffic is permitted within the fairgrounds. If you need to bring in anything during public hours make sure you have a hand cart for heavy items.

Members of the Highland Rotary Club will be on site to assist you throughout the weekend.

Please call Rolf Oelgeschläger, 845-430-1645, if you have any concerns or need anything while you on site.

We THANK YOU for your participation in the 2020 Hudson Valley RibFest.
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