



RIB COOK-OFF

COMPETITOR FAQ

 **JUNE 28, 2026**  **PLACER COUNTY FAIR**  **@THE GROUNDS - ROSEVILLE, CA**

Entry & Cost

Q: What is the entry fee?

A: The entry fee is \$200 - includes the cost of the ribs

Booth Setup & Requirements

Q: Do I have to attend any required training?

- Yes, Food Safety Training (Zoom): date to come

Q: What size is the booth space?

- Booths are 20x20 feet.

Q: Is electricity available?

- No, electricity is not provided.

Q: What are the booth setup requirements?

- You must bring:
 - A 3-sided netted canopy tent (required)
 - Warming cabinet/chafing dish (ribs must be held at 135°F or above)
 - All cooking utensils, serving table, water, and ingredients
 - BBQs/smokers must be roped off

Q: When is load-in?

- Early Load-In is Saturday, June 27
- Additional setup can be done the morning of the contest on Sunday, June 28

Q: Can I prep or cook off-site?

- No, all ingredients must be prepped and cooked on-site due to health regulations.

Q: Can I sell ribs from my booth?

- No sales are allowed from booths.

Tasting & Serving

Q: What is the Rib Passport?

- The Passport give guests the best option to taste and rate all the competitors.
- it levels the playing field and makes the competition truly head-to-head.
- Each passport holder gets one rib per team and gets to vote for the best one stamp per team

Q: How many racks of ribs must I cook?

- A minimum of 30 racks (provided to you) is required.
- You may cook more if desired.

Event Dates

Q: When is the event?

- Early Load-In: Saturday, June 27
- Rib Cook-Off Contest: Sunday, June 28

Judging Information

Q: How does judging work?

- Each booth will receive a piggy bank for "People's Choice" voting.
- A separate secret number will be used for the judges' tasting samples.

Q: When do we turn in the Judge's Box?

- Boxes must be submitted by 1:00 P.M.

Q: When is the judge's meeting?

- The meeting is at 12:30 P.M.

Q: When does People's Choice voting happen?

- Voting runs from 1:30 P.M. to 3:30 P.M.

Q: When will judges' voting end?

- Around 2:00 P.M.

Q: When are the winners announced?

- Results for both People's Choice and Judges will be announced by 4:00 P.M.

Event Day Details

Q: What will I receive before the event?

- About 10 days prior, you'll receive a confirmation letter with:
 - Event map
 - Directions to check in
 - Your check-in time

Q: Can I start cooking when I arrive?

- No, cooking cannot begin until your booth passes the Health Department inspection.
 - Important: You must have a thermometer to complete the check-off.

Q: When is the chef's meeting?

- 9:00 A.M. on contest day (June 28)

Q: When does teardown begin?

- After results are announced (~4:00 P.M.)
- Teardown must be completed by 5:00 P.M.



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