



15th Edition
The Beltway BBQ Showdown
Sunday, June 1st, 2025

The Show Place Arena
14900 Pennsylvania Ave.
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772



Dear BBQ Competitors:

Please join us for the 15th Edition of The Beltway BBQ Showdown! This contest highlights the art of barbequing in Prince George's County and the Mid-Atlantic region. The M-NCPPC is excited to bring this historic event back to you and the community! Registration is currently underway, and we would love to take this opportunity to invite you to participate. The prize pool for this event is: \$17,400. This is a State Competition and sanctioned by the Kansas City Barbeque Society (KCBS). The Grand Champion of the event will be able to compete in the *American Royal* in Kansas City!

Teams may compete in four categories *Brisket, Pork Ribs, Chicken & Pork*. 1st Place – 10th Place prizes will be offered in all the above categories. However, to be eligible to place as the Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion you must be entered in all four categories.

Teams are asked to check-in on-site on Saturday, May 31st any time after 9:00am. Additional arrangements may be made for teams who wish to arrive Friday evening (May 30th). Judging begins Sunday, June 1st @ 12:00pm and will follow KCBS rules and turn-in times.

The entry fee is required with submission of the registration form, which is available online. This fee includes a 20'x30' space, 30-amp electricity and water access. Extra-large spaces are available for an additional charge. The Show Place Arena is adjacent to Maryland Route 4, just outside of the I-495 Beltway.

Two of our favorite programs are returning to give the public a few opportunities to taste your amazing talent!

1. **Tasting Tent:** Allows visitors to taste pulled pork and/or chicken prepared by you! We will provide teams to cook 2x 8-pound boneless pork butt and/ or 2x cases of chicken (10 chicken breasts per case) roughly 7-pounds per upon arrival on Saturday, May 31st. Hand in time is 10:30am on Sunday, June 1st.
 - Discount of \$75 for cooking chicken or pork
 - Discount of \$100 for cooking both chicken and pork
2. **People's Choice Sauce Contest:** Allows tasters to determine their finger licking favorite! Requesting the first 10 teams to provide a gallon of your secret recipe sauce.
 - \$225 prize pool for 1st-3rd Place Finishers

If you have any additional questions regarding the contest, feel free to contact the chairs of our BBQ Competition Committee:

- James McRae – James.McRae@pgparks.com: 301-736-5355
- Alexandria Wilson – Alexandria.Wilson@pgparks.com: 301-736-3518

We look forward to seeing you at The Showdown once again!



The Beltway BBQ Showdown BBQ Competition Information Page



[Beltway BBQ Website](#)

[Kansas City BBQ Society Website](#)

Kansas City BBQ Rules & Regulations

- 1) Each team shall consist of a Chief Cook (Pit Master) and as many assistants as the Chief deems necessary
- 2) Each team is assigned a cooking space. Pits, cookers, smokers, props, trailers, motor homes, vehicles, tents, etc. shall not exceed the boundaries of the Team's assigned cooking space. (Showdown space is 20'x30', a larger space is available for a \$100 fee)
- 3) Teams shall provide all needed equipment, supplies & additional electricity options. (Showdown registration fee includes access to water & 30-amp electric. Please bring needed extension cords and hoses)
- 4) Cookfires shall be made of wood, wood pellets or charcoal.
- 5) All competition meat shall be inspected by the Official Meat Inspector during the times established by the contest organizer. (Showdown meat inspections are done soon after check-in. Don't do anything to your meat until it has been inspected! You will receive a ribbon or sticker to display at your cooking site after inspection.)
- 6) All meat must be purchased fresh and sealed. No rubs, marinating, sauce, etc. can be applied until the meat has been inspected.
- 7) The Four KCBS Meat Categories:
 - Chicken – includes Cornish Game Hen & Kosher Chicken
 - Pork Ribs – Ribs shall include the bone. Country style ribs are prohibited.
 - Beef Brisket – May be whole brisket, flat or point. Corned beef is prohibited.
 - Pork – Pork is defined as Boston Butt, Boston Roast, Picnic, Collar (aka Cellar) and/or Whole Shoulder
- 8) Judging: The Four KCBS categories will be judged in the following order
 - Chicken – 12:00pm
 - Pork Ribs – 12:30pm
 - Pork – 1:00pm
 - Brisket – 1:30pm
- 9) Sauce is optional
- 10) Each contestant must submit at least six (6) portions of meat in an approved unmarked container. (The Showdown will provide 9"x9" regulation "Turn-In Trays" made of recyclable material approved by KCBS, not Styrofoam)
- 11) **There will be no refund of entry fees for any reason, except at the direction of the contest organizer.**

The Beltway BBQ Showdown Payouts

Grand Champion - \$3,000

Reserve Grand Champion - \$2,000

Awards for the Four KCBS categories: Chicken, Pork Ribs, Brisket & Pork:

<u>1st Place</u> - \$600	<u>6th Place</u> - \$250
<u>2nd Place</u> - \$500	<u>7th Place</u> - \$225
<u>3rd Place</u> - \$400	<u>8th Place</u> - \$200
<u>4th Place</u> - \$350	<u>9th Place</u> - \$150
<u>5th Place</u> - \$300	<u>10th Place</u> - \$125

Tasting Tent- Discount of \$75 for cooking chicken or pork. Discount of \$100 for cooking both chicken and pork
People's Choice Sauce Contest - \$100 (1st), \$75 (2nd) & \$50 (3rd)