



Eastern Carolina BBQ Throw Down

Professional Cook Team Application
North Carolina State Championship
October 24th & 25th, 2025



TEAM INFORMATION

Team Name: _____
Chief Cook Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
State: _____ Zip Code: _____
E-mail: _____
Phone Number: _____
Chief Cook's KCBS member number: _____
(KCBS member number is used only to report scores to KCBS.)

CATEGORIES

KCBS Grand Champion: (required)
Chicken, Pork Ribs, Pork, Beef Brisket

Optional: (Circle if participating; no additional fee)
• People's Choice- Please fill out People's Choice application

OTHER INFORMATION

What do you have? (Circle): Camper RV Pop-up Tent
Length of camper or RV: _____
How many attending complimentary lunch (limit 6)? _____
Site near team: _____
Products for Sale (Circle): Rub Sauce Marinade Book Video

Early bird discount ends on September 30, 2025. Final deadline for entries is October 10, 2025.

FEES

Item	Fee	Quantity	Subtotal
GRASS & PAVEMENT AREAS:			
20'w x 40'd space	\$275		
Additional - 10'w x 40'd space	\$55		
30-amp electric service	\$30		
50-amp electric service (limited)	\$50		
PAVEMENT AREA ONLY:			
20'w x 20'd space	\$200		
OTHER:			
T-Shirt	\$15		
T-Shirt (4X to 6X)	\$20		
Discount (if received by 9/30/2025)	-\$50		
TOTAL ENCLOSED:			

**All spaces include basic power & water. Pavement spots are closer to turn-in.

T-Shirt Order

Size	S	M	L	XL	2X	3X	4X	5X	6X
Amount									

Payment Method (circle): **Payment Amount**
Check \$ _____
MasterCard Checks payable to:
Visa **City of Rocky Mount**

Name on Credit Card _____
Credit Card Number _____
Expiration Date _____
Signature _____

Waiver of Liability: In consideration of your accepting this entry, I, the undersigned, intending to be legally bound, hereby for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I may have against the Eastern Carolina BBQ Throw Down, City of Rocky Mount or the Kansas City Barbeque Society, their representatives, successors, and assigns, for any and all injuries suffered by me in this event. Further, I hereby grant full permission to the Eastern Carolina BBQ Throw Down, the City of Rocky Mount and/or agents authorized by them, to use any photographs, video tapes, motion pictures, recordings and any other record of this event for any legitimate purpose.

I agree to the terms of the Waiver of Liability, and I will abide by the rules of the
Kansas City Barbeque Society and the 2025 Eastern Carolina BBQ Throw Down Rules and Regulations.

Signature _____ Date _____

RELEASE MUST BE SIGNED OR THIS ENTRY WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

PROFESSIONAL COOK TEAM ENTRY INFORMATION

No Refunds

The Eastern Carolina BBQ Throw Down will occur rain or shine.

Application Process

Include the following:

1. Payment must be included with application.
2. Make sure to sign and date the Waiver of Liability on application.
3. Make checks payable to: **City of Rocky Mount**

Mail applications to:

City of Rocky Mount
Parks & Recreation
Eastern Carolina BBQ Throw Down
P.O. Box 1180
Rocky Mount, NC 27802-1180

Upon receipt of the items listed above, Eastern Carolina BBQ Throw Down will send you a confirmation email.

Contact Information

Jamel Pitt
(252) 972-1159
jamel.pitt@rockymountnc.gov
www.downtownrockymount.com

BBQ Product Vending

In addition to the KCBS contest, you may choose to vendor barbecue products at your competition space such as commercial rubs or sauces, books and videos, cooking related items and paraphernalia relating to individual teams. There is no additional fee. Food/beverage items including competition meats are not allowed for sale in the competition area. You must fill out a food vendor application, if you wish to compete and sell competition barbecue. There will be a limited number of food vendors. (Note: T-shirts & ball caps are not allowed as the festival has its own to sell. However, you may sell products with your cook team name on it only including t-shirts.)

Cooking Spaces/Extended Stay

There are approximately 24 well defined spaces located on grass. These spaces are first come first serve. The rest of the spaces are located on pavement. Teams can arrive as early as Wednesday and stay as late as Sunday in their assigned competition space in grass area. In the spaces on pavement, teams can arrive on Thursday after 12:00pm (noon) and stay as late as Sunday.

Electricity/Water

Electricity and water provided for all spaces. (One 20-amp electrical service per space.) You must provide extension cord for electricity and hose for water. (May need up to 150 feet of extension cord and as much as 50 feet of water hose.) 30-amp and 50-amp electrical services (limited amount) are available at additional cost. Please provide detailed connection information on the application if you need a 30-amp or 50-amp service. (If you need more room than provided on front of application, continue with information on the back of application.) Quiet generators are permitted. A certified electrician will be available for power needs.

Vehicle Parking

Only one truck pulling camper/trailer or one vehicle may be parked in your space in competition area. Everything must fit in your space. All vehicles must park in separate parking lot near competition area due to safety reasons. Up to two vehicles will receive reserved parking passes. It is close within walking distance. Free parking is available throughout festival. Any vehicle parked in the competition area will not be able to come and go throughout competition. You must be parked in reserved parking to be free to come and go as needed.

Local Accommodations, Dining & Other Rocky Mount Information

The Nash County Visitors Bureau can provide you with local accommodations and other local information. Go to the following website: rockymounttravel.com. Also, check our website for more information at downtownrockymount.com.

CONTEST INFORMATION

The Contest

The event is sanctioned by the Kansas City Barbeque Society (KCBS). KCBS representatives will be present. Judging starts at noon on Saturday, October 25, 2025 using the blind judging technique. The contest consists of four categories (chicken, pork ribs, pork and beef brisket). All four categories are required for Grand Champion. Only one entry per team per category is allowed.

People's Choice

From 1:30pm to 3:30pm on Saturday, the public is given an opportunity to judge pork barbecue from participating teams. There is no additional cost for cook teams to participate in People's Choice. Teams will receive a 50/50 split from participant ticket (BBQ Buck) sales. See People's Choice information sheet for details.

2025 Eastern Carolina BBQ Throw Down – Schedule

Wednesday & Thursday, October 22-23

Early arrival See **Extending Stay** in the entry information

Friday, October 24

9am-3:30pm	Check-in
9am-12noon	Meat inspection
12pm-1pm	Complimentary lunch served to cook teams
2pm-4pm	Meat inspection
4pm	All vehicles moved from competition area
4pm	Cook team meeting (mandatory)
6pm	Kick Off Party begins
11pm-7am	Quiet time

Saturday, October 25

7am-8am	Complementary breakfast (probably Hardee's biscuits)
11:30am-6pm	Festival Activities
10:30am	Judges check-in
11am	Judges meeting/Judging Begins
12noon	Chicken - Turn In
12:30pm	Pork Ribs - Turn In
1pm	Pork - Turn In
1:30pm	Beef Brisket - Turn In
1:30pm-3:30pm	People's Choice
5pm	Awards Ceremony
6pm-8pm	Cook teams leave (cars can enter competition area)

Check-In

Check-in is Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. It is located at the entrance to the competition area. A registration packet with contest information, cooking space number, map, schedule of events and give-aways will be provided. Early arrivals will receive packet upon arrival.

Meat Inspection

At check-in, you will receive a ribbon. When you are ready for meat inspection, hang the ribbon on your site somewhere visible and the meat inspector will come by your site. Meat inspection times are Friday, 9am to 12 noon and 2pm to 4pm only.

Cooks Meeting

The cooks meeting is mandatory and will be held Friday at 4:00pm in the Rocky Mount Senior Center.

Complimentary Lunch

A complimentary lunch will be served to the cook teams on Friday from noon to 1:00pm. Each team will receive up to 6 tickets. Lunch will be served in the Rocky Mount Senior Center on the 2nd floor across from the competition area. Please indicate on application how many will be attending.

Complimentary Breakfast

A complimentary breakfast biscuit and coffee or hot chocolate will be available for cook teams from 7:00am to 8:00am on Saturday. Teams can pick them up in the Rocky Mount Senior Center lobby.

Ice

Ice will be available. Details will be available closer to event date.

Sanitation

Restrooms are located in the Rocky Mount Senior Center or the Rocky Mount Train Station across from the competition area. Portable toilets and wash stations will be available throughout the competition area.

Containers for grease disposal will be available. Containers for ash will be available for dumping hot ashes. Dump hot coals only in the marked receptacles.

Showers

Showers are available for use and located in the Rocky Mount Senior Center across from the competition area. A visitor's pass will be provided for you in your registration packet for use of the showers.

2025 RULES & REGULATIONS

Eastern Carolina BBQ Throw Down will be governed by the competition rules of the Kansas City Barbeque Society (KCBS). KCBS rules and regulations can be obtained by going to downtownrockymount.com or www.kcbs.us. The following rules and regulations also apply to the competition.

1. All contestants are responsible for reading and following the KCBS rules and regulations.
2. All contestants are responsible for reading and following the Eastern Carolina BBQ Throw Down contest information (listed on previous pages).
3. All contestants must adhere to all electrical, fire, and other codes (city, county, state, or federal codes).
4. Each team must have a fire extinguisher.
5. Alcoholic beverages are not to be distributed (given away or sold) to the general public by contestants.
6. Food or unapproved items are not to be distributed (given away or sold) to the general public by contestants unless they have applied as a vendor.

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