

12th Annual Hog August Bites

Rib & Chili Cookoff – August 22, 2026

General Competition - Teams will participate in a standardized blind judged Pork Ribs competition, as well as an optional People's Choice Pork Ribs competition. Chili competition rules provided separately.

Entry Fee: \$150 - Includes ALL competition pork ribs. **Two racks** for the Blind Judged competition, and an **additional 8 racks** if participating in the People's Choice Competition.

Pork Ribs – Supplied Rib racks are Prairie Fresh full Spares. These are the **ONLY** ribs of any kind allowed onsite. All team coolers are subject to inspection.

BLIND JUDGING - Your entry will be judged/scored like that of large, sanctioned BBQ competitions. Judges score on Appearance, Taste & Tenderness using numbers from 9 – 1.

- **Minimum of Six** individual Ribs in your turn-in Box.
- Ribs must be presented on the bone, and individually sliced.
- This is a **NO GARNISH** competition - No other items or objects allowed in the box (toothpick, foil, piece of glove, paper towel, pooled sauce, etc.).
- Turn-in boxes **MUST** have the team number on the top when turned in.
- All raw meats must be kept below 40*, and held above 140* after cooking.
- **DQ's** - late entries, less than six samples, foreign objects, or unruly event behavior. Teams receiving a DQ penalty are ineligible for prize money & awards.
- Teams get a scoring printout that may also include comment cards from the judges.
- All Ribs & Chili ingredients must be fully prepped & cooked on-site.

PEOPLE'S CHOICE TASTING - Teams will be provided a large container for their PC Ribs. Rib containers must be covered when delivered to the PC turn-in door. Because the number of PC ticket available for sale are based on the number of racks given to the teams that morning it's imperative that ALL eight racks of sliced ribs are turned in. Teams are to deliver ribs to the back of the PC tasting area no later than **2:15pm**. Public tasting & voting begins promptly at 2:30pm. Thank you for all of your continued support!

EVENT & VENUE ITEMS:

Power/Water/Trash/Hot Ash/Grease - Teams are responsible for their own power. There will be an available water supply spigot, Hot Ash cans, and a trash bin onsite for teams. Do not dump anything, anywhere, other than in event provided containers.

Boundaries - Team sites are 10' x 15'. Every part of a teams' camp **MUST** fit within those boundaries, props, trailers, vehicles, tents, cookers, etc. If you need additional space contact event organizer - Robie Williams/RioVision ASAP. Additional team site space is limited.

Safety - Teams must have **in their site**, a FULL-SIZE fire extinguisher with current tags, have all their tents secured with weights, have a dedicated 3-Tub warewash set up, and a "hands free" hand wash station.

Site Rules - No holes &/or dug pits of any kind. Teams should consider using a ground cover under their pit to avoid any possible damage to their assigned site (if necessary). Before you leave be sure your site is clean.

Sanitation - Cooks are to prepare & cook in a sanitary manner. Cooking & site conditions are subject to inspection by the RioVision event staff as well as the Health & Fire Departments. Any issues will need to be corrected.

EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES:

Teams provide all their own cooking & site equipment needs. This is an open fuel competition.

Hog August Bites will provide both, the Rib turn-in boxes & Chili lidded tubs, for the Blind judged competitions. All Boxes & Tubs will be distributed to the teams immediately following the mandatory team meeting at **9am**. PC Rib containers will be delivered at this time as well.

Cash Awards Juried Ribs 1st \$1000, 2nd \$500, 3rd \$250
Cash Awards Juried Chili 1st \$500, 2nd \$250, 3rd \$150
People's Choice Ribs & Chili payouts based on ticket sales

EVENT TIMELINE

6am - Team Setup & Load-in

7:30am - RIBS available for Team pick-up

9am - Mandatory Team meeting (lot behind 45 Main)

11:45am - PC Chili Turn-In @ Back Glass Door

RIB Turn-in: 1pm (+/- 5 minutes)

Chili Turn-in: 1:30pm (+/- 5 minutes)

2:15pm - PC Ribs Turn-in @ Back Glass Door

4pm – Awards (in-between Music Groups)

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION
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