

## **2024 Rules for GBA Kid's Cookoff Challenge**

Age group: Contestants must be at least 7 years old and no more than 16 years old at the time of the contest.

### **Rules:**

1. One adult must be present and on the contestant site throughout the entire cooking process.
2. The sponsoring adult may ONLY start the fire and help with knife work. Other than knife work, the adult must not touch the entry.
3. The sponsoring adult may let the contestant start the fire or complete knife work at their discretion. The same adult may assist multiple GBA Kid's Cookoff Challenge contestants on the same heat source.
4. All food products must be handled using standard USDA food handling regulations. Gloves are required when handling raw meats.
5. Entry may be prepared on any type of cooker fueled by gas, wood, charcoal, or electric sources.
6. The contestant must prepare, cook, and present the entry. This includes placing the entry on the grill, turning the entry on the grill, removing the entry from the grill, and garnishing the entry. If the contestant is unable to do these tasks, he/she is too young to competitively cook.
7. Entries may be presented in any manner desired by the cook. The GBA will provide a standard 9x9 turn-in container to each team.
8. More than one GBA Kid's Cookoff Challenge contestant/team may use the same grill/heat source.
9. Judging is based on appearance, taste, tenderness, and overall impression using GBA comparative judging methods.

### Reasons of Disqualification:

- Entries turned in after the designated turn-in time
- Entries that are marked in any way as to be identifiable
- Entries that are undercooked/raw
- Entries determined to have not been cooked by the child contestant

Judging would be done on Friday of contest weekend. Times would be as follows:

3:30 – Cooks Meeting (must be attended by the sponsoring adult, at a minimum)

6:30 – 6:45 – Entry Turn-in

7:30 – Awards

The GBA Rep Team may modify this timeline. If so, all teams will be notified as soon as possible.

#### Other information

1. GBA Kid's Cookoff Challenge events will be open to any young person who has a sponsoring adult that is willing to supervise them. GBA Membership will not be required.
2. GBA Kid's Cookoff Challenge Cook will not compete with any type of Kids Cook that is sponsored by the Organizer of the larger Sanctioned BBQ Contest operated that weekend. If any type of Kids Cook is already scheduled by the Organizer, the GBA Kid's Cookoff Challenge will defer to that event and not be held
3. If less than 5 GBA Kid's Cookoff Challenge Cooks enter the contest, the contest will be canceled due of lack of interest.
4. Registration is free but the entry form must be completed and submitted to the lead Rep for the contest by 5:00 p.m. on the Wednesday before the contest.
5. Product to be cooked will be selected at the sole discretion of the GBA Rep Team for the event.
6. Judges will be selected at the sole discretion of the GBA Rep Team for the event.
7. The designated product to be cooked at a particular GBA Kid's Cookoff Challenge will be very clearly defined on the application for that event.
8. Awards for GBA Kid's Cookoff Challenge will be given to the top three finishers regardless of the number of GBA Kid's Cookoff Challenge Cooks are competing.