

**2018 Ridgefield Gone Country BBQ Festival  
Northeast Barbecue Society (NEBS) Grilling & Barbecue Contest  
Kansas City Barbeque Society (KCBS) Barbeque Contest**

**Cooks Information Sheet**

**Ridgefield Community Center 316 Main Street Ridgefield, CT 06877**

**SCHEDULE**

**Friday, May 4, 2018: Arrival day for Teams and Vendors (*not open to the public*)**

**4:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.:** Check-in for contest teams. Team sites will be pre-assigned. Please enter via the Market Street side entrance. Please try to arrive before dark. Let us know if you will not arrive until Saturday. **Quiet hours are midnight to 7:00 a.m.**

**4:30 p.m. to 7:30 pm** Begin of **NEBS** meat and site inspection.

**7:30 p.m.** Cooks' Meeting for all NEBS Teams **only** in the Community Center.

**Saturday May 5, 2018: NEBS Grilling & Barbecue Contest**

**7:30 a.m.** **Gates open for contest teams.**

8:00 a.m. KCBS and NEBS Meat inspection for Saturday and Sunday begins 8:30 a.m. Preference will be given to Teams participating in the NEBS Grilling and Barbeque.

**9:00 a.m.** **Kids Que** Cooks Meeting in the Community Center.

9:30 a.m. Last arrival with equipment not hand carried.

**10:00 a.m.** **Gates close for vehicle entry.**

10:30 a.m. Judges Meeting in the Community Center Dining Room

11:00 a.m. BBQ Festival opens to the public

12:00 p.m. Official start of the NEBS Grilling and Barbeque Contest;  
Pizza turn-in

12:30 p.m. Beef Hamburger - turn-in

1:00 p.m. Taco-turn in

1:30 p.m. Chef's Choice – MUST NOT be one of the previous category items

2:30 p.m. KidsQue

4:00 p.m. (approx.) NEBS Awards Ceremony at the front porch of the Community Center;  
Cooks' Meeting for KCBS Teams **only** in the Community Center after completion of NEBS Awards Ceremony

Meat inspection for Sunday's KCBS Barbeque Contest continues at the convenience of the meat inspectors after the NEBS Awards Ceremony

9:00 p.m. BBQ Festival closes to the public

12:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. Quiet hours.

**Sunday May 6, 2017: KCBS Barbeque Contest**

**7:30 a.m.** **Gates open for contest teams.**

**9:30 a.m.** **Last arrival with equipment not hand carried.**

**10:00 a.m.** **Gates close for vehicle entry.**

10:30 a.m. Judges Meeting in the Community Center Dining Room

11:00 a.m. BBQ Festival opens to the public

12:00 p.m. Chicken turn-in

12:30 p.m. Pork Ribs turn-in

1:00 p.m. Pork Butt/Shoulder turn-in

1:30 p.m. Beef Brisket turn-in

4:00 p.m. (approx.) Awards presentation on the front porch of the Community Center

5:00 p.m. BBQ Festival closes to the public

**5:00 p.m.** Gates open for vehicles, no vehicle traffic within the grounds before 5:00p.m.

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**DETAILS & DEFINITIONS**

**Contact & Communications:**

You will receive email confirmation of receipt of your Entry Form and PayPal payment. Additional contest information will be forwarded to you.

Please remember to email us [info@ridgefieldbbqct.com](mailto:info@ridgefieldbbqct.com) if your plans change or if you have questions. Note that no refunds of contests fees will be made after April 1, 2018.

**Official BBQ Festival web site:** [www.ridgefieldbbqct.com](http://www.ridgefieldbbqct.com)

**Contest Team Sites:**

Consists of Regular Sites, Large Sites, and Sites for RVs. Contest team sites will be pre-assigned. Let us know if you wish to be located near another team(s).

**Regular sites:** 20' x 20'. Included                      **Large sites:** 20X 30 additional \$75

**Sites for RVs:** additional \$125 .

**Community Center:**

The Ridgefield Community Center, Lounsbury House, 316 Main Street Ridgefield, CT

**Cooks' Meetings:**

Held at the Community Center.

**NEBS**, Friday, 7:30 p.m..

**Kids Que**, Saturday morning at 9am.

**KCBS**, Saturday afternoon, after NEBS awards.

**Electricity:**

Electricity for **light general use only** such as lighting is provided at no cost. Please bring 100' of extension cord and **outdoor rated power strips** for your electrical hookup. **Hookup of Refrigerators, Hair Dryers, Deep Fryers, AC units and other appliances are not allowed.** If you have higher electrical requirements than general lighting you must bring your own quiet run generator.

**Ice:**

Ice is available on-site at a nominal cost. A BBQ Festival volunteer will make an ice delivery on Saturday and Sunday mornings between 8:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.. Please pay for your pre-ordered ice delivery at the Cooks Meetings. Pre-order slips are included in your team package at sign-in. Ice will be available at a designated location throughout the weekend.

**KCBS:**

Kansas City Barbeque Society

**Meat Storage/Food Handling:**

Proper storage of meat is required. It must be maintained below 40F or above 140F. Proper handling of food is required.

**Donate left-over food.** Distribution of food samples to the public is not permitted; leftover food can be brought back to the judging room for our hungry volunteers. More details will be provided at the Cooks Meeting.

**NEBS:**

Northeast Barbecue Society

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**Pets:**

No Pets Allowed by Contestants or Vendors

**Prizes:**

***NEBS***

There will be trophies and cash prizes for the top three finishers in each category:

1<sup>st</sup>: \$120;      2<sup>nd</sup>: \$100;      3<sup>rd</sup>: \$80.

1<sup>st</sup> place NEBS Grilling Champ: \$400; 2<sup>nd</sup> place NEBS Reserve Grilling Champ: \$300.

Teams will be called out through 10<sup>th</sup> place.

***KCBS***

There will be trophies/ribbons and cash prizes for the top five finishers in each category:

1<sup>st</sup>: \$400;      2<sup>nd</sup>: \$250;      3<sup>rd</sup>: \$150;      4<sup>th</sup> \$100      5<sup>th</sup> \$75

1<sup>st</sup> place KCBS Grand Champ: \$1,700; 2<sup>nd</sup> place KCBS Reserve Grand Champ: \$1,000

Teams will be called out through 10<sup>th</sup> place.

**Guarantee of \$8,500 in prize money combined for NEBS and KCBS.**

**Rules & Regulations:**

***NEBS***

The NEBS Rules & Regulations apply to the NEBS Grilling Contest, with the exceptions listed below. You can download NEBS Rules and Regulations <https://www.nebs.org/frequently-asked-questions/grilling-rules/>. Only wood, wood pellets and charcoal shall be used.

All NEBS entries will have OPEN GARNISH and STUFFING IS ALLOWED.

***Exceptions:***

All prep and cooking shall be done on-site, with the following exceptions:

- Pizza dough may be brought in. No pre cooked dough eg. Boboli
- Dough needed for Chef's Choice may be brought in.
- Taco shells may be hard or soft and may be precooked and brought in. Protein for the Taco's may be fish/shellfish, chicken, beef, pork or a combination and may not be precooked.

All entries must consist of six (6) identifiable pieces. 16" pizza boxes will be provided at Cooks' Meeting for the pizza entry. All other entries must be presented on platters provided at Cooks' Meeting.

Team of The Year Registration: All teams must register in order for their scores to be included in the 2018 NEBS TOY calculations and rankings. If you do not register your team, your scores will not count towards NEBS TOY. Registration is free and only takes a couple minutes. Visit here to register: <https://www.nebs.org/nebs-toy/>

***KCBS*** The KCBS Contest is sanctioned by KCBS and, accordingly, the KCBS Rules and Regulations apply. You can download the KCBS Rules and Regulations handbook at [http://www.kcbs.us/downloads/rules\\_reg\\_2017.pdf](http://www.kcbs.us/downloads/rules_reg_2017.pdf)

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**KIDS QUE Information Page**

1. AGE: age group: 6-12. The contestant official age is determined as of 4/1/2018.
2. PREPARATION, COOKING AND PRESENTATION: Kids Cook contestants must do the preparation, cooking and presentation. Parents are required to supervise/help with lighting the grill and are required to be in their child's cook area until fires are extinguished after finished product is turned in. Parents are asked not to help with anything else. CONTESTANTS ARE TO DO ALL THE COOKING.
3. HANDICAP PROVISION: Handicapped children will be allowed to do as much as they are able with some help from an assigned parent or guardian. Please note on entry form if a handicapped child is participating and what special arrangements need to be made.
4. All children will cook in a designated cooking area on a grill brought from home by the competitor. No grills will be provided. Grill may be powered by gas (propane), charcoal, wood, or pellet burner. Any other grill must be approved in advance.
5. Entries will be submitted to the judging area in numbered containers provided by the Festival.
6. Entrants are not required to slice or cut finished product for presentation. Judges will be equipped to slice the presentation at the judging table to accommodate portions for the number of judges participating after the overall appearance is judged.
7. Judging will be based on APPEARANCE, TASTE, TEXTURE/TENDERNESS. The KCBS will conduct judging and all decisions will be final. Judging ranges (scoring) are from nine (9), being the highest to two (2), being the lowest.
8. COOKS MEETING will be held at 9 am on Saturday. (It is mandatory that contestants attend this meeting to review rules, pick up turn-in containers and supplies. Failure to attend this meeting will result in a DQ (disqualified) and no refund will be given.

SUPPLIES PROVIDED – Competitors will cook pork loin. Approximately two pounds or 6 boneless pork loin chops will be provided the morning of the event to each competitor, after the Kids Que Cook meeting. Competitors only have to turn in two chops in the box. Any other pork cooked may be consumed by competitor, family or friends after the box has been submitted to the judging area. Competitors may turn in any size/ weight pork, which includes any number of pieces (ie: sliced, etc). Only what is submitted in the turn-in box is to be judged.

SUPPLIES NEEDED - Contestants must supply their own grill, seasonings, cooking utensils, and garnish to be used for the pork loin chop. All entries will have OPEN GARNISH and STUFFING IS ALLOWED.

ENTRY FORM - Entry fees (\$25 per child) are required with submission of entry form. Entry form is also available on our web site. The entry fee will supply the contestant with meat, and awards for the competition.

SCHEDULE 9:00 am Check-in and Cooks Meeting

2:30 pm Judging in the festival judging area (contestants may turn in entries ONLY between 2:25 pm and 2:35pm. Entries received outside this time frame will be disqualified)

4:00 pm (approximate) Awards Presentation on the main Stage PRIZES - Trophies for 1st- 3rd place in each age group.

Grand Prize winner in each age group receives \$100

Runner-Up winner in each age group receives \$50

Third Place winner in each age group receives \$25

All contestants will receive an award certificate.

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**Waste: Trash, Recycling, Gray Water:**

Trash must be removed regularly and be deposited BY EACH CONTEST TEAM, in the roll-off dumpster provided, NOT in trash barrels placed for the use of BBQ Festival guests. Recycling containers will also be available. Trash cannot accumulate at contest teams' sites. Gray water, ashes and grease must be disposed in designated collection areas and cannot be dumped onsite. This rule will be strictly enforced, and will keep the contest area clean. Port-a-potties will be provided.

**Vehicles:**

For safety reasons, ***NO TEAM VEHICLES***, other than smoker/griller rigs may be parked within the grounds. Unload your gear, and then park your vehicles in designated places **outside of** the grounds. During public BBQ Festival hours (Saturday 11 a.m. – 9 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.) no vehicle traffic is permitted Please Make sure that you are within the grounds, no exceptions. If you need to bring in anything during public hours make sure that you have a hand cart for heavy items.

**Water:**

Water is available for free (you must provide hoses and "y" connectors). Water pressure might be low at times due to existing infrastructure.

**Inspection:**

Inspection: KCBS representatives will inspect each site. Fire Extinguisher and Sanitation (wash, rinse, disinfect) will be checked at meat inspection on both days of the contest

**Members of the Rotary Club of Ridgefield will be on site to assist you throughout the weekend.**

**We THANK YOU for your participation in the 2018 Ridgefield Gone Country BBQ Contest For further information: [info@ridgefieldbbqct.com](mailto:info@ridgefieldbbqct.com)**

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