



Official Team Application

2023 Memphis in May International Festival World Championship Barbecue Cooking Contest



May 17-20, 2023 | Tom Lee Park | Memphis, TN

Welcome to the 2023 Memphis in May World Championship Barbecue Cooking Contest, the most prestigious barbecue cooking contest on the planet! We wish you luck in your quest to become the World Champion of Barbecue.

Your entry fee includes your team booth space, entry of one pork category, fifteen (15) 24-hour wristiks two (2) vehicle load-in passes and a 2023 WCBCC poster and apron.

Due to space limitations, not all applications received will be accepted. Entry preference is given to those who complete this application and remit payment earliest, as well as past World Champions and top winners from the previous year.

Teams with a guaranteed entry must submit applications no later than January 6th, 2023 to ensure their acceptance.

A check for the total amount due must be received with every application and postmarked or hand-delivered **no later than February 17, 2023**. Please note we anticipate entries will be limited to a maximum of 150 team participants due to the Tom Lee Park Redevelopment, so you are encouraged to act fast, as the contest is projected to be oversubscribed.

Teams will be notified of acceptance **no later than February 27, 2023**, and teams not selected will receive a full refund.
No refunds will be made once you have been accepted into the contest.

The total amount due includes your entry fee, any additional ancillary contests, ticket purchases, security deposit and restoration fee. All teams are required to pay the refundable security deposit and non-refundable restoration fee which includes the special event permit fee.

All teams are required to carry liability insurance with a minimum limit of \$500,000. Do you have team liability insurance? If yes, please remit Certificate of Insurance naming Memphis in May as additionally insured to our offices prior to April 1, 2023.

If no, we have a very affordable policy that will insure your team from load-in to load-out; price for this policy is \$200.
See the Application Guide for more info.

For all pricing, including booth space, ancillary contests, tickets, fees, etc., please see back of form.

Official Team Name: (please print) _____

Category: (circle only one) **Whole Hog** (Appx. 30 teams) **Shoulder** (Appx. 40 teams) **Ribs** (Appx. 75 teams)

Head Cook: _____ Head Cook Phone: _____

Head Cook email: _____

Team Contact: _____ Team Contact Phone: _____

Team Contact email: _____

Contact mailing address: _____

City, State, Zip _____

Corporate Sponsor: Yes / No If yes, Name: _____

(note signage restrictions, guidelines and category limitations apply to all team sponsors. Please see application guide for more details)

How many years has your team competed at WCBCC: _____

Please see application guide for more details on the following items:

Kingsford Tour of Champions

_____ Yes, we are interested in participating

_____ No, but thanks for asking

Cooker Caravan

_____ Yes, we are interested in participating

_____ No, but thanks for asking

VIPit Pass Tour

_____ Yes, we are interested in participating

_____ No, we are not interested in participating

Have Questions or need more info? Please call 901-525-4611 or email barbecue@memphisinmay.org

ENTRY FEES: Order the size space you need – no on-site expansions are permitted. Any team found intentionally expanding outside of their purchased booth space will be subject to penalties. Memphis In May reserves the right to withhold the team's security deposit and prize money up to the amount of outstanding balance. Requests for Riverview spaces will be filled on a first-request basis. Please also note that any special requests for team placement will be recognized and preference will be given based on the date of application/full payment. Team booth space will be determined after event sponsors and vendors have been placed. Once accepted into the contest, all team space sizes are final.

NOTE TOTAL TEAM SPACES ARE VERY LIMITED DUE TO TOM LEE PARK REDEVELOPMENT.

2023 Team Booth Size	2023 Entry Fee Pricing Non-Riverview Price	2023 Riverview Pricing Riverview Price	Totals
18' w x 20' d	\$1,050	\$2,550	
18' w x 30' d	\$1,700	\$3,200	
26' w x 30' d	\$2,250	\$3,750	
26' w x 40' d	\$2,700	\$4,200	
26' w x 50' d	\$3,500	\$5,000	\$ _____

For spaces 18' x 30' and larger, how tall is your structure? ___ 1 story ___ 2 story **(Teams utilizing scaffolding will be required to pay an additional restoration fee.)**

SCAFFOLDING PLEASE NOTE: No load bearing floors will be allowed to be built higher than 16 feet from the ground. All teams wishing to use scaffolding structures must submit a drawing of the structure, listing the dimensions and load ratings, along with your scaffolding contractors contact information to Memphis In May no later than at the Team Meeting on April 2, 2023. It is required for building plans to be approved by Shelby County Code Enforcement prior to construction.

ANYTHING BUT CATEGORIES

Beef: \$70 _____

Poultry: \$70 _____

Seafood: \$70 _____

Exotic: \$65 _____

SAUCE CATEGORIES

Tomato: \$70 _____
(Sponsored by Cattlemen's BBQ Sauce)

Mustard: \$70 _____
(Sponsored by French's)

Vinegar: \$70 _____
(Sponsored by Cattlemen's BBQ Sauce)

Hot Wings: \$70 _____
(Sponsored by Frank's Red Hot)

SPECIAL EVENTS

Ms. Piggie Idol: \$70 _____

Best Booth: \$70 _____
(Sponsored by Home Depot)

Best T-Shirt: \$70 _____

Turkey Smoke: \$70 _____
(Sponsored by National Turkey Federation) \$ _____

SECURITY DEPOSIT: (refundable) \$300 X \$300

VENUE CLEAN UP & RESTORATION FEE: (non-refundable) \$400 X \$400

SCAFFOLDING RESTORATION FEE: \$700 (\$300 refundable) _____ \$ _____

BIG HOG PACKAGE: Three (3) 24-hour wristiks: (limit of 1 package purchase per team) \$185 _____ \$ _____

MIM PROVIDED INSURANCE: \$200 _____ \$ _____

SINGLE DAY TICKET: Good for any one-day admission (retail value is \$15). Minimum purchase of 10 tickets.

Number of Tickets: _____ x \$14 each Total: _____ \$ _____

FOUR DAY WRISTIKS: Good for admission Wednesday-Saturday GATE HOURS ONLY (retail value is \$54) Minimum purchase of 5.

Number of Wristiks: _____ x \$48 each Total: _____ \$ _____

PARKING \$150 - one spot only

One standard vehicle parking space only. RV's, trailers, and tour buses will not be permitted
Space is limited to the first 100 parking spots reserved.

\$ _____

Make checks payable to Memphis in May and send or deliver to:
Memphis in May, 56 S. Front St., Memphis TN 38103

Add ALL numbers in column for total: \$ _____

Signature & Date: _____

Print Name: (required) _____

I agree to abide by all Rules and Regulations for the 2023 Memphis in May World Championship Barbecue Cooking Contest.