Open Fire World Championship Cooking Contest Official Application

2027 Memphis in May International Festival World Championship Barbecue Cooking Contest

Liberty Park • May 12-15, 2027 • Open Fire Dates, May 13-14, 2027

Welcome to the 2027 Memphis in May Open Fire World Championship Cooking Contest! We wish you luck in your quest to become the next Open Fire World Champion.

Teams must prepare a four-course meal to include soup, appetizer, entre with one protein, one vegetable, one starch, and a dessert. All judging will be on-site, and each team will be given 20 minutes for their presentations. A weighted scoring system will be used. Teams will be judged on Presentation (15%), Appearance (15%), Technique (20%), Flavor (30%), and Overall Impression (20%).

Your entry fee includes your 20' w x 20' d team booth space, eight (8) 24-hour wristbands, two (2) vehicle load-in passes, one (1) parking pass, one (1) 110v/20-amp electrical circuit and a 2026 WCBCC poster and apron.

A check for the total amount due or online credit card payment must be received with every application and postmarked, hand-delivered or received **no later than March 19, 2027**.

Teams will be notified of acceptance after March 29, 2027. Teams not selected will receive a full refund. **No refunds will be made once you have been accepted into the contest.**

All teams are required to carry liability insurance with a minimum limit of $500,000. This will be included in your entry fee. This policy will insure your team from load-in to load-out. See the Application Guide for details.

Team Information

- Official Team Name: _____

- Head Cook Name (first and last): _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Country: _____

- Team Contact Name (first and last): _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Country: _____

- Please list all previous Open Fire Events and Experiences: _____

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Please Complete All Requested Information Before Submitting Your Open Fire World Championship Application!

Payment Information

- **2027 Memphis in May Open Fire World Championship Cooking Contest**
  Entry Fee: $1,500 + $325 Refundable Security Deposit **$1,825**

- **Payment Method:** ..... **Check One:** ❑ Check ❑ Credit Card

If paying by check, please mail to:
Memphis in May International Festival
56 South Front St.
Memphis, TN 38103

- **Credit Card Payment Information:**

Cardholder Name: _____ Cardholder Phone Number: _____

Card Number: _____ Expiration: _____ CVV: _____

Mailing Address: _____/_____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Country: _____

- **Total to be charged**: Includes $325 refundable security deposit. **$1,825**

Please Confirm Your Entry by Signing Below

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____



Submit Your Application to:
Mckenzie Carson
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