Official Team Application

2027 Memphis in May International Festival
World Championship Barbecue Cooking Contest

Liberty Park • May 12-15, 2027

Welcome to the 2027 Memphis in May World Championship Barbecue Cooking Contest, the most prestigious barbecue cooking contest on the planet! We are excited that you're entering and 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, eighteen (18) 24-hour wristiks for championship pork categories or eight (8) 24-hour wristiks for Patio Porker category, two (2) vehicle load-in passes, one (1) team parking pass, a single 110v/20a circuit, and a 2027 WCBCC poster and apron.

A payment for the total amount due must be received with every application and postmarked or hand-delivered **no later than February 12, 2027.**

Teams will be notified of acceptance **after March 1, 2027**, 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.

For all pricing, including booth space, ancillary contests, tickets, fees, and more... PLEASE SEE PAGES 2 AND 3

Team Information

Offcial Team Name (please print): _____

Category: CIRCLE ONLY ONE! **Whole Hog** **Shoulder** **Ribs** **Patio Porker**

Head Cook: _____ Head Cook Phone Number: _____

Head Cook Email: _____

Team Contact: _____ Team Contact Phone Number: _____

Team Contact Email: _____

Team Contact Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Corporate Sponsor (circle one): Yes / No If Yes, Sponsor 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: _____

If you are a new team, who referred you? (Team Name, Contact & Phone Number): _____

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Have Questions or need more info? Please call 901-528-1311 or email mcarson@memphisinmay.org.

ATTENTION

Whole Hog, Shoulder and Rib Teams Only:
Refer to your Application Guide for more details on the following items:

Kingsford Tour of Champions

- ❑ Yes, we want to participate!
- ❑ No, but thanks for asking.

Cooker Caravan

- ❑ Yes, we want to participate!
- ❑ No, but thanks for asking.

VIPit Pass Tour

- ❑ Yes, we want to participate!
- ❑ No, but thanks for asking.

Entry Fees

Order the size space you need – no on-site expansions are permitted. Please 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 spaces will be determined after event sponsors and vendors have been placed. Once accepted into the contest, all team space sizes are final. ***Note: 34' x 54' booth size available only on Tiger Lane and Tiger Lane Lawn**.

Team Booth Size

REQUIRED Please Choose

	Booth Fees	Tiger Lane Booth Fee	Tiger Lane Lawn Booth Fee	TOTALS
18' w x 20' d	❑ $1,150			
18' w x 30' d	❑ $1,850			
26' w x 30' d	❑ $2,400			
26' w x 30' d	❑ $2,900			
36' w x 40' d	❑ $3,525			
34' w x 54' d		❑ $4,500	❑ $5,100	$_____

Patio Porker Division

One story structures only. Booth size - 15' w x 25' d ..... ❑ $650 $_____

- **For spaces 18' w x 30' d and larger, how tall is your structure?** ____ 1 story ____ 2 story
  If 2 story, include Scaffolding Restoration Fee below!

Scaffolding Restoration Fee:

($400 of $730 refundable) ..... ❑ $730 $_____

For teams using scaffolding only.

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. It is required for building plans to be approved by Shelby County Code Enforcement prior to construction.

Anything But Categories

- ❑ Beef
- ❑ Poultry

(Sponsored by Springer Mountain Farms)

- ❑ Seafood
- ❑ Exotic

Desserts NEW!

- ❑ Your Best Dessert!

Sauce Categories

- ❑ Tomato

(Sponsored by Cattleman's BBQ Sauce)

- ❑ Mustard

(Sponsored by French's)

- ❑ Vinegar

(Sponsored by Cattleman's BBQ Sauce)

- ❑ Hot Wings

(Sponsored by Frank's Red Hot & Springer Mountain Farms)

Special Events

- ❑ Best Booth

(Sponsored by Home Depot)

- ❑ Best Team Shirt
- ❑ Piggy Idol
- ❑ Turkey Smoke *

*** Fee includes FREE turkey for contest.**
(Sponsored by National Turkey Federation, Turkey provided)

OPTIONAL Choose Away!

ENTER ANY OF THESE OPTIONAL ANCILLARY CONTESTS FOR $75 EACH. CHECK THE ONES YOU'RE ENTERING, MULTIPLY BY $75, AND ENTER THE TOTAL IN THE BLANK BELOW.

$_____

OPTIONAL

SCA Steak Contest

Sponsored by GrillGrate and Korte Meats

This contest is an offcial SCA Steak Competition, judged by certified SCA judges according to SCA rules. Meat for entries is included in the entry fee. WCBCC Teams may have multiple entries for the steak contest, however, only one entry per cook is allowed.

❑ $150 per team entry

$150 x _____ team entries $_____

Multiply the number of entries from your team by $150 for each entry, and write total in the space to the right.

Security Deposit: $325 (refundable) Memphis In May reserves the right to withold a team's security deposit & prize money up to the amount of any outstanding balances. **REQUIRED** $ 325

Venue Clean-Up & Restoration Fee: (non-refundable)
Clean-up & restoration of Liberty Park and required special event permit fee. **REQUIRED** Choose One

Whole Hog, Shoulder & Rib: ❑ $215
OR Patio Porker only: ❑ $115 $_____

Big Hog Package: $195 **OPTIONAL** (Limit of 1 purchase per team; 3 additional 24-hour Wristiks) ❑ $195 $_____

MIM Provided Insurance: $225 ❑ $225 $_____

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 **no later than the Team Meeting on April 4, 2027**. If no, we have worked with our carrier to offer a very affordable policy that will help insure your team from load-in to load-out. Price for this policy is $225. See the Application Manual for more info.

Licensing Fee: $115 ❑ $115 $_____

A licensing agreement is required for any team intending to use the event's official logo, name, or branding in connection with their participation. This includes, but is not limited to, displaying the logo or branded materials on team booth spaces, team shirts, signage, merchandise, promotional materials or any other items associated with the team. The agreement ensures that all uses of event branding are consistent with brand guidelines and authorized by event management.

Single Day Tickets: Good for any one-day admission (retail value is $5 off Gate Admission).

OPTIONAL Number of Tickets: _____ x $10 each (Wednesday Night Only)
_____ x $16 each (Thurs / Fri / Sat) **TOTAL** $_____

Four Day Wristiks: Good for admission Wednesday - Saturday GATE HOURS ONLY (retail value is $78).

OPTIONAL Number of Wristiks: _____ x $48 each **TOTAL** $_____

Parking: $160 - Includes all four days with in & out access! ❑ $160 $_____

OPTIONAL One standard vehicle parking space only. RV's, trailers and tour buses will not be permitted. Space is limited and based on first come, first served basis... ***so hurry!***

TOTAL: Make checks payable to **Memphis in May or enter Credit Card Payment Information below**, and send or deliver to:
Memphis in May
56 S. Front Street
Memphis TN 38103



$ _____
YOUR TOTAL

Credit Card Payment Information:

Cardholder Name: _____ Cardholder Phone Number: _____

Card Number: _____ Expiration: _____ CVV: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

SIGNATURE & DATE: *(Required)* _____

Print Name: *(Required)* _____

By signing, I agree to abide by all Rules & Regulations for the 2027 Memphis in May World Championship Barbecue Cooking Contest.