

2009 Oxford's Town BBQ Throwdown Official Team Application



SEPTEMBER 24-26, 2009

A Memphis Barbecue Network Sanctioned Event



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Official Team Name: _____

Head Cook: _____

Team Contact: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Oxford's Town BBQ Throwdown reserves the right to reject any application after spaces are full. If your application is not accepted, your money will be refunded. However, no refunds of the application fee will be made once you have been accepted into the contest. Limited space is available at this contest so apply early to secure your admittance. Any photos taken at the event and responses to publicity questionnaires become the property of Oxford's Town BBQ Throwdown and may be used for promotional purposes.

I AM ENTERING THIS CONTEST VOLUNTARILY AND ACKNOWLEDGE THAT PARTICIPATION IS A PRIVILEGE, NOT A RIGHT. IN EXCHANGE FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OXFORD'S TOWN BBQ THROWDOWN I ASSUME ALL RISKS AND INDEMNIFY AND RELEASE ALL SPONSORING AND/OR HOSTING ENTITIES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE CITY OF OXFORD, OXFORD'S TOWN BBQ THROWDOWN, OXFORD CONFERENCE CENTER, OXFORD TOURISM COUNCIL AND THEIR EMPLOYEES, AGENTS AND VOLUNTEERS FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY FOR PERSONAL INJURY ARISING OUT OF MY OR MY TEAM'S PARTICIPATION IN THIS EVENT.

A check for the total entry fee must be received with every application and post-marked or hand-delivered no later than September 1, 2009. Application is not a guarantee of acceptance. You will be notified no later than September 15, 2009 via email, mail or phone and teams that are not accepted will receive refund after that date. If there are additional questions about the Oxford's Town BBQ Throwdown team application, please contact: Kelly Brown Houston at kelly@oxfordcvb.com or 662-232-2367

Please complete this form and return it along with a check or money order made payable to
Oxford's Town BBQ Throwdown
102 Ed Perry Blvd
Oxford, MS 38655

You may fax your application to 662-232-8680 or email your application to kelly@oxfordcvb.com BUT your application will not be processed until payment is received.

I AGREE TO ABIDE BY ALL OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE OXFORD'S TOWN BBQ THROWDOWN.

Signature (required): _____ Date: _____



OVER \$20,000 in Cash and Prizes

	GRAND CHAMPION	FIRST PLACES	SECOND PLACES	THIRD PLACES	FOURTH PLACES	FIFTH PLACES
MBN PORK CATEGORIES	\$3000 Paid Entry- MBN	\$1500 Trophy	\$1000 Trophy	\$750 Trophy	\$500	\$250
PATIO PORKER CATEGORIES	\$500 Paid Entry-OTBT	\$250 Trophy	\$100 Trophy	\$50 Trophy	n/a	n/a
ANTYHTING BUT PORK	n/a	\$200 Trophy	Trophy	Trophy	n/a	n/a
SAUCES	n/a	\$100 Trophy	Trophy	Trophy	n/a	n/a
OTHER ANCILLARIES	n/a	\$100 Trophy	Trophy	Trophy	n/a	n/a
FREE CATEGORIES	n/a	Trophy	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

ABOUT THE CATEGORIES

CATEGORIES OF PORK

Barbecue is defined by Memphis Barbecue Network as pork meat, FRESH OR FROZEN AND UNCURED, prepared only on a wood and/or charcoal fire, basted or not, as the cook sees fit, with any consumable substances and sauces as the cook believes necessary. Meat for the contest may not be pre-cooked, sauced, spiced, injected, marinated or cured in any way, or otherwise pre-treated prior to official meat inspection. This will result in disqualification.

Each team is responsible for observing required temperature control and good hygienic practices. Meat must be maintained at a temperature below 40 degrees Fahrenheit prior to cooking, and at or above 155 degrees Fahrenheit after cooking.

Other flammables (propane, compressed or liquid gas) may be used within the cooker ONLY to START the INITIAL fire. No type of flammables may be used within the cooker once the meat has been placed there. Flammables may be used outside and away from the cooker to make additional coals.

Electrical devices may be used within the cooker as long as they do not directly generate heat. Approved devices include rotisseries, fans and delivery systems for approved fuels (e.g., Traeger grills). Electric smokers, holding ovens or other devices with heat producing electrical coils are not allowed.

The official meat categories are:

- A whole hog entry is defined by Memphis Barbecue Network as an entire hog, whose dressed weight is 85 pounds or more prior to the optional removal of the head, feet and skin, and which must be cooked as one complete unit on one grill surface. No portion or portions of the whole hog may be separated or removed, and subsequently returned to the grill, prior to or during the cooking process.
- A pork shoulder entry is defined by Memphis Barbecue Network as the portion of the hog containing the arm bone, shank bone, and a portion of the blade bone. The pork ham considered to be a shoulder entry contains the hind leg bone. Boston butts or picnic shoulders are not valid entries.
- A pork rib entry is defined by Memphis Barbecue Network as the portion of the hog containing the ribs and further classified as a spare rib or loin rib portion. Country style ribs are not a valid entry.

PATIO PORKERS

- The team or its head cook must not have competed in a Memphis Barbecue Network sanctioned contest. This does not include competing previously in other Patio Porker contests.
- Total grill cooking area is no larger than 15 square feet.
- Teams may cook with any type of charcoal and/or any type of wood. No gas of any type will be allowed at the grill, or cooker, after the initial fire is started. "Gas" is considered to be either propane or butane. The term "LP" simply refers to Liquefied Propane gas. Teams may never use gas to cook their entry.
- Patio Porker entrants must cook pork ribs. The pork rib entry is defined as the portion of a hog containing the ribs and further classified as a spare rib or loin rib portion. Country style ribs are not a valid entry.

AT&T PEOPLE'S CHOICE

- We will provide each team competing with 2 Boston Butts., The Boston Butts are to be used solely for the AT&T People's Choice. Participating teams must turn in 1 prepared Boston Butt on Friday afternoon and 1 prepared Boston Butt on Saturday morning.

IMPORTANT THINGS TO NOTE

ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA

Acceptance will be based on a First Come, First Serve policy. You will need to have BOTH your application and money turned in to receive your placement. Checks returned for insufficient funds will void your application placement, and you will be charged a \$25 fee. We will accept a MAXIMUM of 50 MBN teams; however, we may sell out of spaces before we reach 50 teams. We will accept 35 Patio Porker Teams. No refunds will be made after September 15, 2009.

LOAD IN-LOAD OUT

Teams will be issued 2 Vehicle Passes. Only vehicles with these passes will be permitted in the festival area. Teams may start loading in Thursday or before by appointment. All vehicles must be vacated from the premises by 3 pm on Friday. The ONLY exception to this will be for teams whose cooker is attached to the vehicle as long as that vehicle/cooker fits within the parameters of your purchased team area. Load out will begin Saturday at 7:30 pm and Sunday 9 am through 3pm. If you need to load out before the specified times, we will be allowing vehicles to be escorted to load out on Saturday. During this time, we will only allow a few vehicles in the grounds. No RVs will be allowed to park on the grounds. Golf carts will be allowed on the grounds in order to help teams transport supplies.

AMENITIES

- Water will be available onsite.
- Showers will be available to 3 members of all MBN teams on the Saturday of on-site judging.
- Electricity will be available if it is purchased directly from the Oxford's Town BBQ Throwdown. No generators will be allowed
- Ice and beer will be available for purchase onsite.
- MBN teams will receive 10 24-hour wristiks with their entry. Patio Porker teams will receive 5 24-hour wristiks with their entry. Both MBN teams and Patio Porker teams will be able to purchase 10 extra 24-hour wristiks bands.

ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS

The Oxford's Town BBQ Throwdown reserves the right to make additional regulations as the situation warrants. Violation of rules and regulations of the contest may result in disqualification, expulsion from the grounds and/or disqualification from future participation.

OTHER EVENTS

We will also have a Live Blues Music, Classic Car Show, Motorcycle Rally and a Children's Fun Area. More Information will be provided in the future. **A SPECIAL THACKER MOUNTAIN RADIO WILL BROADCAST FROM THE THROWDOWN THURSDAY!**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, September 25

Meat Inspection	8:00 am-4:00 pm
AT&T People's Choice	3:30 pm
Y'all Sweet Tea Challenge TBD	

Saturday, September 26

AT&T People's Choice	9:00 am
Whole Hog	10:00 am
Shoulder	11:15 am
Ribs	12:30 pm
Finals	1:45 pm (approximately)
Patio Boston Butts	1:30 pm
Patio Ribs	2:30 pm