



# 2026 Backyard Barbecue & Steak Cook-off

March 20-21, 2026

American Royal Association | 1701 American Royal Court, KCMO 64102

## ENTRY FEES:

Backyard BBQ 20' x 20' team space: \$250 – includes entry into chicken and pork ribs

Backyard BBQ 20' x 40' team space: \$400 – includes entry into chicken and pork ribs

Steak Cook-Off 10' x 10' team space: \$125 – includes entry into steak

*Note: these are two separate contests taking place during the same weekend*

### • Schedule of Events:

#### **Friday, March 20**

- BBQ Team Load-in starts 12:00 PM
- Public gates open for guests 5:00 PM
- Meat inspection 12:00 PM – 6:00 PM
- BY BBQ Cooks Meeting 5:30 PM
- Quiet Hours 10:00 PM – 7:00 AM

#### **Saturday, March 21**

- Steak Cooks Meeting & Steak Draw 9:00 AM
- Judges Arrive 11:30 AM
- Steak Turn-in 1:00 PM
- Chicken Turn-in 1:30 PM
- Pork Ribs Turn-in 2:00 PM
- Awards Ceremony 3:00 PM
- Load Out \*immediately following awards

*\*All times subject to change*

- **Locations:** American Royal Complex, [A Lot - 1701 American Royal Court, Kansas City, MO 64102](#)
  - Parking Lot A (Event and event parking), Governor's Expo. (BBQ Judging), Grand Hall (Restrooms, locker rooms)

## PAYOUTS: \$7,450 Total

Backyard BBQ		Steak Cook-Off	
Chicken	Pork Ribs	Overall	Steak
1 <sup>st</sup> - \$500	1 <sup>st</sup> - \$500	Grand Champion - \$1,500	1 <sup>st</sup> - \$1,000
2 <sup>nd</sup> - \$250	2 <sup>nd</sup> - \$250	Reserve Grand Champion - \$1,000	2 <sup>nd</sup> - \$500
3 <sup>rd</sup> - \$125	3 <sup>rd</sup> - \$125	3 <sup>rd</sup> - \$500	3 <sup>rd</sup> - \$250
4 <sup>th</sup> - \$100	4 <sup>th</sup> - \$100	4 <sup>th</sup> - \$250	4 <sup>th</sup> - \$150
5 <sup>th</sup> - \$75	5 <sup>th</sup> - \$75	5 <sup>th</sup> - \$100	5 <sup>th</sup> - \$100

## **TEAM INFORMATION:**

Backyard BBQ Teams may only compete if they meet the Backyard requirements defined by KCBS – See supporting documents posted to our website. All Teams/any teams may compete in the Steak Contest

## **EVENT CONTACT INFORMATION:**

BBQ Team	(816) 221-9800	<a href="mailto:BBQ@AmericanRoyal.com">BBQ@AmericanRoyal.com</a>
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## **RULES AND GUIDELINES:**

- Contestants are **NOT** allowed to sell food, drinks, or other items from their team space without the prior approval of the American Royal
- Team space will be assigned based on the order that teams register and is at the American Royal and the BBQ committee's discretion. Teams are **NOT** allowed to host bands, DJ's, artists or entertainers at or inside of their team space
- Water is available in limited locations. Please bring containers and/or carts to transport water to your area.
- Vehicles – One vehicle/RV is allowed within each team space if a team chooses to do so or may park in general parking for no charge. Vehicles parked inside of team spaces are not allowed to move during public hours.
- Contestants shall supply all their own cooking devices, utensils, preparation tables, fire extinguishers, etc.
- Electricity will be available at 12:00 PM on Friday, March 20 for those who purchased drops. Electricity does not come with your space! They **CANNOT** be combined to make a 220V circuit. Please note that up to 150 ft. of power cord may be necessary for your connection. Cannot be purchased on-site.
- All teams must be loaded out and their space cleaned by 6:00 PM Saturday March 21. Teams are responsible for disposing of all waste their team creates in the appropriate containers (ie. trash, ash, gray water, etc.)
- Safety – No skateboarding, bicycle riding, roller blading, golf carts, or scooter riding on premises is allowed
- Weapon policy – No weapons are allowed on property, including weapons carried by individuals with valid conceal and carry permits

***Registered teams will receive additional information closer to the event.***

## **FACILITY LAYOUT**

