

# **WOODBURN FIREHOUSE COOK-OFF**

## **JUDGES MEETING AND PROCEDURES**

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### **A. INTRODUCTION:**

Welcome to the Woodburn Firehouse Cook-off. My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I will be the Head Judge for this event. I also would like to introduce the Event Coordinator, \_\_\_\_\_. (Also introduce any sponsors in attendance) We would like to thank [event coordinator] for organizing this contest. Without their hard work, this event would not be possible!

### **B. COMPETITIVE FOODS TO BE JUDGED:**

At this event, we will be judging the following food categories: [Head Judge: list the competitive foods, e.g. Pork Ribs, Beef Ribs and Chicken]. If you are not willing to sample all of these categories, please excuse yourself as a judge.

### **C. JUDGING CRITERIA:**

1. Entries will be judged by a judging team, which is comprised of six judges who are at least 16 years of age.
2. Smoking is not allowed in the judging area at any time.
3. No alcoholic beverages may be consumed in the judging area. It is preferred that judges do not drink alcohol during the judging periods. Alcohol infractions are grounds for immediate disqualification as a judge, and you will be replaced. We would prefer that you drink only plain water during the judging, as many beverages can affect your taste.
4. On the day of the contest, do not go to the contestant areas and sample meats. You may walk around the grounds and look around, but we would prefer you not socialize with the competitors prior to judging.
5. If you fail to abide by these judging guidelines, the Head Judge may choose to remove you from further judging.

### **D. PRESENTATION:**

1. The competitive meats must be presented so each judge will have a sample.
2. The WFC will judge on Appearance, Tenderness/Texture, and Taste.
3. Garnish is optional but if used is limited to any and all of the following:
  - a. Chopped, sliced, shredded or whole leaves of fresh green lettuce.
  - b. Common curly parsley, flat leaf parsley or cilantro.  
Kale, cabbage, endive, or red-tipped lettuce is not allowed as garnishes.
4. Containers and foods may not use any of the following marks/items:
  - a. Toothpicks, skewers, foil or foreign non-food category materials.

