

Cook Team Information Packet

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Hartford Rib Off

Presented by 102.9 The Whale

Hartford, CT

June 15th – 16th 2018

Sanctioned by:



Welcome!

Welcome to the Hartford Rib Off, a KCBS sanctioned BBQ contest in the state of Connecticut in 2018. The competition will be held at Riverside Park in Hartford, CT. Surrounded by the picturesque Riverside Recapture with beautiful walking paths and open green spaces.

The Hartford Rib Off will be a two-day Competitor Series contest. Friday is a KCBS Grill Off Contest, the 1st Annual Hartford Rib Off Beer Fest. Saturday is a KCBS Backyard Smoke Contest, the 9th Annual Hartford Rib Off.

Hartford Rib Off Hours:

The Hartford Rib Off Beer Fest will be open to the public from 6:00pm until 9:00pm on Friday June 15, 2018. The festival will include an all you can eat surf and turf dinner, beer from 17 breweries, Tito's Handmade Vodka, live music, and the Grill Off and People's Choice competitions.

The Hartford Rib Off will be open to the public from 11:30am until 5:30pm on Saturday June 16, 2018. It will include all you can eat BBQ, beer from Two Roads Brewing Company, live music, kids activities, the Rib Off and People's Choice competitions, and more.

We welcome you all and look forward to hosting you this June.



Check-In & Cooking Information

KCBS Check-in times for all cook teams:

- Thursday June 14 from 9am-5pm
- Friday June 15 from 10am-1pm
 - All teams must be checked in by 1pm on Friday June 15, 2018
 - KCBS Cooks meeting for BOTH contests will be held simultaneously at 3pm on Friday June 15, 2018

Overnight camping is allowed for teams and their families only. Quiet hours are 11:00pm – 6:00 am. Please be respectful of your fellow competitors and keep noise to a minimum.

Sites will be 20'x20' marked out, abutting one another. Your work area and equipment must fit within these parameters.

All vehicles should be parked in the separate designated parking areas adjacent to the cooking sites except during set-up and break-down periods.

Spaces will be assigned on a first come first serve basis.

Each site is limited to 20 amps of power to plug in small lighting and appliances. You must bring your own high gauge extension cord at least 100ft in length. Generators at individual sites are acceptable. If you do not need any power or have your own generator, please let us know.

Water access will be available. Containers can be used for transport. We do have water hookups on site for hose use.

KCBS Meat Inspection Time:

- Friday June 15 from 10am-1pm

People's Choice

- Friday: BBQ Sauce, to be sampled on chicken thighs (meat supplied by contest)
- Saturday: Pulled Pork (meat supplied by contest)

Site Map to follow



General Information

- Trash must be removed on a regular basis and deposited in designated disposal areas.
- Outdoor porta-potties will be located throughout the venue.
- Please bring separate containers for grease and ash. Disposal areas will be available on site.
- Fire extinguishers will be inspected at the time of meat inspection
- Sanitation (wash, rinse, sanitize) will be checked at meat inspection
- Ice will be available on site for \$10.00 per 40lb bag
- All teams are expected to leave their cooking site in equal or better condition than it was when they arrived. Each cooking site will be inspected when they leave the event.
- There will be a First Aid Kit available. There will not be a First Aid station. In the event of a need for medical assistance - please **call 911** and refer to your location as Riverside Park, 20 Liebert Rd. Hartford. Please also notify the organizer and have someone notify the contest officials.

Cooking Information

- Proper storage of meat is required. Must be maintained below 40° F or above 140° F.
- Proper handling of food is required. Vinyl or nitrile gloves should be used.
- All competition meats must be inspected by the KCBS Reps, prior to the cook preparing the meats for competition. Detailed meat inspection information is attached.
- All preparation/cooking must be done on site.
- Cook teams must supply their own meat for the competition.
- People's Choice meat will be supplied by the contest organizers.
- Each turn in must contain a minimum of 6 portions for judging, which must fit into an approved 9x9 container (Styrofoam clamshell)
- Garnish is optional, if used, must be kale.

Detailed rules are attached, and also available at:

- https://www.kcbs.us/downloads/rules_reg_2018_2.pdf
- https://www.kcbs.us/downloads/rules_backyard_2018_0.pdf
- <http://hartfordriboff.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/OFFICIAL-GRILLING-RULES.pdf>



Directions

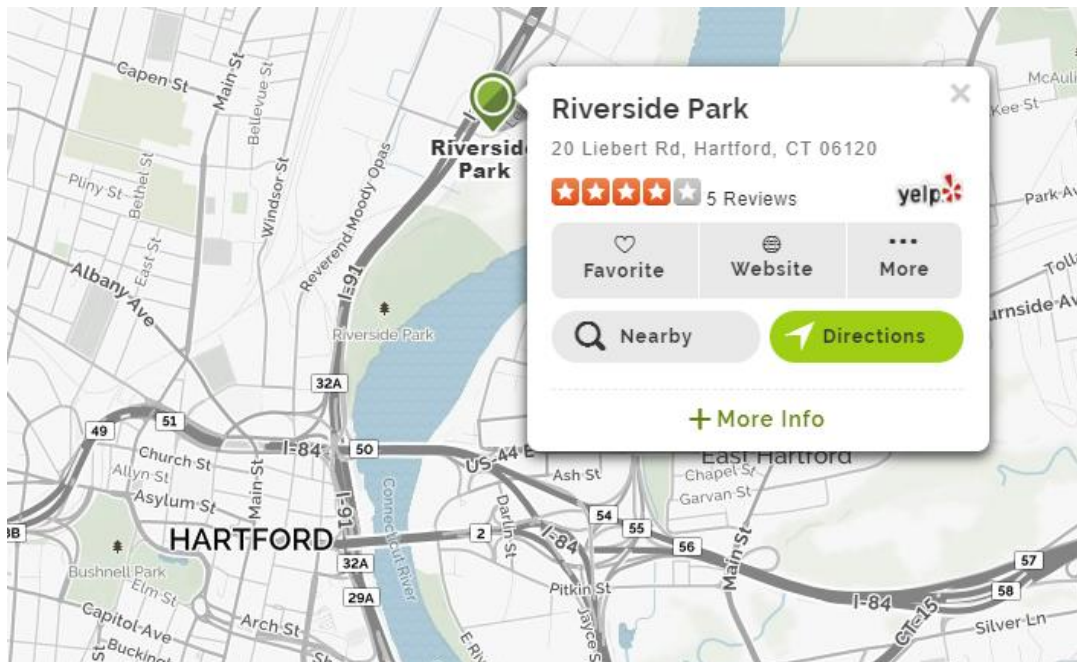
Event Location: The Hartford Rib Off takes place in Riverside Park in Hartford’s Riverfront Recapture in Hartford, Connecticut.

Driving Directions:

From the South: I-91 N towards Hartford, CT. Take the Jennings Road exit, EXIT33. Turn right onto Jennings Rd.(If you reach I-91 N you've gone about 0.3 miles too far) Take the 1st right onto Leibert Rd. (If you reach Fischer Rd you've gone about 0.1 miles too far) Riverside Park, 20 LIEBERT RD. (Your destination is just past Service Rd. If you reach E Service Rd you've gone a little too far)

From the North: I-91 S toward Hartford Ct. Take the Jennings Road exit, EXIT33. Turn left onto Jennings Rd. Turn right onto Leibert Rd. (If you reach Fischer Rd you've gone about 0.1 miles too far) Riverside Park, 20 LIEBERT RD. (Your destination is just past Service Rd. If you reach E Service Rd you've gone a little too far)

Address: Riverfront Recapture, Riverside Park 20 Liebert Road, Hartford, CT 06120



Hartford Rib Off Contacts:

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Hartford Rib Off Office – 860-906-1141 option 3 or 4



Area Hotels

This is a listing of a few hotels in the area. Please use a search engine to find additional hotels if necessary.

Holiday Inn Hartford Downtown Area 100 East River Drive, East Hartford, CT 06108 (860) 528-9703
https://www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/us/en/east-hartford/ehthi/hoteldetail?cm_mmc=GoogleMaps--HI--US--EHTHI

Hampton Inn & Suites Hartford/East Hartford 351 Pitkin St, East Hartford, CT 06108 (860) 282-2500
<http://hamptoninn3.hilton.com/en/hotels/connecticut/hampton-inn-and-suites-hartford-east-hartford-EHTCTHX/index.html>

Candlewood Suites Hartford Downtown 370 Market St, Hartford, CT 06120 (860) 724-1074
https://www.ihg.com/candlewood/hotels/us/en/hartford/hfdcw/hoteldetail?cm_mmc=GoogleMaps--CW--US--HFDCW

Goodwin Hotel 1 Haynes St, Hartford, CT 06103 (860) 246-1881 <http://www.goodwinhartford.com/>

Residence Inn by Marriott Hartford Downtown 942 Main St, Hartford, CT 06103 (860) 524-5550
<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/bdlri-residence-inn-hartford-downtown/?scid=bb1a189a-fec3-4d19-a255-54ba596febe2>

Radisson Hotel Hartford 50 Morgan St S, Hartford, CT 06120 (860) 549-2400
https://www.radisson.com/hartford-hotel-ct-06120/usahart?s_cid=os.amer-us-rad-USAHART-gmb



KCBS Contest Details & Schedule

See the KCBS Rules & Regulations for detailed information governing this contest:

https://www.kcbs.us/downloads/rules_reg_2018_2.pdf

https://www.kcbs.us/downloads/rules_backyard_2018_0.pdf

Friday June 15, 2018

KCBS Grill Contest: The Hartford Rib Off Grilling Rules will apply for this contest without exceptions. Contestants will be competing in the following categories: *Note: all categories require minimum 6 portions for judging, to fit in approved 9x9 container.*

- Shrimp – Must be a minimum size U12. Each portion will contain 1 shrimp, peeled.
- Steak - Beef Rib Eye. 2 steaks: one for presentation/viewing and one cut and portioned for judges.

Schedule:

- KCBS Cooks meeting Friday 3pm
- 6:00pm KCBS Judge's Meeting
- 6:00pm People's Choice selection offered for sampling
- 7:00pm Shrimp Category Turn-In
- 7:30pm Steak Category Turn-In
- 8:30pm KCBS Grill Off Contest Awards Ceremony - Winners and prizes will be announced.

Saturday June 16, 2018

KCBS Backyard Smoke Contest: The Kansas City Barbecue Society Rules will apply for this contest without exceptions. Contestants will be competing in the following categories: *Note: all categories require minimum 6 portions for judging, to fit in approved 9x9 container.*

- Chicken thighs – skin-on, bone-in thighs.
- Pork Ribs- St. Louis style, bone-in ribs.
- Beef Brisket – May be whole brisket or flat
- Pulled Pork – Boston Butt, Picnic and/or Whole Shoulder, weighing a minimum of four (4) pounds at the time of inspection. After trimming, pork shall be cooked whole (bone in or bone out).

Schedule:

- 11:00am KCBS Judge's Meeting
- 11:30am People's Choice selection offered for sampling
- 12:30pm Chicken Category Turn-In
- 1:00pm Pork Ribs Category Turn-In
- 1:30pm Pork Category Turn-In
- 2:00pm Brisket Category Turn-In
- 3:30pm KCBS BBQ Contest Awards Ceremony - Winners and prizes will be announced.



Hartford Rib Off Competitor Series 2018

Total cash payout \$4,500

June 15, 2018 Grill Off

Grand Champion: \$700 and Trophy
Reserve Champion: \$300 and Trophy

KCBS Category Finishers

Shrimp and Steak:

1st Place: \$100 and Trophy
2nd Place: Trophy
3rd Place: Trophy

People's Choice :

BBQ Sauce: \$200 and Trophy

June 16, 2018 Backyard Smoke Contest

Grand Champion: \$1,000 and Trophy
Reserve Champion: \$500
3rd Place: \$250 and Trophy
4th Place: \$100 and Trophy
5th Place: \$50 and Trophy

KCBS Category Finishers

Chicken, Ribs, Pork, and Brisket:

1st Place: \$200 and Trophy
2nd Place: Trophy
3rd Place: Trophy

People's Choice:

Pulled Pork: \$400 and Trophy

