

**2018 Whole Hog Barbecue  
Championship  
September 28 & 29  
Raleigh, NC**



Dear Cooks:

Congratulations on your eligibility to compete in the 2018 Whole Hog Barbecue Championship! We are looking forward to a great competition as part of the Wide Open Bluegrass Festival in downtown Raleigh on September 28 & 29. We will once again be on South Street in front of Memorial Auditorium. (Be aware, we may not be able to park trucks on South Street, but they will be just across the street if this happens. We're trying to not have to do that, but it's a possibility because of planned events in the auditorium. We'll let you know about that ahead of time.)

We are again making some changes this year, to both be more integrated into the festival atmosphere and also to take advantage of the crowds to be able to better showcase the best of North Carolina Whole Hog Barbecue.

This year, we are adding a people's choice award. So instead of sending cooked barbecue to a non-profit to sell, you will prepare barbecue to your desired taste and hand samples directly to people. So bring your showmanship A-game! This is your chance to share the reason you deserve their people's choice ticket.

- We will have volunteers available to help you with serving, but we do want you to be involved in this process.
- You will need to provide enough sauce to prepare your whole pig.
- How you prepare your public-facing barbecue is up to you, but chopped barbecue will be preferred to pulled barbecue to ensure we don't run out.
- You will be given time after preparing your blind box to get ready to serve.

To serve during lunch, we will be adjusting the schedule accordingly. We know this is a hardship for those of you who are coming in from farther locations, but we really do feel like this will be a better way to showcase the best of the best! Awards will be at 3 p.m., at which time you will be able to leave.

We will be awarding trophies and cash prizes in 5 categories this year:

- Onsite/culinary
- Crispy skin
- People's Choice
- Blind taste
- Sauce

If you have questions, please don't hesitate to ask!

# ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2018 WHOLE HOG BARBECUE CHAMPIONSHIP



September 28-29, 2018

- The local contest must be NCPC sanctioned and have at least 10 cooks in the contest in order for the winners to be eligible to participate in the Whole Hog Barbecue Championship.
- For NCPC sanctioned local contests with:
  - 10 to 39 cooks, the top three winners are eligible to participate in the Whole Hog Barbecue Championship.
  - 40 or more cooks, the top five winners are eligible to participate in the Whole Hog Barbecue Championship.
- Each sanctioned contest can send at least one competitor. If the top winners are already eligible to participate, the next person on the list is eligible.
- Cooks who are eligible to compete in the Whole Hog Barbecue Championship can compete for two years.
- Only the **first 28 cooks** to submit their entry form and fee will be allowed to compete. Forms are processed in order of postmark date.

*See attached rules or website for 2018 rules changes: [www.wholehogbarbecue.com](http://www.wholehogbarbecue.com)*

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## Official Entry Form

Please type or print legibly

Chief Cook: \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ St: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (home): \_\_\_\_\_ (work/cell) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Assistant Cooks (maximum of 3):

1. \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Corporate Sponsor (if any): \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please list at least one qualifying contest:*

Qualifying Contest: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

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Indicate fuel source:  Charcoal  Wood  Gas

- Each team will be allotted one outside space. Parking will be provided.
- The \$200 entry fee **must** accompany entry form. Entry fee covers a 100-125 pound pig and related contest materials.

*Make checks payable to: **NC Pork Council***  
*Mail to: NC Pork Council, 1401 Sunday Drive, Ste 116, Raleigh, NC 27607* **NOTE: NEW ADDRESS!**  
**\*Entry forms received without payment will not be processed.**

- The Cookoff Committee reserves the right to reject any application. If your application is not accepted, the \$200 fee will be refunded. Once accepted, NO refunds will be made except in extenuating circumstances.
- The Whole Hog Barbecue Championship, its employees, representatives and contractors shall not be responsible or liable for the property of any team, any loss, damage or injury occurring to any team, or its representatives. All property of the teams shall be under the care, custody and control of the team whether in transit to, from or within the Whole Hog Barbecue Championship.

I have read and agree to abide by all rules and regulations for the 2018 Whole Hog Barbecue Championship.

Chief Cook \_\_\_\_\_ (signature required)