



# AMERICAN ROYAL ASSOCIATION

INSPIRING & CULTIVATING DREAMS

## American Royal World Series of Barbecue® 2019 Invitational Contest Qualifying Criteria

**Qualifying Period: July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019**

### Qualifying Contest Criteria:

- Contests **MUST** have at least 15 competing teams the first year and 25 competing teams each subsequent year and be ran by an American Royal approved sanctioning body.
- State proclamations will no longer be required. In lieu of a state proclamation, all contests **MUST** be sanctioned by an American Royal approved sanctioning body. Qualifying contests **MUST** be open to all contestants.
- Contest categories submitted for judging **MUST** include beef, pork, and chicken to be considered a qualifier. To be considered a “competing team” for the qualifying contest, teams **MUST** submit entries for ALL contest categories required to be the Grand Champion or overall winner of that event.
- A state with only one contest **MUST** have a minimum of 15 competing teams to be considered and **MUST** be sanctioned by an American Royal approved sanctioning body. Qualifying contests must be open to all contestants.
- The sanctioning body must receive and send all necessary contest details, including Grand Champion contact information, to the American Royal at [BBQ@americanroyal.com](mailto:BBQ@americanroyal.com).

### Invitations:

- Only Grand Champions are invited. No pass downs will be accepted.
- An invitation will be sent from the American Royal to the qualifier upon receipt of the appropriate forms and requested documentation. The invitation must be returned to the American Royal prior to July 1, 2019 and the team **MUST** enter and pay for the American Royal Open Contest to compete in the Invitational. Submitting an Invitation, making application and paying for the Open Contest before all spaces are filled is the only way to ensure a spot at the 2019 American Royal World Series of Barbecue® Invitational Contest.
- Invitations will be extended to the qualified team name/head cook combination. Should the team name or head cook change after qualifying, the team **MUST** enter the American Royal Invitational under the qualifying team name/head cook combination. Should the same head cook have qualified with more than one team, he/she may enter the American Royal Invitational Contest only one time.

### Automatic Entries Go To:

*\*Grand Champion of previous year's American Royal Open Contest*

*\*Grand Champions of previous five (5) year's American Royal Invitational Contest*

*\*Grand Champion of previous year's Annual Jack Daniel's World Championship Invitational Barbecue*

*\*Grand Champion of current year's Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo World Championship Bar-B-Que Contest*