



# AMERICAN ROYAL WORLD SERIES OF BARBECUE



SEPTEMBER 16-19, 2021  
KANSAS SPEEDWAY

## CONTEST PROCEDURES & SAFETY GUIDELINES OVERVIEW

The American Royal, KCBS and local health officials are currently in the process building the full contest procedures and safety guidelines for the 2021 World Series of Barbecue.

The following document outlines key information of those processes and procedures that will be published to our website and provide to all registered teams & confirmed judges and table captains prior to the contest.

**UPDATED 8.12.2021: The World Series of Barbecue is held in Wyandotte County | Kansas City, KS. The American Royal will proceed with the regulations and policies of the current mandate provided by Wyandotte County through the conclusion of the event. If there are changes, all teams/contestants, judges, volunteers, attendees & sponsors will be notified. Please review the outlined information below and plan accordingly.**

***This information is subject to change***

### TEAM INFORMATION

- **Team Spaces – updated 8.12.2021**
  - No limit on team space size, number of team members or guests inside a team space
  - Teams should select & purchase a team space size that allows for social distancing of all guests
  - American Royal recommends 7-10 square feet per person
  - It is recommended by the American Royal that all teams rent additional hand washing and/or sanitizing stations for their team space.
  - All team spaces are outdoors and do not require a mask per the Wyandotte County mandate. Teams may enforce their own policies within their own team space.
  - If teams chooses to rent or use a tent in their space, the American Royal recommends to not use side walls unless necessary. If sidewalls are necessary, the American Royal recommends minimal sidewalls to provide the maximum amount of airflow.
- **Meat Inspection**
  - During Meat Inspection, Team's prep area must appear sanitary.
  - Teams must present the protein – inspector will not get into coolers and/or trailers to inspect meat.
- **Sanitary Inspection**
  - Teams/cook's must show possession of Mask/facial coverings, Disposable Gloves, Sanitary Wipes or Spray, and Hand Sanitizer. It is the team responsibly to maintain a clean and sanitized cooking area at all times.
  - This will take place during the meat inspection time
- **Cooks Meeting**
  - KCBS contest Cooks Meetings are MANDATORY and at least one team member must be present. This is when additional local guidance and last-minute instructions will be communicated, and it is imperative that all teams receive this communication. If a team is absent from the contest site at the time of the scheduled meeting, it is the Head Cook's responsibility to make prior contact with the Contest Representative and seek them out for a full briefing of the missed information communicated at the Cooks Meeting.
  - There is no limit to the number of team members that may attend the cooks meeting – updated 7.14.
  - **Masks are required during all cook's meetings. The cook's meetings will be taking place in Garage A/Judging tent. – updated 8.12.2021.**



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- Cook's Schedule Updates - [See website & team packet for full updated schedule](#)
  - Open Meats Contest
    - Turn-in schedule adjusted for Open Meats. Turn-ins will continue to be accepted up to 5 minutes before and after each scheduled time.
    - 15 Minutes will be added to each category
    - Sausage Category/turn in moved to Saturday
  - Open Sides Contest
    - Sausage category will be judged at the conclusion of the sides judging and keep the same judges from the sides judging
  - Invitational Contest
    - No edit/changes from previous year's turn in schedule
  - Kids Que Contest
    - No edit/changes from previous year's turn in schedule
- Turn in Process
  - Teams are not required to wear mask/facial covering and/or gloves to turn in, but it is recommended.
- Award Ceremonies
  - Masks are not required during the Awards Ceremonies (located outdoors)
  - The American Royal recommends that teams distance themselves on the grass area in front of awards
  - If called to the stage, please limit the number of team members present on the stage and allow for social distancing of your team and the Awards team.

## JUDGING INFORMATION

*The World Series of Barbecue will abide by safety guidelines outlined by KCBS. The following processes and procedures have been developed in partnership with KCBS and the American Royal.*

- Judging Process
  - Anyone walking into the judging tent must immediately use hand sanitizer/wash hands prior to putting on gloves.
  - Only authorized personnel and judges allowed into judging area.
  - Judges will receive a table number at check-in and are requested to remain seated until judging begins
  - **Judges must wear masks/face coverings as they enter judging and inside judging when not actively eating/drinking – updated 8.12.2021**
  - KCBS Reps, Table Captains, Volunteers MUST wear Masks or a Facial Covering at all times in the Turn-In and Judging area
  - Judges will not be allowed to touch turn in boxes.
  - Judges will receive gloves and are required to wear gloves during judging – updated 7.14
  - Table Captain to present each turn in box and judge will take portion with provided fork (to be disposed of per round)
  - Judges may take left over food with them as long as it fits in their small cooler/bag (must fit under seat).
- Judging Supplies
  - All judging supplies provided by the American Royal and KCBS will be pre-packaged and pre-set at each judging seat
  - Judges must bring their own face covering.



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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION – UPDATED 8.12.2021

- Judging Location/Area
  - Judging has been moved to Garage A and an additional large tent structure will be added. Judging has been expanded by 3x to ensure that all judges, KCBS team and volunteers have ample amount of space to provide social distancing.
- Indoor Spaces/Mask Requirements
  - Masks are required in all indoor spaces.
  - Indoor spaces include:
    - Restrooms located on the ends of garages or standalone restrooms (Not portable restrooms)
    - Media Center – location of Information Desk, Ambassador Team, Grocery Store.
    - Family Center – location of Volunteer Hospitality
    - Judging/Garage A – location of CBJ & Table Captain Classes, Cook's Meetings and all contest judging.
  - Temporary Tents are NOT considered indoor.
- Certified Barbecue Judge Class & Table Captain Classes
  - Classes will be held in Garage A in the infield of the Kansas Speedway
  - Masks are required by all participants of classes unless actively eating or drinking.
- Kids Que Contest
  - The Kids Que contest will take place in the Fan Walk located in the center of the infield of the Speedway.
  - The area for Kids Que has been expanded 2x to ensure that all contestants can social distance.
  - Parents/Guardians may be inside the Kids Que area – but standing only and are asked only to come inside the Kids Que Area if necessary. Parents/Guardians may sit outside the Kids Que Cooking area (behind the bike rack)
  - Kids Que will be taking place outdoors. It is recommended by the American Royal that all contestants wear a mask during Kids Que (not required).
- Event Cancellation
  - The American Royal reserves the right to cancel an event for reasons beyond Force Majeure. If the American Royal cancels an event, registrants will be notified and offered a full refund of the fees paid directly to the American Royal minus any non-refundable processing fee (\$5). The American Royal is not responsible for any refund between the registrant and a third party vendor or for travel expenses.

## KCBS PROCEDURES AND SAFETY GUIDELINES

- The World Series of Barbecue will abide by safety guidelines outlined by KCBS
- Please visit KCBS for up-to-date guidelines and additional specifics. As this is a fluid situation, the guidelines are subject to change. Any updates will be posted on [www.KCBS.us](http://www.KCBS.us). Current guidelines as of 5.26.2021 are available at: [https://mms.kcbs.us/news\\_archive\\_headlines.php?org\\_id=KCBA#21493437](https://mms.kcbs.us/news_archive_headlines.php?org_id=KCBA#21493437)