



American Royal World Series of Barbecue® 2022 Invitational Contest International Qualifying Criteria

Qualifying Period: July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2022

Qualifying Information:

- 2022 Invitational Contest updated qualifying criteria: For the 2022 Invitational, eligible teams must have won a Grand Champion from a qualifying contest through our partnering sanctioning bodies from July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2022.
- Note: All International teams that qualified and/or competed in 2019 & 2021 Invitational will automatically receive an invite to join in the 2022 Invitational Contest.

International Qualifying Contest Criteria:

- The qualifying contest must be held between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2022.
- All Invitational teams must secure a spot and compete in the Open Contest. Open applications will be available at www.americanroyal.com spring 2022.
- A minimum of ten teams MUST participate in ALL contest categories to be considered Grand Champion.
- Contest MUST be governed by a legitimate, substantiated sanctioning body.
- The team eligible and entered to compete in the American Royal Invitational MUST be the same team and Chief Cook who won the qualifying contest. Only the documented Grand Champion combination will be invited. No pass downs will be accepted.

Continued:

- Domestic teams MAY NOT qualify for the American Royal Invitational on international soil.
- International contests sanctioned by an American Royal approved sanctioning body registered in the U.S. will qualify.
- The sanctioning body must receive and send all necessary contest details, including Grand Champion contact information, to the American Royal at BBQ@americanroyal.com.
- The American Royal reserves the right to alter, amend, or disregard these rules.
- The American Royal reserves the right to consider individual team circumstances on a case-by-case basis in order to determine Invitational eligibility at its sole discretion.

Special Note:

- 2022 INVITATIONAL CONTEST UPDATE: The American Royal is once again extending an invitation to all teams who qualified during the 2019 qualifying period through the 2022 qualifying period (July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2022). The extension decision is a single year decision based on the numerous BBQ Contests that have been cancelled or postponed due to COVID-19. 2023 Invitational Contest will go back to the standard qualifying period of July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023.

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