



American Royal World Series of Barbecue® Sanctioning Body Criteria, 2023

- The sanctioning body must have a physical address.
- The sanctioning body must provide a list of its staff and Board of Directors, as well as the bylaws which govern them.
- The sanctioning body must be a registered business within the state of its' physical address, whether for profit or otherwise, and must provide a state certificate of good standing.
- The sanctioning body must have printed rules, including disciplinary action for rules violations.
- The sanctioning body must be able to provide printed, complete, contest results, including tabulated judging details and number of teams competing.
- The sanctioning body sanctions a minimum of ten (10) BBQ competitions in a qualifying period.
- The sanctioning body must cooperate with the American Royal for the purpose of certifying contest winners for invitational contest qualification.

*In order to move towards a more environmentally friendly system and improve the accuracy of contest information, beginning **July 1st, 2016**, each sanctioning body will be required to provide a complete listing of their contests and results electronically on a monthly basis. The information that is required for each individual contest that was sanctioned by the governing body can be found on the next page titled **Grand Champion Procedures, 2023**, along with an explanation of the updated procedures.*

Sanctioning body qualifications will be periodically monitored and audited internally, at the discretion of the American Royal staff and Competition Committee.



American Royal World Series of Barbecue® Grand Champion Procedures, 2023

- The sanctioning body will send an updated electronic spreadsheet to the American Royal, on a monthly basis, that includes the following information for all sanctioned contests:
 - Contest Information:
 - Date
 - Location
 - Number of teams that competed
 - Was this the contest's inaugural year?
 - Marks that the approved meats were cooked (beef, pork, chicken)
 - Grand Champion information:
 - Team name
 - Chief cook
 - Address
 - Phone
 - Email
- The American Royal Association will then use this information to send the Grand Champion their invitation to the 2023 American Royal World Series of Barbecue® Invitational contest

The American Royal will use this information to move towards a more environmentally friendly system and contact the Grand Champions, sending them their invitation. This will also help to ensure that the work that each sanctioning body puts into their contests is recognized and their Grand Champions receive their invite.