

15th ANNUAL SOUTHERN HOT WING FESTIVAL

Memphis, TN

Hot Wing Capital of the World

Saturday, April 22, 2017

WING JUDGING INFORMATION

KCBS sanctioning allows for blind judging only. Entries will be submitted in an approved KCBS numbered container provided by the contest organizer. The container may be re-numbered by the KCBS Contest Rep or authorized personnel before being presented to the judges.

The meat inspections will begin at 9:00 a.m. There will be a team judging meeting at 10:00 a.m. at the Judges tent. Your wings must be placed in a covered container and maintained at a temperature of 140° until submitted for judging at 1:00 p.m.

There is a total of 64 teams competing this year for 1st place. Times for judging will be at 1:00 p.m. (1st judging for 64 teams) and 4:00 p.m. (final judging for top 24 teams). The winners will be announced at 6:00 p.m. on the main stage.

1. Judges may not fraternize with teams on turn-in day until the conclusion of judging.
2. Judging will be done by a team of at least 6 persons, who are at least 16 years of age. Only Judges, Contest Reps and necessary support staff are allowed in judging area during the judging process. No other activities are permitted in the judging area, during judging process.
3. Each team will only be allowed to submit one entry. They may cook as many different flavors and style they want but must pick one for their entry.
4. Each judge will first score all the samples for appearance of the meat. The turn-in containers will then be passed around the table and each judge will place a sample from each of the containers in the appropriate box on the judging mat. The judge will then score each entry for taste and tenderness, before moving on to the next entry.
5. The scoring system is from 9 to 2, all whole numbers two and nine may be used to score an entry: 9 excellent, 8 very good, 7 above average, 6 average, 5 below average, 4 poor, 3 bad, and 2 inedible.
6. A score of one (1) is a disqualification and requires approval by a Contest Rep. All judges will give a (1) in appearance for:
 - a. Unapproved garnish
 - b. Pooled sauce
 - c. Less than 7 samples of meat

All judges will give a one (1) in all criteria for:

- a. Sculptured meat
- b. A market turn-in container (not by an event or KCBS official)
- c. Foreign object(s) in the container.

The weighting factors for the point system are as follows:

Appearance	Taste	Tenderness
0.5714	2.2858	1.1428

7. The low score will be thrown out. Results will be tallied. If there is a tie in one of the categories, it will be broken by the computer as follows: The score will be compared (counting all five judges) for the highest cumulative scores in taste, then tenderness, then appearance. If still tied, then the low score, which was thrown out, will be compared and the higher of the low scores will break the tie. If still tied, then a computer-generated coin toss will be used.
8. The top twenty-four (24) teams (blind picks) will advance to the final round. Winning teams and results will be announced at 6:00 p.m. on the Main Stage.
9. The points in the final round will be determine the grand champion.