



## 2017 COWTOWN COOKOFF RULES & GUIDELINES

1. This event is sponsored by the Custer County Community Table, a 501 (c)3 non-profit organization, referred to as the Miles City Soup Kitchen. Rules and times are subject to change, and in that event, contestants will be properly notified.
2. This event will adhere to the KCBS Rules and Regulations except those exceptions or additions listed in this document. The decision and interpretation of the KCBS Rules & Regulations are at the discretion of the KCBS Contest Representative assigned to the event.
3. A team will consist of one chief cook and all the assistants deemed necessary by the chief cook.
4. Each team will be assigned a cooking space, and all equipment and/or supplies must fit within that space. Contestant set-up is Friday June 16 until 11:00 pm. Quiet hours are from 11:00 pm Friday - 6:00 am Saturday at which time event security will be present. Other necessary streets will be closed to through-traffic early Friday morning, and only those involved with the event will be allowed to drive within that area. If contestant plans to arrive prior to street closure, or leave directly after judging, a space will be assigned to allow for a safe set-up/exit; however, Event Organizer must be informed so that proper assignments can be made.
5. Contestants shall provide all needed equipment, supplies, utensils, extension cords, tables, chairs, and a fire extinguisher. The Event will provide electricity; however, access to electricity may be limited and therefore quiet generators will be allowed but must be pre-approved by the Event Organizers. The Event will provide up to 40 lbs of ice to each team, and will make every effort to have additional ice available for a reasonable fee.
6. A Cook's meeting will be held on Friday at 5:00 pm at which time sample cups, forks and foam trays will be handed out.
7. All samples must be turned into judges by the posted turn-in time schedule as follows:  
**Chicken 12:00 pm . Pork Ribs 12:30 pm . Pork 1:00 pm . Brisket 1:30 pm**  
(If times change prior to the event, contestants will be notified)



8. Contestants are asked to supply sample size portions to the tasting public using the token system described below. The samples will be provided to the CCCT food booth for public tasting. To those contestants providing samples, the Event will provide sample size containers and plastic forks. It is recommended that each contestant bring additional products for the public to sample. Contestants will determine a fair size for the tasting portion. This portion will be exchanged for a \$1.00 Event Token. Contestants will be given \$.60 (sixty cents) for each Event Token collected. Tokens can be redeemed at the end of the event. Contestants that do not follow the rules regarding the Event Tokens may lose the right to redeem tokens and/or forfeit prize money.

9. If contestant does not wish to supply taste samples, the Event Organizers respectfully requests any left-over meat after judging be donated to the CCCT to be used as taste samplers, at which time all proceeds from those samples will go to the CCCT. All donations are tax deductible, so the CCCT encourages contestants to cook a little extra for the charity.

10. The Event Organizers will make every effort to accommodate every team with ample space; however, sidewalks must not be blocked during the event. Any extension cords ran must not pose a tripping hazard to the general public.

11. The Event Organizers will not be responsible to the contestant for any loss or damages caused as a result of an unattended space during the event.

12. Contestants wishing to sell other concession foods and/or non-food items must have a Montana Food License (one can be issued from the Custer County Health Inspector) and fill out a concessions or vendor form and pay the appropriate fee.

13. Animals of any kind are not permitted in any contestant's contest space.