



CANADIAN OPEN BBQ CHAMPIONSHIPS & OUTDOOR EXPO 2009 JUDGE APPLICATION

Festival Management of **The Canadian Open BBQ Championships & Outdoor Expo**, is currently looking for judges for The **6th Annual Canadian Open BBQ Championships** taking place this summer in **Barrie, Ontario, Canada – July 11 & 12, 2009**.

In order for us to grow this Festival bigger and better than ever, we really need the assistance of our faithful judges, therefore please note that **if you wish to participate as a judge at the 2009 Championships there will be a judging fee of \$40 per judge**. In return, each judge will receive a signed copy by Chef Ted Reader of *Napoleon's Everyday Gourmet Plank Grilling* – inspired recipes by Ted Reader - hardcover cookbook along with a goodie bag of items such as BBQ sauces, products, etc provided by the Festival's sponsors. Your dollars will assist in providing equipment for our international teams, ensuring that this year's competing teams will receive coveted moose trophies and appropriate prize money.

Please take a moment to fill out the following application (one (1) application per judge) and remit payment to the information below.

ALL FUNDS IN CANADIAN DOLLARS.

CHEQUES ARE TO BE MADE PAYABLE TO: **EVENTRIX PARTNERSHIP INC.**

* **Date on the cheque must match the date beside the judge's signature below.**

Mailing address:

Eventrix Partnership Inc.

Re: Judge - BBQ Championship

80 Sherbourne Street, Suite 106

Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5A 2R1

Contact: Caiti McLelland, Executive Director

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Phone: (416) 635-9889 x 28

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Title:	<input type="checkbox"/> Mr <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs. <input type="checkbox"/> Miss <input type="checkbox"/> Ms.
First Name:	
Last Name:	
Street Address:	
City:	
Province/State:	
Country:	

Postal/Zip Code:	
Telephone Number:	()
Fax Number	()
Email Address:	

Do you have any previous judging experience?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> KCBS / MIM
If yes, please list your last judging event(s):	
If no, please explain what your qualifications are:	

Have you judged at a prior Canadian Open BBQ Championship(s) before?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, please specify what type of judge(s) you have been:	<input type="checkbox"/> A blind judge <input type="checkbox"/> An onsite judge <input type="checkbox"/> I have been both an onsite and a blind judge before

Do you have any sort of relationship with a member of a team competing at the BBQ Championships or BBQ team(s) in general (this includes friends, family members, old team members, etc.)? * Please list team name(s) and/or team member's name(s)	- - - - - - <input type="checkbox"/> No
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Do you have any food allergies (lactose-intolerant, shellfish, mango, kiwi, etc.)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, please specify your exact allergies in detail:	

Does your religion prohibit you from eating certain types of food (pork, etc.)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, please specify the type(s) of food you will not be able to eat:	

Are there any type(s) of food that you refuse to eat (fish, vinegar, beans, etc.)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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If yes, please specify the food(s) which you refuse to eat:	
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Are you able to judge both Saturday & Sunday at the 2009 Championships?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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Judge Signature

Date

JUDGING INFORMATION & PROCESS

Judging Positions

Onsite: Two (2) judges will be assigned to judge at a team's booth where they will be 'wined & dined' by members of that competing BBQ team for each category. Note that no onsite judge will judge the same team twice or judge with the same judge again.

Blind: Judges will be secluded from the competing teams and served each category in a 9" x 9" styrofoam container. Each box will be indicated with a 'team code' consisting of letters and numbers, the judges will only know the teams on a double-blind code basis.

Judge Responsibilities

- Judge's **MUST** make a commitment to judge *both* Saturday, July 11th and Sunday, July 12th at a cost of \$40 per judge for the weekend
- Arrive at Judge's Meeting on time (or Eventrix (Festival Management) will have the right to remove you from the Judge List for the entire weekend, with no judging fee refund, as you will have missed instructions)
- Arrive 20 minutes prior to all turn-in times (where you will receive your score cards for that turn-in category)
- Talking during judging is prohibited (discussion of your meal is not permitted)
- You must taste and judge *everything* that is presented to you (refusal to do so will result in immediate removal from judging, without a judging fee refund)
- Hand in all completed score cards (give to your Table Captain or Head Judge)
- Decoding is prohibited (Do not try to figure out which team your double-blind code was)
- Return all of Eventrix's supplies at the end of each day (clipboards, pencils, name tags, etc.)

Application Process

Applications for judging positions are open to all, but Eventrix reserves the right to choose the judges that best reflect the nature of the two (2) day event. The amount of judges chosen for the event will rely solely on the number of teams

that enter to compete in the event. Please note that if you are not selected as a judge, your cheque will be returned to you in full.

Each application will go through a screening process to determine whether or not Eventrix feels as though you, the applicant, would be best suited for judging at the 6th Annual Canadian Open BBQ Championships. All prior judging experiences, qualifications and previous positions (onsite and/or blind) will be taken into consideration, along with any personal food allergies or team relationships.

Once you, the applicant, have submitted this form, an email or phone call will be made to you stating that your application form has been received and your name and contact information have been added to the database of potential 2009 judges.

Approximately one month prior to the event, all applicants will receive an email that will state either “yes” you have been chosen as a judge or “no” you have been declined through the screening process. If you are chosen as a judge, it will then be your responsibility to respond to the email *immediately* confirming your attendance for the event (Saturday & Sunday).

Lastly, for those who were selected as judges, a final email will be sent to you stating that your attendance has been confirmed for the day(s) that you provided. Attached to this email will be a timetable for the event that includes all meetings and turn-in times, along with a map with driving directions to the event. At this point, should you have any further questions please contact Caiti McLelland, Executive Director, at caiti@eventrix.ca.

Upon arrival at the event grounds, you will register/check-in at the front desk (in the Judge’s Tent) where you’ll be informed *at that time* whether you will be an onsite or blind judge for that day. Due to the overwhelming amount of judges, a rotation schedule for onsite judges may be used, therefore you might be a blind judge one day and then an onsite judge the other day.

* Note: that by accepting the terms below, you understand that Eventrix has the right to reserve judging positions (onsite and/or blind) based on the judge’s screening process and prior judging experiences. Eventrix cannot guarantee that you will have the opportunity to become an onsite judge at the 2009 event.

I accept/decline the following rules and regulations of the judge application process and the duties of being either an onsite and/or blind judge, and therefore understand that all applicants for the 2009 Canadian Open BBQ Championships are to be decided by Eventrix.	<input type="checkbox"/> I accept <input type="checkbox"/> I decline _____ initial
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Review the <i>Waiver of Liability</i> and the <i>Acknowledgment of Understanding</i> (below). If chosen as a judge, it is important that you have signed these forms. Refusal to sign such forms will result in the disqualification of your judging position at the event.	<input type="checkbox"/> I have signed these two (2) forms <input type="checkbox"/> I refuse to sign these two (2) forms
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Waiver of Liability

Waiver: In consideration of being permitted to participate in any way in the **6th Annual Canadian Open BBQ Championships (July 11 & July 12)**, I, for myself, my heirs, personal representatives or assigns, **do hereby release, waive, discharge, and covenant not to sue** Eventrix Partnership Inc, its officers, employees, and agents from liability **from any and all claims including the negligence of the 2009 Canadian Open BBQ Championships & Outdoor Expo, its officers, employees and agents**, resulting in personal injury, accidents or illnesses (including death), and property loss arising from, but not limited to, participation in the **6th Annual Canadian Open BBQ Championships (July 11 & July 12)**.

 Print name (first & last)

 Signature

 Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

Acknowledgement of Understanding

Acknowledgement: I have read and signed this *Waiver of Liability* and fully understand its terms, and **understand that I am giving up substantial rights, including my right to sue**. I acknowledge that I am signing the agreement freely and voluntarily, and **intend by my signature to be complete and unconditional release of all liability** to the greatest extent allowed by law.

 Print name (first & last)

 Signature

 Date (mm/dd/yyyy)