



WHOLE HOG RULES

ABA JUDGING FOR WHOLE HOG IS A MIX OF ON SITE JUDGING (25%) AND BLIND JUDGING (75%)

RULES

Teams to present a whole pig, no less than 20 kgs, to be cooked on any unit (brick pit, spit, offset or ABA approved unit) and or method provided it's cooked using wood or wood products as the only heat source.

The hog must be must be cooked from raw, on site and wholly within the competition window times.

Whole hogs must not be brined, rubbed, marinated or cured before the opening of the cooking window.

All standard Food Safety Guidelines and Mandatory items for ABA competition apply to any teams entering wholehog.

All cooking pits must be at least 30cm off the ground to avoid damage and grass fires (please ask the promoter if you are unsure).

JUDGING

Hand in Boxes will be supplied to each team by the ABA.

Approved garnishes are only allowed inside the hand in box, which are strictly and wholly green-coloured parsley, lettuce or kale.

There should be no foreign objects. That includes toothpicks, skewers, salads, side dishes or any other objects.



INSPECTION

Teams will be visited by a group of 4 judges. Judges will score teams on

- Team area presentation
- Hog Appearance
- Pit-Master presentation

Judges may ask questions as part of the process.

The inspection should take no longer than 5 minutes and contributes to 25% of the total score.

- On site Presentation/Inspection - Visual

HAND-IN

Teams to present the hand-in box within the nominated time window for blind judging.

Teams will be scored for;

- Appearance • Texture • Taste

There should be enough meat for each judge (4) to sample a small palm sized portion of the following;

- Hams • Loin • Shoulder/Butt

Judges will score on the following criteria

- Hams - Appearance/Taste/Texture
- Shoulder/Butt - Appearance/Taste/Texture
- Loin- Appearance/Taste/Texture

Cuts can be served Pulled, Chopped or sliced

Blind judging contributes to 75% of the score.

The scores from Inspection and Hand-in will be combined to give teams an official score out of 400.

Any ties will be determined by the ABA countback system (Highest in order, taste, texture and appearance).