

**Rules and Guidelines for the
LA PORTE SUNFLOWER FAIR
“Tom R. Fara Memorial”
2016 Great Pork-Rib Cook Off**

Entry Fee \$20.00 AMATEURS ONLY!

BEST RIBS – AWARDS FOR FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD PLACE

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The cancellation of contest space by the contestant must be in writing not by telephone and received by the Cook-off Representative at least 5 days before the day of the contest. In such event, the Cook-off shall refund the application fee paid by the contestant only if the contest space is rented to another contestant. Otherwise, there shall be no refund of the entry costs. Occupancy of the contest space is the essence of the Agreement. If the contestant does not occupy the contest space upon the opening of this contest (September 17th, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.) the Cook-off shall have the right to use the contest space as it may deem in the contest's best interest.
2. In case of cancellation of the contest or unavailability of the contest space for any reason, this agreement shall terminate and the contestant shall be entitled to the application fee for the contest space less the pro-rated share allowable to the contest space of the expenses incurred by the Cook-off in connection with the contest.
3. This agreement shall in all respects be governed by the laws of the State of Indiana and the municipal ordinances of the City of La Porte, Indiana.
4. If a contestant does not follow the rules and regulations set by the Cook-off this contract may be terminated. In the event of a default by the contestant, the contestant shall forfeit as liquidated damages the amount paid by he/she in connection with his application, regardless of whether or not the Cook-off enters into further lease of the contest space involved.
5. Each contestant will be provided with a 12' x 12' contest space.
6. The cook-off reserves the right to restrict a contest space which, because of noise, method of operations, materials, or for any contest space which, in the opinion of the Cook-off Chairman, may detract from the general character of the contest as a whole. All demonstrations of promotional activities must be confined within the limits of the contest space.
7. To insure safety of all participants, fire regulations, health of others, applicable ordinances of La Porte, Indiana must be followed.
8. Contestants may check into the Great Pork-Rib Cook-off area beginning at 8:00 a.m. – Saturday, September 17, 2016 and “***MUST BE IN PLACE AND READY TO COOK BY 10:00 A.M.***”

9. Cooks are to prepare and cook Pork-ribs in as sanitary a manner as possible. Conditions found to be unsanitary will be grounds for disqualification from this Cook-off. No holes, open fires or dug-out pits will be allowed.
10. NO pre-cooking is allowed. All meats must be raw and uncooked – ***prior preparation such as marinating and seasoning is allowed.***
11. Cooking ends at 2:00 p.m.
12. Judging: contest meats will be judged at 2:00 p.m. We will have ‘runners’ picking up your meats and delivering them to the judges. The judges will only be given a number to each entry.
13. NO nudity, lewdness, public intoxication or any form of vulgarity. NO pyrotechnics or explosives are allowed. Any intentional use of the above mentioned will result in the disqualification, removal from the grounds and possible elimination from any future La Porte SUNFLOWER FAIR Cook-off.
14. Music supplied by Bands and/or sound equipment within your team area are allowed. However, excessive loud music and/or sounds which interfere with announcements, scheduled live band entertainment on stage that intrude upon or interfere with the comfort of fellow contestants will NOT BE ALLOWED OR TOLERATED. Offenders will receive no more than two warnings from the Chairman or Director of Security. Non-compliance will be grounds for disqualification from the Cook-off and expulsion from the Cook-off grounds.
15. All cooking facilities, rigs, props or show articles must fit within your team’s contest space.
16. The chief Cook will be responsible for the conduct of his help, guests or invitees. Any offensive conduct will be grounds for disqualification from the Cook-off and surrounding areas.
17. THE COOK-OFF CHAIRMAN RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MAKE ADDITIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS AS THE SITUATIONS WARRANTS. DECISIONS OF THE COOK-OFF CHAIRMAN AND JUDGES ARE FINAL.
18. The La Porte SUNFLOWER FAIR and Tom R. Fara Memorial - The Great Pork-Rib Cook-off, its members or directors will not be held responsible for theft or damage to equipment or bodily injury of any kind.
19. No animals will be permitted in the cooking or judging areas.
20. No modes of transportation will be allowed in the Cook-off area. The only exception will be wheelchairs or apparatus for the handicap.
21. Prize money will be 80% of monies collected. The rest will be used for supplies and donated to the Sun Flower festival. The pay-out will be: **50% to First Place Winner, 30% to Second Place Winner and 20% to 3rd Place Winner.**