

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual**  
**“My ribs are better” Rib-Off**  
**Saturday, July 12, 2008 • Delta Chicken Festival**

CONTEST RULES This is an AMATEURS ONLY contest.

1. “My ribs are better” (MRAB) Committee has the right to modify or expand these rules and regulations as they see fit. Decisions of the Judges and Committee are FINAL.
2. MRAB volunteers and representatives are not responsible for any accidents, or damage or theft of equipment, supplies, or property belonging to the contestants of this competition.
3. Contestants may partially prepare their rib entries ahead of time, but must finish them on site.
4. Contestants must provide grill and all other cooking equipment, supplies and utensils needed. No open fire pits or holes are permitted. Contestants must adhere to all electrical, health, and other applicable codes, whether local, county, state, or federal.
5. Each team will consist of one Chief Cook and as many assistants as the chief cook deems necessary. A Chief Cook or Assistant may not enter more than on team. The Chief Cook will be responsible for the conduct of the team.
6. Set-up and competition for the “My ribs are better” Rib-Off is Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup> starting at 10:00 a.m.
7. After the competition begins, rib entries MUST NOT leave the contest site.
8. Team sponsorships will be permitted but not required.
9. Teams are encouraged to decorate their site with a theme or sponsor logo. In the event of any ties in the competition, the best decorated team will determine the winner/
10. No one under the age of 21 will be permitted in the Rib-Off/Beer Garden area.
11. All teams must be registered and have the \$20 entry fee paid by July 3, 2008. Late Registration will be accepted from July 4<sup>th</sup> to July 12<sup>th</sup> at noon for \$30. Entry forms are available at Shear Perfection (105 Monroe Street, Delta - 419-822-3725) or [www.deltachickenfestival.com](http://www.deltachickenfestival.com). The contest will be limited to the first 40 registered teams.
12. Two racks of ribs must be presented on trays (trays will be provided by the committee) to the judging booth starting at 3:00 p.m., with 4:00 p.m. being the deadline. The scoring system is: **10** (Outstanding) to **1** (Inedible). Both racks need to be cut into individual bones and will be judged on :
  - **Taste:** spice, taste, smoke, overall palate, etc.
  - **Tenderness/Texture:** are the ribs moist, dry, tough, tender?
13. No side sauce containers will be permitted. Ribs may be presented with or without sauce as the contestant wishes.
14. Field judges will be on duty throughout the competition to ensure that all rules are followed.
15. All team members will be required to wear shirts and shoes while in the contest area.
16. NO Alcoholic beverages may be brought into the Rib-Off, which includes the contest area. Adult beverages will be available for sale to contestants.
17. Contestants may bring their own water and soda for personal consumption only.