



Southern BBQ Network Sanctioning Information and Application Agreement

Contest Name _____

Location (Address) _____

City/State/Zip _____

Contest Dates (Set up Day/Contest Day) _____

Website (If applicable) _____

To be held in conjunction with _____

Contest Organizer _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phones – Day () _____ Night _____ Fax/Cell _____

Email Address _____

Chairperson _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phones – Day _____ Night _____ Fax/Cell _____

Email Address _____

Application Submitted by _____

Number of years contest previously held _____

By submitting this application, we apply for a sanctioned contest by Southern Barbeque Network (SBN). Contest Organizer, its officers, and directors agree to the following conditions in order to obtain sanctioning from SBN:

1. Southern Barbeque Network should receive a completed “Sanctioning Request Form” at least six (6) months prior to the requested contest dates. Consideration may be given to “Requests for Sanctioning” which are outside these guidelines, but only on a case-by-case basis.
2. A sanctioning fee of \$300 is included with this Sanction Request Form. We understand this fee covers administrative costs associated with processing and obtaining approval, and guarantees either the contest’s winner or grand champion (in a multiple category event) a one-category entry into the following year’s SBN Championship Barbecue Cook-Off. We further understand that sanctioning approval is at the decision of SBN’s Board of Directors based on date availability, lead-time, and other factors.
3. We agree to follow and abide by SBN’s Rules & Regulations and Judging Criteria, including guaranteeing and paying prize monies as published/advertised to at least three (3) places plus a Grand Championship for multiple category events. We understand these amounts may not be reduced after sanctioning and advertising and that prize monies **must be awarded** by the end of the contest and that contest results provided to teams no later than 10 days following the contest conclusion.
4. We understand that contest dates are reserved and protected for 90 days following a contest or until such time that we confirm our intentions to repeat our contest for the following year; which ever is the shortest time period. We further understand that failure to confirm our dates for the following year opens these dates to other event requesting sanctioning.
5. We agree to provide a Certificate of Insurance, for a minimum of \$1,000,000.00, a minimum of 90 days prior to the contest date, with Southern BBQ Network named on a certificate of insurance.
6. We agree to provide material and supplies requested by SBN to facilitate a successful contest. In addition, we agree to provide all support personnel required by SBN’s Chief Judge, including meat inspectors and volunteers to work in the Judging area if requested by SBN’s Chief Judge.
7. **All contests, new and existing, must name a Judging Chairperson**; this person’s name must be on the “Request for Sanctioning” form. This person is SBN’s Chief Judges’ main contact for the contest.
8. New contests, or existing contests requesting new dates, must be at least **150 miles** (based on MAPQUEST) from existing contests if held on the same weekend.
9. We agree to provide to SBN, upon request and free of charge, a space accessible to the public in the cook area, or near the judging area, for SBN and its national sponsors/partners to advertise, promote and sell its non-competing products and services.
10. We agree to use SBN’s official logo on all contest materials, including but not limited to promotional items, advertisements, banners, signage, t-shirts and all other contest materials after sanctioning has been approved.

11. It is understood that this agreement does not create a partnership. The Contest Organizer may not bind or contract on behalf of SBN. It is further understood that SBN agrees to provide the Organizer with a proprietary set of contest rules, team/judge databases, materials, and officials to conduct the judging portion of the contest. **Proprietary information is for the use of the contest only and cannot be shared with others without written approval from SBN.** The Organizer is responsible for all other issues concerning their event.
12. We understand that SBN sanctioning does not make any representation to the Organizer, nor guarantee profitability of any contest. We further understand that Sanctioning does not guarantee the number of cooking participants in the contest, and that no such representation has been made to the Organizer.
13. The minimum sanction fee of \$300 must accompany this application before sanction request is presented to SBN's Board of Directors. If this application is not approved, the fee will be refunded. Otherwise the sanctioning fee will be refunded less a \$75 administrative fee. Sanction requests are reviewed at regular Board of Directors Meeting and approval is the decision of SBN's Board of Directors based on date availability, lead-time, supporting materials availability of Chief Judges and other factors.
14. It is further understood that violations of these conditions contained in this agreement, will, at the sole option of SBN, cause this agreement to be null and void. In that event, SBN will withdraw sanctioning and will not provide services to the Organizer. The Organizer will forfeit all monies and fees previously paid to SBN.
15. In consideration of the above covenants, the undersigned, officially representing the organization herein named, its officers and directors, agrees to hold Southern Barbeque Network (SBN), its Board of Directors, officers, volunteers, and their assigns harmless from any and all claims, suits or proceedings of any nature which may be brought against them on account of any action, non action on the part of the organizer, its officers, employees or volunteers including any injuries to the person or property received during or related to the above described event. The undersigned agrees to abide by all requirements and responsibilities for SBN sanctioned events as stated in the sanctioning requirements. The undersigned agrees to execute the contest in accordance with SBN Rules & Regulations, and pay all fees (sanction and advertising) as set forth.
16. Settlement of any disputes will be governed under the laws of the State of South Carolina.

Sanctioning Request and Sanctioning Agreement

I/we have read these four (4)-pages “Southern Barbecue Network (SBN) Sanctioning Information and Application Agreement” document and understand my/our requirements to apply for and maintain sanctioning with SBN.

Date: _____

Name of Organization: _____

Organization Official _____

Title _____

Contest Chairman (if different) _____

Signature

Mail form with \$300 sanctioning deposit to:

Southern Barbecue Network
PO Box 40007
Charleston, SC. 29423-0007