



## Rib Cook-Off Set-Up Rules:



Rules are subject to change due to state COVID-19 state mandates.

### Friday arrival:

- Set-up cooking area/pit on Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 between noon-7pm  
Cookers will set up on Cleveland St. between Cedar and Elm St and will be on a first come, first served basis. Please check in at the Cook-off Registration tent.
- Security will be provided in the festival and cooking area overnight.
- Teams are responsible for providing all tents, tables, chairs, and other equipment needed in the cooking pit.
- No stakes are to be driven into the street.
- **PLEASE park as close as possible to your neighbor...space is tight**
- Quiet generators are allowed in the cook area with prior permission.

### Saturday arrival and vehicle parking:

- Teams must have cooking area set-up by 8am, arrive at 7am.
- Enter on Main St from S West Ave. Please check in at the Cook-off Registration tent.
- After you set up your cooking pit on Saturday morning, all vehicles must park OUTSIDE the cooking/festival area.
- There is a parking lot on Elm St in between Cleveland and SW Ave. Please park in that parking lot or anywhere else outside the cook/festival area.
- Vehicles are not allowed back in the cook area until after 4:30pm.

### Security and Safety:

- El Dorado Police officers will provide security Friday night and Saturday.  
The El Dorado Fire Department will be present to handle any potential fire hazard during the event.

## Rib Cook-Off Schedule:

### Saturday:

7:00-8:00am	Check in-Setup
8:00am	Cooks Meeting at Chamber of Commerce- 111 W Main
1:00pm	Public Rib Racks go on sale (if we have any tickets left) at Cook-off tent
3:00-3:15pm	Turn in competition ribs for judging at Chamber of Commerce
3:45-4:15pm	Drop-off public rib racks at Chamber of Commerce
4:30pm	Awards on PJ's Coffee Stage on Main Street

# Rib Cook-Off Competition Rules:

**Rib entries are not to be removed from the cooking area.  
Any violation of this rule will result in immediate disqualification of the competition.**

**No ribs may be brought in from outside to use for the competitions.  
Violations will result in disqualification.**

On Saturday, Oct 7<sup>th</sup>, cooks shall report at 8:00am to the Chamber of Commerce at 111 W Main for a cooks meeting to briefly discuss rules, answer questions, pick up competition ribs and turn-in judging containers. Please bring a container for carrying your ribs back to the cooking area. Each team will receive minimum of 6 racks of pre-packaged, St. Louis style pork ribs. If you have offered to cook more for the public rib racks, you will get them at this time as well. Thank you so much for helping with this!!

At the cooks meeting you will also be given your turn-in containers for judging along with 2 envelopes with tickets in them taped to your turn in box. **DO NOT OPEN OR REMOVE** either envelope from the judges rib container. **Doing so will result in disqualification.** Both envelopes must be attached to the judge's container at turn-in. If you wish to use sauce on your turn-in ribs, there should be NO POOLING of sauce in the container.

You can begin seasoning and cooking your ribs at any time after the ribs have been received. Cook teams provide all seasonings and "special" ingredients. Cook teams may use any types of fuel designed for grills or smokers. Please handle food in a sanitary manner using cooking utensils and gloves that you bring.

## Turn-In:

- Place **6 (six) distinct, individual ribs** in the judge's turn-in container with envelopes.
- If you wish to use sauce on your turn-in ribs, there should be NO POOLING of sauce in the container.
- **No garnishes are allowed!**
- Deliver your container to the entrance of the Chamber (location of cooks meeting) between 3:00-3:15pm to a cook-off rep. You must have BOTH of your envelopes at turn-in. One will be taken with your ribs and the other will be given back to you.
- DO NOT OPEN your envelope until instructed to do so at the Awards Ceremony on the PJ's Coffee Stage at 4:30pm!

Ribs turned in for judging after 3:15 will be disqualified

**Ribs are judged based on taste, tenderness and appearance.**

### Samples:

- Cook teams are allowed to give any food away that you bring and cook, that isn't a rib.
- **You may not give away free ribs that are provided by MusicFest/Main Street for the competition as all ribs are property of Main Street El Dorado/MusicFest.**

### Public Rack Sales:

- Ribs that aren't turned in for judging will be sold to the public.
- Public Rack tickets will begin being sold at 1pm at the Registration tent on Competition Day!
- Tickets are \$25 each. (You should place 10 ribs into each of your containers for public sales)
- Public racks will be served from 4pm-4:30pm.
- We will pre-sale public rack tickets also if you are interested.
- Please put your provided name sticker on the outside of the container that you are using for public racks.
- **At 3:45pm, please bring packaged, labeled, left-over ribs back to the Chamber.**
- You are allowed to purchase your leftover ribs. Please get with Candy at Registration tent.
- **YOU MAY NOT TAKE MONEY AT YOUR COOK AREA FOR RIBS!**  
**TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED AT THE REGISTRATION TENT!!**

**ALL RIBS ARE PROPERTY OF MSE/MUSICFEST**

**Registration Deadline: Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at Noon**

**NO REFUNDS  
NO EXCEPTIONS**



**Thank you, Red River Credit Union for  
making this competition possible!**

# MusicFest Festival Information:

The Rib Cook-Off will be outside of the “festival area” for safety reasons. Admission to the festival is FREE UNTIL 3pm on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> for everyone. You will be given a sticker to access the PJ’s stage that your awards ceremony will be on. You must enter at the Main Gate which is the gate behind the rib registration booth. If you leave out of the festival area after the awards, you will have to present a purchased ticket/wristband to gain re-entry.

Ticket prices are as follows and can be purchased at [musicfesteldorado.com](http://musicfesteldorado.com)

Early Bird Weekend Passes: \$50 July 20-Aug 20; increase to \$60 Aug 20-Sept 20

Friday only Ticket: \$35 July 20-Aug 20; increase to \$40 Aug 20

Saturday only Ticket: \$40 July 20-Aug 20; increase to \$45 Aug 20

Pit Pass- \$10 each per day      VIP Add-On- \$40 extra per person, per day

Friday: Gates to festival will open at 4:00pm for the festival. We will have 2 stages of live music, vendors, and attractions/rides for the kids from 5pm until 9pm with music and food continuing until 11:30pm. Attractions/ride wristbands will be \$10 each for Friday night. No outside food or drinks allowed in the festival area.

Saturday: Gates open at 8am. Admission is FREE until 3pm. Music and vendors start at 9am with attractions and rides open at 10am. Attraction ride wristbands will be \$20 and rides are open until 7pm. We will offer music on 3 stages on Saturday.

Like and follow Main Street El Dorado on Facebook for other, specific information. Keep checking back on our website as information will be shared as soon as possible.

[www.mainstreeteldorado.org](http://www.mainstreeteldorado.org)





# RIB GRILL WAR REGISTRATION

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2023



TEAM NAME \_\_\_\_\_

COMPANY SPONSOR \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

HEAD COOK \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

CELL \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER TEAM MEMBERS: \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** Saturday, October 7, 2023 **Cooking Time:** 8:00am-3:00pm  
**Location:** Cleveland/Main Street, Downtown El Dorado AR **Check in:** 111 W Main- Chamber of Commerce  
**Set-Up:** Friday, October 6, Noon-7pm or Saturday, October 7, 7am-8am

I am setting up on \_\_\_\_\_ (day) at \_\_\_\_\_ (time)

Registration Deadline: Friday, September 29 at Noon

I will cook 6 racks of ribs: Yes  No  I will be using a quiet generator in my cook area: Yes  No   
 I will cook \_\_\_\_\_ extra racks  \*No power available for this event  
 I will participate in the Public Rack Sale with my left over competition ribs: Yes

Contestant agrees to indemnify and hold Main Street El Dorado, MusicFest, City of El Dorado its employees, volunteers, partners and sponsors harmless from any and all claims made against said organization/companies, including without limitation, all costs, liabilities, judgments, expenses, damages and attorney's fees arising out of or in connection with (1) any structure erected by entrant, (2) any apparatus, equipment or personal property used by entrant, (3) any act or commission to-act of entrant, its agents, invitees, participants, representatives, employees, servants, and agents, and (4) any claims made on account or resulting from entrant's participation in the contest. Any photos taken by MusicFest or Main Street El Dorado if your team/equipment becomes property of MusicFest and Main Street El Dorado.

Rib Entry Fee: \$100  
Side Awards Fee: \$20  
Total Remitted: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Side Awards include:  
 Best Team T-Shirt  
 Best Cooking Area

**RIB PAYOUTS:**  
 1<sup>ST</sup>- \$1500 + Trophy  
 2<sup>ND</sup>- \$750 + Trophy  
 3<sup>RD</sup>- \$500 + Trophy  
 4<sup>TH</sup>- \$250  
 5<sup>TH</sup>- \$125  
 6-10<sup>TH</sup> \$75

**BEST TEAM T-SHIRT & BEST COOKING AREA**

Side awards TBA

Mail signed form with check payable to:  
 Main Street El Dorado,  
 101 W Main St. Suite 410, El Dorado AR 71730  
 Or pay online at [www.mainstreeteldorado.org](http://www.mainstreeteldorado.org)

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## Cook Rules and Regulations Signature

Rules posted on [mainstreeteldorado.org](http://mainstreeteldorado.org)

Please verify you have read/agree to the rules by signing below

Head Cook (signature): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**This registration form must be signed and returned with payment made before you will be allowed to set-up. Set-up will be first come, first served**

For more info: (O) 870-862-4747 email: [assistant@mainstreeteldorado.org](mailto:assistant@mainstreeteldorado.org)  
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