

2026 AMERICAN ROYAL WORLD SERIES OF BARBECUE®

SEPTEMBER 30 - OCTOBER 4 | AMERICAN ROYAL NEW CAMPUS

2026 COOKS' SCHEDULE

Locations of all events will be announced later this summer

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2026

8:00 am – 5:00 pm Clamshell/Box Pick up

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2026

8:00 am – 5:00 pm Clamshell/Box Pick up
8:00 am Invitational Meat inspections begin
3:00 pm Invitational Cooks Meeting
3:30 pm Open Side Dish Cooks Meeting

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2026

12:00 am Trash pickup and Portas serviced for all teams
8:00 am – 5:00 pm Clamshell/Box Pick up
8:00 am Open Meat Inspections Begin
9:30 am Open Cooks Meeting
11:00 am Invitational Judges Meeting
12:00 pm Invitational Chicken Category Judging
12:30 pm Invitational Ribs Category Judging
1:00 pm Invitational Pork Category Judging
1:30 pm Invitational Brisket Category Judging
2:00 pm Kid's Que Cook's Meeting (check in at 1:30pm)
3:00 pm Side Dish - Vegetable Judging
3:15 pm Kid's Que Steak (11-15 age group) Judging
3:30 pm Side Dish - Baked Beans Judging
3:45 pm Kid's Que Hamburger (6-10 age group) Judging
4:00 pm Side Dish - Potatoes Judging
4:30 pm Dessert Judging
7:00 pm **AWARDS CEREMONY:** Barbecue Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, Kids Que, Best Sauce & Rub on the Planet, Invitational Contest

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2026

8:45 am – 10:45 am Open Meat Judges Check in
11:00 am Open Meat Judges Meeting
12:00 pm Chicken Category Judging
12:30 pm Ribs Category Judging
1:00 pm Pork Category Judging
1:30 pm Brisket Category Judging
2:00 pm Sausage Category Judging
5:00 pm **AWARDS CEREMONY:** Open Contest