

2026 AMERICAN ROYAL WORLD SERIES OF BARBECUE®

SEPTEMBER 30 - OCTOBER 4 | AMERICAN ROYAL NEW CAMPUS

2026 COOKS' SCHEDULE

All Turn-ins and Judging will take place on the North side of Barn 3

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2026

8:00 am – 5:00 pm	Clamshell/Box Pick up	KCBS Office – Barn 1
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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2026

8:00 am – 5:00 pm	Clamshell/Box Pick up	KCBS Office – Barn 1
8:00 am	Invitational Meat inspections begin	
2:00 pm	Invitational Cooks Meeting	Judging Area – Barn 3
2:30 pm	Open Side Dish Cooks Meeting	Judging Area – Barn 3

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	KCBS Office – Barn 1
8:00 am	Open Meat Inspections Begin	
9:30 am	Open Cooks Meeting	Judging Area – Barn 3
11:00 am	Invitational Judges Meeting	Judging Area – Barn 3
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)	Barn 1, east side
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, Kids Que, Sauce & Rub Winners, Invitational Contest	Main Stage – Barn 3

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2026

8:45 am – 10:45 am	Open Meat Judges Check in	Judging Area – Barn 3
11:00 am	Open Meat Judges Meeting	Judging Area – Barn 3
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	Main Stage – Barn 3