

# 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  
2:00 pm Invitational Cooks Meeting  
2:30 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