

FBA JUDGES NOTES
November 28, 2017

Please, **Don't Compare!** Judge each entry on its own merit. Score each entry individually. There may be more than one entry with an 8.5 (or another number) that's OK! Remember to use ½ point increments when applicable.

Entries are scored using a scale of "10" to "5"

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10	EXCELLENT
9.5	VERY GOOD
9	GOOD
8.5	ABOVE AVERAGE
8	SLIGHTLY ABOVE AVERAGE
7.5	AVERAGE
7	SLIGHTLY BELOW AVERAGE
6.5	BELOW AVERAGE
6	POOR
5.5	VERY POOR
5	INEDIBLE

Remember that a two (2) is reserved for disqualification, which can only be authorized by the FBA representative. Score carefully! Once you have recorded a score for an entry, it CANNOT be changed unless directed by the FBA representative due to a rules infraction. If you score a 7 or lower, please turn the scorecard over and note as to why you scored the way you did. Take your time! We want you to use the FBA scoring system to indicate the differences in the entries, so judge carefully! If the entry is late or not turned in, the computer will automatically show zeros for that entry.

Comments for the cook teams are encouraged and you will remain anonymous when you make them. Comments may be made for both good and bad BBQ. To make a comment, simply put a star by the box number on the front of the card. Turn the card over, put the box number and your comment on the back. Please make your comments polite and useful. "The worst BBQ I ever ate." doesn't help the cook team improve. "This entry was way overcooked and too salty." does help them. **Comments must be made for any score of 7 or lower.**

Remember the cook teams put a lot of time, effort, and money into that one bite of meat that you judge. You owe it to them to do your best.