



COOKOFF RULES

2026 BRUNSWICK STEWBILEE
SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 2026
MARY ROSS PARK

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BE OF GOOD CHEER AND DEMEANOR. SERVE ONLY TO PEOPLE WEARING AN "OFFICIAL TASTER" STICKER. PLEASE DO NOT SELL OR GIVE AWAY ANY QUANTITY OF STEW TO BE CONSUMED AWAY FROM THE EVENT DURING THE HOURS OF THE EVENT. NO SPIKING AN OPPONENT'S STEW WITH ANYTHING. NO PROFANITY. THIS IS A FAMILY EVENT. MAY THE BEST STEW WIN.

THE JUDGED COMPETITION

THE JUDGED COMPETITION IS CONDUCTED AS A BLIND TASTE TEST. EACH ENTRY WILL BE JUDGED ON A 10-POINT SCALE FOR TASTE, TEXTURE, APPEARANCE, AND OVERALL QUALITY. JUDGES WILL GATHER TWO ONE-QUART SAMPLES AT DIFFERENT TIMES FOR THE PRELIMINARY AND FINAL ROUNDS. SCORING WILL BE BY ACCOUNTANTS OF THE HIGHEST INTEGRITY. THE JUDGES' SCORES WILL BE TOTALED. THE WINNER WILL BE THE ENTRY WITH THE HIGHEST POINTS TOTAL. THE DECISION OF THE JUDGES IS FINAL.

THE JUDGED COMPETITION - CATEGORY TROPHIES

EACH TEAM WILL BE ASSIGNED TO ONE OF THREE CATEGORIES. THE FIRST CATEGORY IS PROFESSIONALS WHICH INCLUDES RESTAURANTS AND CATERERS. THE SECOND CATEGORY IS ORGANIZATIONS WHICH INCLUDES NON-PROFITS, CHURCHES, GOVERNMENTS AND SCHOOLS. THE THIRD CATEGORY IS THE GENERAL CATEGORY WHICH INCLUDES INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES NOT IN THE FIRST TWO CATEGORIES. TROPHIES WILL BE AWARDED TO THE TOP THREE SCORERS IN EACH CATEGORY.

THE PEOPLE'S CHOICE COMPETITION

THE PEOPLE'S CHOICE WINNERS (TOP 6) WILL BE THE TEAMS WITH THE GREATEST NUMBER OF TICKET STUBS FROM BONA FIDE TICKET PURCHASERS. THE HOLDER OF THE TICKET MAY VOTE FOR ANY ENTRANT OF HIS OR HER CHOICE, FOR ANY REASON. THE DECISION OF THE PEOPLE IS FINAL.

PRESENTATION COMPETITION

THE PRESENTATION COMPETITION RECOGNIZES ARTISTIC DECORATION AND PRESENTATION OF EACH TEAM'S BOOTH. JUDGING WILL OCCUR AFTER THE PRELIMINARY ROUND OF THE JUDGED COMPETITION.