

MEMPHIS FIRE DEPARTMENT

FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU



Rules and Regulations for Event

1. All tents and awnings must be flame retardant. Flame retardant certificate must be attached to the tent or on the site. Any person erecting a tent 120 sq. ft. or larger shall obtain a permit from the Fire Marshal's Office.
2. Extremely flammable decorations shall not be permitted. *Note:* Many vinyl's or plastic materials are especially flammable and produce deadly smoke.
3. No hay, straw or bamboo allowed within 35 feet of a tent or cooking site.
4. The use of candles or open flames is strictly prohibited in or near tents or awnings. Coleman type lanterns and stoves are permitted.
5. All cooking operations shall have a fire extinguisher with a minimum 2A:10BC rating on site before your cooking fire is started. **There will be absolutely no exceptions to this rule.**
6. No cooking will be allowed near combustibles.
7. Trash containers shall be emptied when full.
8. Wood chips are to be used only in the cooking operations; and, they shall be stored away from any combustibles. Wood chips are not to be spread on the ground in any manner. Sand may be used in wet areas.
9. State and local permits must be obtained for the displaying of fireworks. Displaying or use of fireworks by teams or individuals is strictly prohibited, and may result in arrest and team disqualification.
10. Fire lanes and access to hydrants shall be maintained.
11. Open flame or other devices emitting flame, fire or heat or any flammable or combustible liquids, gas, charcoal or other cooking device or any other unapproved devices shall not be permitted inside or located within 20 feet of the tent, canopy or membrane structure while open to the public unless approved by the fire code official in accordance with section 2404.7 of the 2009 IFC.

Special Rules on Use of Propane

Fire Department policy will allow participants to use one (1) 20-pound bottle of propane for cooking purposes. The bottle must be secured and not connected directly to the cooking unit. A distance of 10 to 15 feet between the cooking unit and the propane bottle is desirable. All propane bottles must be D.O.T. approved for propane use and be equipped with a U.L. approved safety relief valve, a hose in good condition, and proper connections. Participants may have one (1) 20-pound bottle on the site to use as a spare, provided it is secured and located away from any heating unit or open flame. This policy applies only to barbeque contestants and will not subject vendors to any specific amount of propane bottles for their use provided the bottles are secured and used with reasonable care.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions regarding this matter, you may contact the Fire Marshal's office at 901.636.5401.