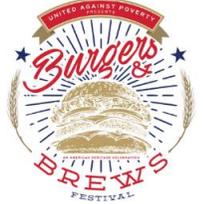




BURGER COMPETITION APPLICATION
SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2026
11:00AM-4:00PM



NEW LOCATION!
IRC FAIRGROUNDS



Entry Form for Best Burger in Indian River County Competition
June 27, 2026, 11:00am – 2:30pm
(Awards will be announced at 3pm. Festival ends at 4:00pm)

United Against Poverty’s **Burgers & Brews “Best Burger in Indian River County”** competition is limited to restaurants, food trucks, caterers, country clubs, and event venues located in and serving burgers in Indian River County.

What is the name of your business? _____

Check the category that best describes your business:

Restaurant Food Truck Caterer Country Club Event Venue

Team Captain Name/Title: _____

Team Captain Information

Business Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Email Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

All entries must be completed and returned by **May 4th, 2026**, at 5 p.m. to Allison Jackson at AJackson@unitedagainstopoverty.org. As there is limited space, entries will be on a first come, first served basis. By signing and dating below, you acknowledge that you have read and agree to follow the competition rules.

Signature of Team Captain

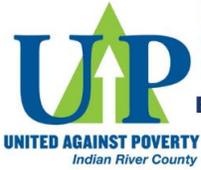
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Signature of UP Representative

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Date

By signing this document, I understand that 2026 Burgers & Brews Festival could be postponed or cancelled due to inclement weather.

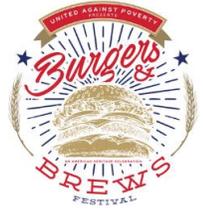




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BEST BURGER COMPETITION RULES

1. “Teams” can consist of four (4) or more people, but one member must be chosen as team captain (aka head cook).
2. United Against Poverty will have limited griddles available on a first come first serve basis, you are welcome to bring your own grill/smoker/griddle.
3. Please note that generators are not allowed. No electrical access will be available; vendors may use battery-operated fans only.
4. Agree to cook and serve up to **400 sliders** or mini burgers between **11:00am and 2:30pm** during the Burgers & Brews Festival.
5. No beer or beverage pairings will be allowed to compliment your burger during judging.
6. You will be provided with an outdoor cooking area within your designated space and must be 10 feet away from the next competitor.
7. All property and equipment used for cooking must be confined to your allocated space. All equipment must be free standing - no stakes, postholes, or digging is allowed.
8. All food products must be stored and maintained at safe temperatures.
9. Each contestant competing shall supply all their own burger meat, cooking ingredients, utensils, preparation tables, etc.
10. All burgers must consist of **cooked patties of ground meat and/or ground vegetarian product**, placed between bread or comparable substitutes to form a sandwich honoring the traditional American hamburger.
11. Team Captain is responsible for team conduct. No alcoholic beverages (except when used for cooking) and/or misconduct by team members or guests will be allowed.
12. Each team is responsible for cleaning up their cooking area at 4:00 p.m.
13. United Against Poverty of Indian River County, sponsors, and volunteers of the Best Burger Competition will not be held responsible for loss, damage, theft, injury, or accidents.
14. Entry deadline is Monday, **May 4th 2026**, at 5 p.m. EST.
15. United Against Poverty will provide a VIP pass for each team to use air-conditioned restrooms, cool off in air-conditioned building, and water. No alcohol beverages will be allowed.
16. **Each team will be offered a vendor booth located in the vendor area** of the event to promote their restaurant. Please note that no sale or distribution of burgers will be allowed at the vendor booth.

Yes, I would like a vendor booth space. No, I do not need a vendor booth space.





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16. **Chef meeting will be on Friday, June 5th, 2026,** at the UP Center. We will also have Zoom capabilities for anyone needing to attend remotely. **This is a mandatory meeting.**
17. Onsite preparation can start as early as 8:00am on event day.
18. All competition areas must be set up by 9:45am for a Fire Marshal inspection.
19. A Best Burger Competitor **brief meeting will take place at 9:45am.** All competitors must be present.
20. The **group photo will take place at 9:45am.** All competitors must be present.
21. **Judging begins at 11:00 am.** A Burgers & Brews team member will visit each competitor anonymously and select one slider for each celebrity judge. This ensures that the People's Choice Award voters and the celebrity judges will be reviewing the same food. No time slots will be assigned.
22. Sliders may earn up to 40 points from each judge--10 points for presentation (appearance), 10 points for creativity/uniqueness of the burger, 10 points for taste/flavor, 10 points for technique. The burger with the highest point value wins the Judges Choice Award.
23. All results are final. Teams are reminded that this is a family friendly burger festival and cooking competition. Sportsmanship is required at all times.
24. The first 20 completed applications are guaranteed entry in cooking competitions. Festival officials will try to accommodate additional entries.

GRAND PRIZE

Both "Judges Choice Award" and "People's Choice Award" winners will receive a trophy to display in your restaurant for one year, bragging rights for having "Indian River's Best Burger" and receive a plaque to hang at your location for years to come.

