



2026 COMPETITOR ARRIVAL & LOAD-IN GUIDE

KNOW WHERE TO GO. KNOW WHEN TO ARRIVE.

Arrival and load-in procedures vary by competition area.
All competition equipment and supply drop-off
will take place through the **EAST COMPETITOR GATE**.

BE PREPARED
BE ON TIME
BE READY
TO COMPETE



EAST COMPETITOR GATE

ALL COMPETITOR DROP-OFF & LOAD-IN

Use the **EAST COMPETITOR GATE** when arriving to drop off equipment, supplies and competition items. Follow TFC staff direction upon arrival. After unloading, vehicles should be moved to designated competitor parking.



ENTER



UNLOAD



MOVE
VEHICLE



CHECK IN



GET READY



BBQ & LIVE FIRE ADVANCE LOAD-IN REQUIRED

WEDNESDAY
SEPTEMBER 23
10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

THURSDAY
SEPTEMBER 24
10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Enter through the **EAST COMPETITOR GATE** to bring in trailers, pits, cooking equipment, supplies and camp equipment.



**ALL BBQ TRAILERS, PITS & CAMPS
MUST BE COMPLETELY SET UP BY THE
7:00 PM COMPETITOR MEETING THURSDAY.**



**THURSDAY | 7:00 PM
MANDATORY COMPETITOR MEETING**
Teams should be completely set and ready to attend the competitor meeting.

LOAD IN → SET UP → PARK → 7:00 PM MEETING



ALL OTHER COMPETITORS ARRIVE 45–60 MINUTES BEFORE START



45–60 MINUTES BEFORE START

Enter through the **EAST COMPETITOR GATE** to drop off your equipment and supplies. Park, unload and complete competitor check-in.



30 MINUTES BEFORE START

Access to your assigned competition kitchen begins. Bring in your supplies, organize your station and prepare to compete.



SCHEDULED START TIME

Be in your kitchen and ready to compete. The official competition clock starts at your scheduled time.

ARRIVE → UNLOAD → PARK → CHECK IN → KITCHEN → COMPETE



SYSCO REFRIGERATED TRAILERS – FOOD & PRODUCT DROP-OFF



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25
ANYTIME



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26
ANYTIME

DROP-OFF LOCATION: EAST COMPETITOR GATE

Clearly label all products with **TEAM/COMPETITOR NAME + COMPETITION/CATEGORY**



BBQ & LIVE FIRE EXCEPTION

BBQ and Live Fire products do not need to be turned in to the Sysco trailers.



BEFORE YOU ARRIVE

- ✓ Know your competition start time
- ✓ Review Official Competition Rules
- ✓ Review Kitchen Equipment / What to Bring
- ✓ Confirm registered team members
- ✓ Label refrigerated products, if applicable
- ✓ Review Check-In & Credentials information
- ✓ Review the Competition Arena Map
- ✓ Check the Competitor Portal for updates



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

EAST COMPETITOR GATE = COMPETITOR DROP-OFF

BBQ & LIVE FIRE: Load in Wednesday or Thursday, 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

BBQ: Camp completely set before Thursday's 7:00 PM meeting

OTHER COMPETITORS: Arrive 45–60 minutes before your competition

KITCHEN ACCESS: 30 minutes before start

Arriving late does not change your scheduled competition start time.

VISIT THE COMPETITOR PORTAL FOR EVERYTHING YOU NEED



Schedules, Rules, Maps,
Equipment Lists, Updates
and More.



QUESTIONS WHEN YOU ARRIVE? FIND TFC STAFF AT CHECK-IN OR CALL COMPETITOR OPERATIONS.