



# TAILGATE CHALLENGE

**CahabaQue | Saturday, September 6th, 2025 | Cahaba Brewing Co.**

4500 5<sup>th</sup> Ave South, Building C, Birmingham, AL 35222

Gates Open @ 11:00am (VIP Admission @ 10:30 AM)

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## Event Timeline

**Emergency contact for Saturday: call or text John Fife (205) 532-6324**

### **Saturday, September 6**

- **7:00 am** - Team Check-In Begins
- **10:00 am** - Team Check-In Ends
- **10:30 am** - Gates Open For VIP Guests (Begin Serving Samples)
- **11:00 am** - Gates Open For General Admission
- **1:45 pm** - People's Choice Voting Ends
- **2:00 pm** - Event Ends
- **2:15 pm** - Award Ceremony

## Information and Rules

### **Event Overview**

**CahabaQue Tailgate Challenge is designed to be a lighter lift for our cook teams, while still being a fun event for both the teams and attendees.** Rather than cooking overnight in Cahaba's parking lot, teams can prep their offerings at home with friends and family Friday night and arrive on site at Cahaba Brewing bright and early to set up their in tailgates. Teams can also choose to cook on site after arriving. Early VIP guests will start arriving at 10:30, so plan for

needed cook times for what you want to serve. Teams may compete in all categories, or pick their favorites to enter. Have fun as you decorate your tailgate and cheer for your favorite team - we have a special award for best decorated tailgate. Another thing to note - all awards will be determined by People's Choice for our Tailgate Challenge.

### Provided Supplies

Cook teams will be provided:

- **4 oz. sample cups and/or small cardboard “boats”**
- **Napkins**
- **Handwashing station** and access to water
- **Tent signage** featuring your team name and QR code for voting
- **Cahaba Beer** there can be no transferring beer to anyone outside the competition. Absolutely no event guests or customers should have your canned beer. 50% off 6 packs (not draft beer) available to cook teams on Saturday at the main Taproom bar (must have on cook team wristband). In accordance with state laws, absolutely no outside alcohol is permitted.

### What is NOT Provided

**Power is not provided.** Cook teams are welcome to bring generators. We do not have enough power to supply all cook teams and don't believe it's fair to supply power to some teams and not others. Other than what is listed above under Provided Supplies, cook teams are responsible for supplying everything they need to safely cook, including tents, chairs, coolers and any other comforts of home you'd like to bring. **You may also want to bring additional signage explaining your dishes.**

Beyond cooking equipment, cook teams will also need to provide their own tables and tablecloths as well as forks, knives, spoons based on what is needed to enjoy your team's samples.

There will be no storage for teams and equipment in the brewery. Don't leave anything behind.

### Other Rules

**Do not leave your cook team space unattended at any time.** Plan ahead and make sure you always have someone from your team on grill duty.

Be respectful to other cook teams and guests and keep your space clean. All cook teams will be sharing an ASH ONLY metal can as well as trash cans. We'll have volunteers helping to empty trash cans. Please have your cook team trash cans emptied by the start of the event on Saturday. There is a roll off dumpster located at the back of the building specifically for teams.

### Award Details

- People's Choice Categories Include:
  - ☐ Best Entree (Pork Butt, Ribs, Wings, Hot Dogs, etc.)
  - ☐ Best Side Item (Dips, Mac & Cheese Poppers, Potato Salad... get creative!)
  - ☐ Best Dessert
  - ☐ Best Decorated Set Up
- Guests can cast their People's Choice vote by scanning the QR code at any team's tent. **Teams who share the QR code with any non-guest will be DISQUALIFIED - Make Sure Any Photos Shared To Social Media On The Day Of The Event Don't Have The QR Code Visible.**

### Awards

- **Best Entree:** 1st and 2nd Place – Based on guests' votes
- **Best Side Item:** 1st and 2nd Place – Based on guests' votes
- **Best Dessert:** 1st and 2nd Place– Based on guests' votes
- **Best Decorated Tailgate** - Based on guests' tokens
- **Best Team Spirit** - Based on amount of donations collected for the BCRFA



## The Why: Funding Research, Saving Lives

All proceeds from CahabaQue support the **Breast Cancer Research Foundation of Alabama**.

Founded in 1996, the **Breast Cancer Research Foundation of Alabama (BCRFA)** is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to help find a cure for breast cancer by funding promising breast cancer research in Alabama and raising community awareness and funding for that research. BCRFA funds promote a comprehensive approach to battling breast cancer by promoting collaborative and innovative research to help diagnose, treat, prevent, and eradicate the disease.

With community support, **BCRFA has invested over \$16 million in life-saving breast cancer research** and treatments across Alabama since its founding in 1996. Most recently, in December 2024, the foundation announced its annual grant investment of \$1.125 million to research partners including the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB), Alabama State University (Montgomery), Auburn University, HudsonAlpha Institute for Biotechnology (Huntsville), Tuskegee University, the University of Alabama (Tuscaloosa), and the Mitchell Cancer Institute at the University of South Alabama (Mobile). **All funding stays in Alabama, but the impact is worldwide.**

Learn more about our mission and breakthroughs at [www.bcrfa.org](http://www.bcrfa.org).