



2015 EVENTS SCHEDULE



34th ANNUAL BBQ COOK-OFF RODEO AUSTIN

Wednesday, 3/18/2015

9:00am - 5:00pm Physical Arrangements to set up BBQ cooking area.

Thursday, 3/19/2015

9:00am - 9:00pm Registration and Physical Arrangements Committees arrive.

7:30pm PRCA Rodeo and Concert featuring Randy Rogers Band in Arena
(ticket info below).

Friday, 3/20/2015

Time Unknown **City of Austin Health Inspectors** will be coming by to check cook-off teams.

Time Unknown **Austin Fire Department Inspectors** will be coming by to check cook-off teams

8:00am – 10:00am Teams continue arriving and set up BBQ Booths.

8:00am Registration and Physical Arrangements Committee finish setting-up.

9:00am Continue registration and check-in of BBQ Teams. Registration and Hostesses will deliver registration packets, donation jars and sell ice to teams that have checked in.
NOTE: Pit Bosses and Hostesses should coordinate their arrival with that of their assigned team.

10:00 am **ALL TEAMS must be checked-in to compete.** Teams are encouraged to start cooking for the early arrivals. The public is encouraged to leave a donation for tasting BBQ, and the team that collects the most money wins a prize. Proceeds from the donation jars go to the BBQ Cook-off to be added to the other fundraising events that eventually goes directly to the scholarship fund.

11:00am-12:00 noon **ENTRY FEES** to be collected at Judges tent for “Yard Bird” \$20, Bloody Mary \$20, Bean \$10, Ribs \$30, and Jack Pot \$50 cooking contests. Contestants provide all meats, beans, and Bloody Mary entries.

Noon **CHIEF COOKS MEETING** with Pit Bosses, Meat Inspectors and TABC in Judges Tent. Welcome and explanation of contest Rules & Regulations, Jack Pot Cook-Off, donation jars, most elaborate rig, most hardworking pit, hospitality, beans & Bloody Mary contest, etc. **Chief cooks pick up contest containers.**

2:00 pm Meat Inspectors begin inspection and tagging contest meat.

5:00pm **BEAN CONTEST** (teams turn in at Judges tent). Results posted in the Judge’s tent around 7:00pm.

- 6:00pm** Contest tagged meat (Brisket or Beef Clod) can go on grill. BBQ Cook-off teams may begin cooking contest meat for Saturday's judging. **NOTE: No contest meat (Brisket or Beef Clod) on pits prior to this time.**
- 7:00pm** **"YARD BIRD" CONTEST** – Teams are responsible to bring contest entries to judge's tent. Results posted in the judge's tent around 9:00pm.
- 7:30pm** PRCA Rodeo and Concert featuring **Joe Nichols** in Arena (*ticket info below*).
- Saturday, 3/21/2015**
- All Day** Teams will be cooking and the public is invited to come out and sample the "Best BBQ in Texas"! The public is encouraged to leave a donation for tasting BBQ, and the team that collects the most money wins a prize at the Awards Ceremony on Sunday. The proceeds from the donation jars go to the BBQ Cook-off to be added to the other fundraising events that eventually goes directly to the scholarship fund.
- Time Unknown** **City of Austin Health Inspectors** will be coming by to check cook-off teams.
- Time Unknown** **Austin Fire Department Inspectors** will be coming by to check cook-off teams.
- 8:00am** Arrival of all BBQ Cook-off Pit Bosses, Committee Vice Chairs, Committee workers and Hostesses.
- 8:30am** **Mandatory meeting of Pit Bosses & Meat Inspectors in the Judges Tent. Judges Committee will deliver contest meat (Brisket or Beef Clod) containers to assigned team Chief Cooks after meeting.**
- 9:30am** **BLOODY MARY CONTEST** (teams turn in at Judges tent). Results posted in the Judge's tent around noon.
- 11:00am** **"DAVID KITCHENS" JACK POT COOK-OFF** turn-in and judging. Judging will be by a panel Judges and/or Committee members. RESULTS ANNOUNCED from Judges tent around 1:00pm.
- 2:00pm** **RIB CONTEST** (teams turn in at Judges tent). Results posted in the Judge's tent around 4:00pm.
- 1:00pm - 3:00pm** BBQ Team Most Elaborate Rig and Most Hardworking Pit will be judged. Winners will be announced Sunday at the awards ceremony.
- 4:30pm** BBQ Judges arrive and check-in at Judges Tent.
- 5:00pm** **BRISKET CONTEST** (teams turn in at Judges tent) Chief and/or Assistant Cook will bring contest meat to judges tent.
- 5:15pm** **Judging of Contest Meat (Brisket or Beef Clod) begins.**
- 6:00pm-7:00pm** Donation jars checked.
- 7:30pm** PRCA Rodeo and Concert featuring **Turnpike Troubadours** in Arena (*ticket info below*).

Sunday, 3/22/2015

- 7:30am** Arrival for all BBQ Cook-off Committee Vice-Chairs, Committee workers, Hostesses and Pit Bosses. Check donation jars, sell ice and merchandise.
- 8:00am – 10:30am** Teams are not expected to serve the public. **Teams may begin teardown in their designated areas, but nothing can be removed from the BBQ area until after the awards presentation is over. The estimated time is noted below. NOTE: RVs must also remain in the compound until after the awards presentation.**
- 8:30am - 9:30am** Donation jars picked up or BBQ team may turn in donation jars directly to BBQ Treasurer. **This will be the LAST pick-up to determine Top Fundraisers.**
- 11:00am-12:00 Noon** **AWARDS PRESENTATION** - Announcement of BBQ winners, Hospitality, Most Elaborate Rig, Most Hardworking Pit, Rookie Team, and the “Top Fundraisers” (most money collected from the BBQ team donation jars during the cook-off and from fundraising projects by the team during the year) Announcement of Rookie Team, Rookie Pit Boss and Rookie Hostess.
- ~12:00 Noon** Awards presentation is complete! Congratulations to all! Tear down and clean up begins! Teams will now be allowed to exit the BBQ area. **ALL Pit Bosses, Committee Vice Chairs, committee members and Hostesses** will remain to help Physical Arrangements. Please meet in the Judges tent for assignments from Physical Arrangements.
Please check with your Vice Chair or Melvin Sobotik before you leave.
- 3:00pm** PRCA Rodeo and Concert featuring **TBA** in Arena (*see below for ticket info*).

Tickets for concerts in the arena may be purchased through one of the following:
By Phone call Texas Box Office direct at (512) 447-6060
Available on line at www.RodeoAustin.com
Texas Box Office outlets in HEB
Or from the Rodeo Austin ticket office (512) 919-3000.

THANK YOU!!

HAVE A SAFE DRIVE HOME!! SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!!

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2015 BBQ-Cook Off Map

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64 Bullseye Smokers II

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27 River City #2	15 River City #5
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** Uncle Jesse & the Boss Hogs 65
Running Deere Cookers I 66
Running Deere Cookers II 67

53 IOU BBQ 3	41 IOU BBQ 1
54 IOU BBQ 4	42 IOU BBQ 2
55 ** Farm & Ranch BBQ	43 This Is It

29 ** Regulators I	** 17 DKC Constr I
30 Regulators II	18 DKC Constr II
31 Regulators III	19 Regulators IV (T&S)

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2 Boyz BBQ & Outlaws #2 5 *
2 Boyz BBQ #3 6

Pork

Street

74 5-0 Cookers #4	68 5-0 Cookers #1
80 75 5-0 Cookers #5	69 5-0 Cookers #2
81 5-0 Cookers #7 (T&S)	70 5-0 Cookers #3

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34 The Pit Stop 3	22 The Pit Stop 6	9 The Pit Stop 9

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82	77 Here For Beer II	71 Here For Beer I
83	78 Come & Take It BBQ III *	Come & Take It BBQ I 72
84	79 Come & Take It BBQ IV	Come & Take It BBQ Jrs. 73

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59 BS Cookers IV	47 BS Cookers I
60 BMF Cookers	48 BS Cookers II
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37 Coco Moo Cookers III	25

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T&S Trailer & Storage



BBQ COOK-OFF EVENTS AND GENERAL INFORMATION

Rodeo Austin is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization. Funds generated through the BBQ Cook-Off support the mission, "Promoting Youth Education...Preserving Western Heritage." The mission supports the following types of youth giving: youth auction, scholarships, calf scramble, and other forms of giving.

BBQ COOK-OFF

March 20-22, 2015

COOK-OFF TEAM ARRIVAL TIMES

Check-in of teams to the BBQ Cook-Off Grounds by the Registration Committee at **Gate 4** 10:00 AM until 5:00 PM Thursday, 3/19/2015,

8:00 AM until 10:00 AM on Friday, 3/20/2015

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All Contestants MUST be checked-in by 10:00 a.m. on Friday, 3/20/2015, to be eligible to compete in the Cook-Off.

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Let the competition begin!

There are twenty-eight different opportunities for recognition and fame at the BBQ Cook-Off. Entry fees and details for each competition follow.

General guidelines apply...

...all meat contest but brisket may be entered multiple times,

...no garnish to be included with entries (exceptions Bloody Mary and Jackpot),

...competition entries are to be brought to the judges tent at contest times,

...KEEP your secret number for each entry,

...Judges decisions are final **and finally**

Cooking Teams must have fun!!!

...2015 Contests...Yard Bird
...Bloody
Mary...Bean...Rib...Jack
Pot...Brisket

BEAN COOKING CONTEST

Friday, 3/20/2015, at 5:00 p.m. at the Judges Tent

Pinto Beans are judged on taste! Entry fee is \$10 and contestants receive a secret numbered cup. Beans may be pre-soaked but must be cooked on the pit. No pre-cooked beans will be allowed. Remember they must be pinto beans. Cook at least one pound. Use regular spices only. Contestants may add ham-hocks, bacon, etc...for seasoning *while beans are cooking, however, NO MEAT or anything larger than the bean* will be allowed in the judging cup.

Trophies will be awarded to the top three places.

YARD BIRD CONTEST

Friday, 3/20/2015, at 7:00 p.m. at the Judges Tent.

Teams enter by paying a \$20 entry fee. Each entry fee will be given a container with a secret number to put the contest chicken in. **Contestants will provide their own chicken** (3(+))lb fryers). Chickens may be

cooked however you want, as long as they are cooked on the grill. Please place 1/2 half of a whole chicken for presentation in the contest container. Also include at least 1/2 of a chicken in the container in bite size pieces without bones for tasting. No garnishment or any additional items other than the chicken should be put into the contest container. Any chicken that is submitted with any garnishments will be disqualified. Put enough chicken in the container for 20 Judges.

1st place will receive prize money and a trophy. Prize money is 75% of the total entry fees. The remaining 25% will be credited to the **Winner's Donation Jar**. 2nd and 3rd place will receive trophies.

BLOODY MARY CONTEST

Saturday, 3/21/2015, at 9:30 a.m. at the Judges Tent.

The Bloody Mary Contest entry fee is \$20 per entry. Entries will be judged on taste and showmanship (container). Entry can be placed in any container, however no distinguishable marked containers, such as with the name of the team or team logo. Only vodka will be permitted as the alcohol ingredient. May use pre-mixed juices. Regular spices only. Bring entry to Judges Tent for check-in and judging. Trophies will be awarded to the top three places.



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DAVID KITCHENS **PIT BOSS JACK POT** **COOK-OFF**

**Saturday, 3/21/2015, at 11:00
a.m at the Judges Tent**

The Jack Pot Cook-Off Entry fee is \$50 and contestants receive a secret numbered container. Your "**contest dish**" may be any type of "dish" cooked on a grill -- from rattlesnake to prime rib, **anything goes!!** (No Desserts) A team may enter more than one "contest dish", however, each additional "contest dish" costs an additional entry fee of \$50.00. Teams may begin cooking their Jack Pot Cook-Off "contest dish" at any time after arriving on the BBQ Cook-Off Grounds.

1st place will receive prize money and a trophy. Prize money is 50% of the total entry fees. The remaining 50% will be credited to the **Winner's Donation Jar**. 2nd and 3rd place will receive trophies.

**TEAMS MAY ENTER THE
CONTESTS LISTED ABOVE
MULTIPLE TIMES.**

RIB CONTEST

**Saturday, 3/21/2015, at 2:00
p.m. at the Judges Tent.**

Teams enter by paying a \$30 entry fee and will be given a container with a secret number for the contest rib submittal. **Contestants will provide their own ribs (2 Racks of Baby Back Pork Ribs)**. Ribs may be cooked however you want, as long as they are cooked on the grill. Contestants should turn in

at least one rack worth of rib in the container. No garnishment or any additional items other than ribs should be put into the contest container. Any ribs that are submitted with any garnishments will be disqualified.

1st place will receive prize money and a trophy. Prize money is 50% of the total entry fees. The remaining 50% will be credited to the **Winner's Donation Jar**. 2nd and 3rd place will receive trophies.

BRISKET CONTEST

**Saturday, 3/21/2015, at 5:00
p.m at the Judges Tent**

See Official Rules and Regulations for details on this contest.

First Place Brisket - \$2000 and trophy;

Second Place Brisket - \$1000 and trophy;

Third Place Brisket - \$500 and trophy;

Places 4 - 10 will receive a finalist plaque.

Teams must have filled out a W-9 before they will be eligible to receive any prize money.

TOP FUND RAISER

Awarded to the BBQ Team raising the most donations prior to and during the weekend of the Cook-Off. Each team will be given a Donation Jar for display in their contest area to collect donations from visitors and the general public. **No fundraising activities will be allowed at the Cook-Off without advance**

approval from the BBQ Cook-Off Committee Chairman. Contact Team Registration to submit request.

Prize money for the top **three** fund raisers will be \$1,000.00 for 1st place, \$500.00 for 2nd place, and \$250.00 for 3rd place! 4th and 5th place will receive trophies.

MOST ELABORATE RIG

Judged secretly by a group of celebrity judges on Saturday from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. Judging is based solely on the team's rig and/or BBQ pit. A trophy will be given to the winner.

MOST HARDWORKING PIT

Judged secretly by a group of celebrity judges on Saturday from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. Judging is based on the team's pit. A trophy will be given to the winner.

HOSPITALITY

Awarded to the BBQ team that shows the most hospitality to the general public. Judged throughout the Cook-Off by a secret committee. A trophy will be given to the winner, 2nd, and 3rd places.

TEAM PHOTOGRAPHS

A professional photographer will be on the cook-off grounds Saturday, 3/21/2015, to photograph teams. These team pictures will be used for the



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trophies. Please have teams as complete for the photograph.

UTILITIES

Water and Electric hookups are available. Please bring extension cords and water hoses because the outlets may not be adjacent to your space. Electricity will be supplied by generators placed at strategic locations throughout the BBQ grounds.

Septic Pump Out trucks will be at the Cook-Off grounds on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday morning between 6:00am and 10:00am should teams desire to have RV holding tanks pumped out.

Septic Service Reservation forms will be included in the Confirmation Package each team receives. Portable Restrooms and all septic pumping must be provided by the Rodeo Austin approved vendor. No other septic vendors and pump trucks will be allowed on the grounds during the Cook-Off.

Ice will be available for purchase at \$10.00 for a 40 lb. bag. **Tickets** may be ordered in advance on the Official Entry Form or from the bank during the cook-off. Tickets must be presented to obtain ice. No cash will be exchanged on the grounds between teams and Pit Boss or Hostesses. No other ice trucks will be allowed on the BBQ grounds.

JUST SAY NO TO TENT STAKING

Tent companies are able to secure tents without driving
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holes into the ground. Teams are encouraged to discuss with your contracted tent company the best approach. However, any holes made in the asphalt or ground must be repaired with like material (asphalt, repair with asphalt, etc.). **Please ensure the company you contract with is aware of this requirement.** Teams are responsible for the cost of repair. Holes left by the tent company will be charged to the BBQ team at a cost of \$20 per hole.

Holes will be Repaired at Cost to BBQ Team

PARKING & VEHICLES IN THE CONTEST AREA

All vehicles entering Rodeo grounds without a pass must pay \$10.00 for parking upon each entry. All valid Rodeo Austin BBQ Parking Pass holders must use **Gate 4**. Parking Passes may be ordered in advance as provided on the Official Entry Form. Each BBQ Weekend Parking Pass is \$50

Each Team is allowed to have **ONLY ONE (1) VEHICLE** that remains within their contest area. "Vehicle" includes any automobile, truck, RV, trailer, mobile home, etc. The one (1) vehicle allowed must fit within the boundaries of the teams' assigned contest area. This one (1) vehicle must be parked in the contest area by 10:00 a.m. on Friday, 3/20/2015, and will not be permitted to enter or exit the BBQ Cook-Off Grounds until the BBQ Cook-Off is over and after the Awards Presentation on

Sunday.

PLEASE NOTE, due to limited parking space within the contest grounds, as your team begins arriving and is setting up, **please move any additional vehicles within 30 minutes after arrival** (other than the **ONE VEHICLE** listed above). If everyone will try to unload quickly and move their cars, trucks, etc. outside the contest grounds, it will help us avoid some of the traffic jams experienced in the past. **THIS WILL BE STRICTLY MONITORED and Towing will be enforced for illegally parked vehicles.**

Non-essential **UTILITY or CARGO TRAILERS** will no longer be allowed to remain within the Rodeo grounds. Trailers will need to be parked at the Delco Center where security is provided. Passes can be obtained at the BBQ gate upon trailer exit.



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RV OR TRAVEL TRAILER RESERVATIONS REQUIRED IN THE CONTEST AREA

Same as in 2014, reservations and an additional fee will be required for **RV or TRAVEL TRAILERS** wishing to park near the cook-off. Each RV or travel trailer space will cost \$150 each.

There is no water or electricity in this area. The vehicle must be in place by 10:00 a.m. on Friday, 3/20/2015. See special notice concerning RV parking and parking passes.

All RVs and other contest rigs must be removed from the Rodeo grounds by noon on Monday, 3/23/2015

SOUND EQUIPMENT & LIVE BANDS

Any sound equipment, stereos, speakers, live bands, etc., which are set up within a team's contest area is permissible, **however, bands will no longer be allowed to drive into the compound with vehicles and trailers during hours opened to the public.**

All equipment will need to be carted into the contest area. During the BBQ award ceremony all sound equipment in a team's contest area must be turned off or turned down low so as not to cause interference and/or confusion with the stage sounds. Any team whose music/noise volume disturbs neighboring teams during the cook-off will be asked to cooperate in lowering the volume. (Reference Official Rules &

Regulations page 3, para. 12.) The BBQ Cook-Off Committee Chairman, Chief of Security, or Rodeo Austin Staff reserves the right to ask any non-cooperative team to leave the BBQ Cook-Off Grounds.

Safety FIRST...No Band Vehicles Allowed in Cook-Off Area When Open to Public



34th ANNUAL BBQ COOK-OFF
At The
RODEO AUSTIN
March 14-28, 2015

OFFICIAL RULES & REGULATIONS

1. A Contestant or Team consists of ONE (1) Chief Cook and up to FOUR (4) Assistant Cooks. Each team must have a BBQ pit.
2. Contestants may check into the BBQ Cook-Off Grounds beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, 3/19/2015, but **ALL CONTESTANTS MUST BE CHECKED IN BY 10:00 A.M. FRIDAY, 3/20/2015**, to be eligible to compete in the Cook-Off. Each team will be assigned a Pit Boss and Hostess to serve as your host for the weekend.
3. Contest meat must be **Brisket or Beef Clod ONLY!** Only one (1) cut of meat will be judged per contestant; however **two (2) meats may be tagged and cooked.**
4. All brisket or beef clod contest meat will be inspected and officially tagged by the Meat Inspector(s) starting at 2:00 p.m. on FRIDAY, 3/20/2015. No brisket or beef clod contest meat can be put on the pits prior to 6:00 p.m. on Friday. Pre-cooked, pre-salted, pre-marinated, or pre-anything meat is not allowed. **Please, no sauce on or with the meat when presented or delivered to the Judges or the entry will be disqualified!**
5. Contestants must supply all needed equipment and supplies and comply with the City of Austin Health Department Temporary Food Service Guidelines. Fires must be wood or wood substance. No electric or gas fires are allowed. Holes or dug pits are not allowed. Each team must have at least one 10lb fire extinguisher that is readily accessible by all team members. No flammable materials (i.e. hay) can be within 10 feet of your pit. All tents must meet the City of Austin Fire Department regulations. If you will have a tent, please contact Nola Plumb for the Fire Department requirements for tents.
6. **Contest (Brisket or Beef Clod) meat must be delivered to the Judges tent by 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, 3/21/2015.** The official Meat Inspector's Tag must be in place in your contest meat when the Pit Boss/Hostess arrives at your rig. Contest meat must be cut in the presence of your Pit Boss/Hostess. Judging will begin when all contest meat has been delivered to the Judge's area. Chief Cooks are responsible for keeping the "secret" number assigned to your contest meat. The same "secret" number will be affixed to your contest meat tray and the winning briskets will be announced by "secret" number. Contest meat should be submitted without any garnishing or any other addition items other than the brisket. Any contest meat submitted with any garnishing is subject to disqualification. Containers will be delivered to the Chief Cook on Saturday morning.

Please see the Events Schedule contest times and the Rules and Regulations for all of the cooking competitions during the cook-off weekend.

7. Music, bands, and/or sound equipment within your team area is allowed but must be in place by 8PM. Due to security concerns, bands will no longer be allowed to drive vehicles or trailers into the BBQ grounds during hours when we are open to the public. **Your team is required to identify a BAND Point of Contact. This individual, in conjunction with the BBQ Committee, will be responsible for escorting bands in and out of the BBQ area.** Excessively loud music and/or sounds which interfere with announcements, scheduled live bands and entertainment on stage, or which **intrudes upon or interferes with the comfort of fellow contestants**, will not be allowed or tolerated. Offenders will receive no more than two warnings from any BBQ Leadership Committee member, Rodeo Director, or Rodeo Austin Staff and non-compliance will be grounds for disqualification from the BBQ Cook-Off and expulsion from the BBQ Cook-Off Grounds. Bands and team music must be shut down by 1:00 AM.
8. A maximum contest space of 40' x 40' will be available for each team. All cooking facilities, rigs, props or show articles must fit within your team's allotted contest space. That includes all **tent stakes and trailer hitches**. Only one (1) vehicle will be allowed to remain within your contest space. **No vehicles will be allowed to enter or leave the contest area after 10:00 a.m. on Friday, 3/20/2015.** Please remove excess vehicles from the BBQ grounds within 30 minutes of arrival. Mobile homes, RV's, trailers, or similar vehicles (exclusive of your cooking rigs) will be considered the ONE vehicle allowed to remain. Parking passes may be purchased from Nola Plumb (Team Registration) prior to the commencement of the Cook-Off. All equipment, pits, tents, RV's etc. must be removed from the Cook-Off grounds before noon on Monday, 3/23/2015. Anything remaining after the noon hour will be trashed. Any team that does not clean up their area after the Cook-Off may be disqualified from future Cook-Offs.

NOTICE: Tent Staking Holes must be repaired. Teams are responsible for ensuring the contracted tent company knows to repair holes with like material. If not, BBQ Teams will be charged for the cost of repair at \$20 per hole.
9. The Chief Cook will be held responsible for the conduct of his/her team, guests or invitees. As well, the Chief Cook will be responsible for his team's compliance with the rules and regulations herein set forth. **Excessive use of alcoholic beverages will be grounds for disqualification. CONTESTANTS MUST NOT SELL OR REQUEST DONATIONS FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES. MINORS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO CONSUME OR BE IN POSSESSION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT ANY TIME. Any team member found in violation of this provision will be escorted from the property and the BBQ Team may be disqualified. No glass bottles.**
10. Live animals of any kind **are not permitted** in any Contestant's contest space, nor will any live animals be permitted on the BBQ Cook-Off Grounds.
11. Payment of the Entry Fee is Contestant's express acceptance of these rules and regulations. Non-compliance of any rule or regulation will subject Contestant to disqualification. **ENTRY FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE UNLESS YOUR TEAM IS NOT CHOSEN TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS EVENT.**
12. Rodeo Austin Executive Committee and BBQ Committee Chairman reserve the right to make additional rules and regulations as situations warrant. Decisions of the BBQ Cook-

Off Chairman are final.

13. Each team will be issued a donation jar. Teams should encourage their guests to contribute to the donation jar. The BBQ Treasury Sub-Committee will collect the funds from the jars throughout the Cook-Off. The Top Fund Raiser award will be based on the donation jar collections. Removal of funds from these jars is strictly prohibited and will be grounds for immediate disqualification and expulsion. **No other donation receptacles are allowed on the cook-off grounds.** Donations will not be counted in any team's space. BBQ Cook-Off Treasury Sub-committee members will transport all donations to the bank building for tabulation. **No Exceptions.**
14. Prize money and trophies will be awarded as follows: 1st Place BBQ - \$2000 and trophy; 2nd Place BBQ - \$1000 and trophy; 3rd Place BBQ - \$500 and trophy; Places 4 - 10 will receive trophies as finalists; 1st Place Fund Raiser - \$1000 and trophy, 2nd Place Fund Raiser - \$500 and trophy; 3rd Place Fund Raiser - \$250 and trophy; Most Elaborate Rig - trophy; and, Most Hardworking Pit - trophy. **Teams must have filled out a W-9 before they will be eligible to receive any prize money.**
15. This cook-off is an invitation only cook-off with all entries subject to review by the BBQ Leadership Committee. Contestants must cook a minimum of 50 lbs. of meat for public sampling. Teams must also have a minimum of **\$750.00** in their donation jar to be invited to return the following year. In addition to the donation minimum, the BBQ Leadership Committee may incorporate additional requirements including but not limited to team enthusiasm, continuity and attitude. Also, to qualify for two spaces, teams will be selected by the highest donation jar totals averaged over the preceding three years. (subject to availability). Teams may donate as many items to Rodeo Austin BBQ Fundraising Dance & Auction as they wish. The amount of money raised for the top two auction item(s) will be credited to the team's donation jar total.
16. No fund-raising activities will be allowed in team contest space during the Cook-Off without advance approval from the BBQ Committee Chairman. Teams should contact Team Registration to seek approval.
17. Rodeo Austin including its officers, directors, volunteers and agents and/or employees (herein called Rodeo Austin), the County of Travis (herein called County), the City of Austin and the BBQ Cook-Off Contestants, including parents, and/or legal representatives (herein called Contestant), agree that Rodeo Austin, County, and City will in no case be responsible for any loss, damage or injury, regardless of how much loss, damage or injury is occasioned by whom. Rodeo Austin and Contestant will protect, indemnify and hold harmless Rodeo Austin from any and all claims, suits and/or judgments (including the cost of defense of any such claim and/or suit by Rodeo Austin) brought by anyone as a result of any loss, damage or injury to any person, animal or property occasioned by any action or inaction of Contestant, whether solely or in conjunction with Rodeo Austin or anyone else.