



# 2025 BBQ Austin Team Handbook

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We are Rodeo Austin, a not-for-profit that provides real experiences and gritty fun to raise millions for Texas kids. Since 1938, we've been a mission with a rodeo that has brought heritage and entertainment to our community.

As a nonprofit, we are proud to support educational programs in Texas while preserving our state's western heritage. With the help of our volunteers and donors, Rodeo Austin's scholarship program has donated millions of dollars to Texas students, and we continue to cultivate agricultural education in our community. Our mission is to grow the next generation while providing gritty fun and entertainment.

BBQ Austin is a BBQ competition hosted by Rodeo Austin, organized by a volunteer committee, and sanctioned by the Champions Barbecue Alliance (CBA). Teams come from all over the state to compete for the title of BBQ Austin Grand Champion. This year's event will be held in Austin, Texas at the Travis County Exposition Center on March 7-8, 2025.

BBQ Austin is an open-invitation cook-off; this cook-off is open to the public and we encourage the community to come out and visit one of the largest BBQ competitions in Texas.

BBQ Austin also offers Austin's largest carnival, pony rides, a petting zoo, Jr. Pit Master contest & BBQ University, a hands-on learning experience for those looking to improve their cooking skills.

BBQ Austin competitors are encouraged to cook meat for public sampling to acquire donations for Rodeo Austin within their team space using the donation buckets provided by the BBQ Austin Committee. The funds collected at BBQ Austin contribute to the Rodeo Austin mission and the support of Texas Youth.

Please visit [rodeoaustin.com/events/bbq-austin/](https://rodeoaustin.com/events/bbq-austin/) or see the contact information below for assistance in answering any questions you may have about BBQ Austin.

We look forward to seeing you at this year's competition!

## BBQ AUSTIN CONTACT INFORMATION

### General Inquires & Team Information

BBQ Austin Representative  
bbqaustin@rodeoaustin.com  
512-919-3013

### BBQ Austin Staff Contact

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512-919-3001

### BBQ Austin Committee Chair

Shayne Lockhart  
bbqstfr@gmail.com



# TEAM REGISTRATION

## TEAM REQUIREMENTS

- All registrations must be **paid in full** by **January 13th, 2025**.
- Each team consists of one (1) unique Chief Cook and up to two (2) Assistant Chief Cooks.
- Each Chief Cook is required to have their own BBQ pit and will be solely responsible for their space, team guests, and compliance with Rodeo Austin and BBQ Austin rules and regulations.
- The Chief Cook at the event must match the team's registration.
  - If there is a change in the Chief Cook who registered prior to the event, please email the BBQ Austin Representative at [bbqaustin@rodeoaustin.com](mailto:bbqaustin@rodeoaustin.com).

## REGISTRATION OPTIONS

Teams are encouraged to register online at [rodeoaustin.com/events/bbq-austin/](https://rodeoaustin.com/events/bbq-austin/). Registration will not be final and team spaces will not be assigned unless full payment has been received by Rodeo Austin. All mailed payments/documents must be received by the office by the registration deadline. Debit/credit card payments are subject to a credit card processing fee.

### Checks should be mailed to:

Rodeo Austin  
Attn: BBQ Austin Team Registration  
9100 Decker Lake Road  
Austin, Texas 78724

## WHAT'S INCLUDED WITH REGISTRATION?

- One (1) Entry into Chicken, Brisket, & Ribs Contests per Chief Cook
- Event Insurance Fee
- Health Department Permit Fee (\$280 per Chief Cook)
- Custom BBQ Austin Apron (One (1) per Chief Cook)
- \*Weekend Parking Passes in Reserved Team Parking Lot
- Band passes (*All band members will need an admission ticket to enter BBQ Austin*) **NEW!**
- \*Chief Cook Event Wristbands
- \*Assistant Cook Event Wristbands
  - \*Quantity varies based on space option selected

# TEAM REGISTRATION

## 2025 TEAM SPACE OPTIONS

Please see the 2025 Pricing Sheet on Page 28 for the complete list of additional contest entries, add-ons and rentals.

Package	Size	Cost	Chief Cooks (up to)	Assistant Cooks (up to)	Team Lot Weekend Parking Passes	In-Space RV Permits	RV Lot Permits	110Vs	30 Amps	50 Amps	Water Access?
A	800 sq. ft. (i.e. 20x40)	\$550	1	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	N
B	1,600 sq. ft. (i.e. 40x40)	\$800	1	2	2	1	-	1	-	-	Y
C	3,200 sq. ft. (i.e. 40x80)	\$1,750	2	4	4	1	1	2	-	1	Y
D	6,400 sq. ft. (i.e. 80x80)	\$2,750	4	8	6	2	2	4	1	1	Y
E	9,600 sq. ft. (i.e. 80x120)	\$4,000	6	12	8	4	2	6	2	2	Y
F	14,400 sq. ft. (i.e. 120x120)	\$6,000	9	18	11	9	-	9	3	3	Y
G	19,200 sq. ft. (i.e. 120x160)	\$7,750	12	24	14	12	-	12	3	3	Y

All space option costs include Event Insurance Fees & Health Department Fees. Spaces are subject to various orientations depending on overall layout.

## IMPORTANT DATES/DEADLINES

### Important Dates

- December 16, 2024
- January 13, 2025
- January 31, 2025
- February 14, 2025
- March 3, 2025
- March 7, 2025
- March 7, 2025
- March 7-8, 2025
- March 9, 2025

### Important Information

Last day to receive Regular Rate contest entries

Deadline to register a team for BBQ Austin

Deadline to purchase additional contest entries & RV permits

Deadline to turn in band/sampling information

Deadline to rent tents from Bright Event Rentals

Team layout is published

Team Load-In (*load-in prior to this date will need to be approved*)

**ALL VEHICLES/SUPPLIES NOT IN SPACE MUST BE REMOVED BY 10:00 AM**

**MANDATORY CHIEF COOK MEETING @ 12:00 PM IN JUDGES TENT**

BBQ Austin 2025 Cook-Off

Awards Ceremony

Team Load-Out



# TEAM SPACE INFORMATION

## LOAD-IN

- Tent set-up may begin on **Monday, March 3, 2025**.
  - Tent companies must coordinate with **Shayne Lockhart** at [bbqstfr@gmail.com](mailto:bbqstfr@gmail.com) to do so.
  - A team representative must be onsite when their tent is being set up.
  - Rodeo Austin is not responsible for tent companies.
- Team load-in begins **Wednesday, March 5, 2025, at 2:00 PM** through **10:00 AM, Friday, March 7, 2025**.
- No early team load-in will be permitted.
  - If you arrive prior to load in time, you will not be allowed onto the grounds until load-in begins.
- All teams **MUST** be on the grounds by **10:00 AM on Friday, March 7, 2025** and all unmarked vehicles must be out of the competition perimeter.
- Teams will be allowed one (1) vehicle per team space to load-in.
  - This will allow each team the space and accessibility needed to unload.
  - Any additional vehicles will be asked to return when public gates open and park in general parking.
- RV passes can not be purchased onsite; these must be purchased in advance before registration closes.

## UPON SITE ARRIVAL

- Know your team's space number.
- You will enter the event area through Gate 2 off Decker Lane.
- No public gates will be open at this time.
- RVs will need to check in upon arrival to receive their RV tag.
  - Please know ahead of time if your RV will be in the team space (+ space #) or in the reserved RV lot.
- RV 's that were not purchased during registration not be permitted on grounds.
- A BBQ Austin Representative will escort you to your designated team space.
- Begin load-in and remove any vehicles once items have been unloaded.

## SPACE INSPECTION

- Teams will have a health inspection by Austin/Travis County Health Officials and Fire Marshal no later than **noon on Friday, March 7, 2025**.

## LOAD-OUT

- Begins after the Awards Ceremony on **Sunday, March 9th, 2025** and must be completed by **6:00 PM**.
  - Gates will not be opened until the completion of the awards ceremony.
- No late load out allowed.
  - Teams may not stay overnight on Sunday.
- Your space is to be left as it was when your team arrived.
  - Any leftover items, debris, trash, etc. left in your space will result in a \$500 fine.



# TEAM SPACE INFORMATION

## ELECTRICAL

- Team Space Options (pg. 5) has the complete list of what each space option includes for electricity access.
- BBQ Austin may use different types of equipment to supply power to your area.
  - This equipment may have other types of outlets on them, but these other outlets MAY NOT be used under any circumstances.
- Teams are required to bring at least 100-150ft of extension cord to reach their team space.
  - Teams are responsible for providing their own extension cords.
  - It is recommended to bring a 30 amp power adapter.
  - Please make sure all cords are 12-3 gauge with ground to help alleviate power surges and outages.
- Teams who will need more power than designated in their purchased space option should provide their own generator.
  - All personal generators must be grounded and will be inspected by the Fire Marshal when assigning tent capacity limits and performing tent inspections.
  - No service/fuel/maintenance for personal generators will be provided from BBQ Austin.
  - Please try to have your generator exhaust vent out the top of the generator, not the side.
- All personal generators are required to have their own designated fire extinguisher.

## GREASE DISPOSAL

- Grease must be disposed in receptacles provided by BBQ Austin.
- Teams must bring their own container to dispose of their cooking oils/fats inside to take to the designated areas.
- Dumping of grease in trash receptacles, sewer systems or portables is STRICTLY PROHIBITED and can lead to immediate expulsion from BBQ Austin.

## WATER STATIONS

- There are water trees available for team packages B-G for us use throughout the event.
- Community water fill will be available in limited locations. Please bring containers and/or hoses to transport water to your area.
- Connection of a hose at community water faucets should not exceed 10 minutes at a time. All teams are required to have a bucket of water or other sterilizing agent location in the team cooking area. No water will be delivered to any team spaces.
- Teams may not run a hose from the communal water station to their team space.



# TEAM SPACE INFORMATION

## PORTABLES, HANDWASHING & GREY WATER RENTALS

- Standard Portables, ADA Portables, Handwashing Stations, and Grey Water Tanks for team spaces are available to rent within your team's registration through BBQ Austin's approved, exclusive vendor.
  - Teams may not bring in their own portables through another vendor; if found, there will be penalties.
- Dumping of grey water anywhere other than a grey water tank is strictly prohibited.
  - Teams found dumping inappropriately will be disqualified from the competition.
- Rentals will be in your team's space upon arrival during Load-In.
  - You may move these within your space based on your personal preference; however, it's recommended to put them in a convenient and clutter free area for servicing.
- Portables and ADA will be serviced between **3:00 AM – 10:00 AM on Friday, Saturday and Sunday mornings only.**
  - There will be no service on Thursday.
  - If your portable is placed within the team space but is not accessible, it will not be serviced.
  - If your portable is gated off, locked, behind equipment, unable to be found, inaccessible, etc.
- Recommended Portable Rentals:
  - 100 People = 3 Portables
  - 150 People = 4 Portables
  - 250 People = 5 Portables
  - 500 People = 7 Portables
  - 1,000 People = 10 Portables

## TRASH INFORMATION

- Team spaces will come with a few trash bins.
- Teams are responsible for monitoring the trash and changing when full.
- Teams are responsible for supplying 55-gallon industrial trash bags.
- All full trash bags will need to go out front of your tent for trash pickup.
- Teams may leave trash for frequent pickup on Friday and Saturday only.
  - If teams do not have trash placed near in the service alleys near their space, their trash will not be picked up and it is then the team's responsibly to move the trash to the appropriate dumpster.
- On **Sunday, March 9th, 2025**, all trash must be placed in one of the designated trash receptacles onsite.

## DUMPSTER AND ASH BINS

- Throughout the grounds of the event, all waste is to go into the waste compound.
  - Each waste compound will consist of a dumpster, ash bin, and grease bin.
- Trash is never to be placed in gray water containers.
  - Cigarette and cigar butts are considered trash and debris.
- Hot Coals are **NOT** to be thrown on the ground.
  - All hot coals are to be placed into the ash bins.





# TEAM SPACE INFORMATION

## TENTS

- The Travis County Fire Marshal requires teams to obtain temporary permits for tents that are
  - Over 400 sq. ft. with sides
  - 700 sq. ft. without sides
- The fee for this permit is \$240, due at the time of registration.
- All tents that are within the Travis County tent requirements **MUST** have completed permit paperwork turned in during registration with the space layout for the Fire Marshal.
- Inspections will be completed on **Friday, March 7th, 2025**, prior to noon.
  - You will **NOT** be allowed to operate if you do not have a permit.
- **Please Note:** If your tent does not meet these requirements, you do not need a permit.
- If you choose to rent a tent, all tents/canopies **MUST BE** flame retardant. Please have the paperwork/certificate(s) that validate your tents'/canopies' flame retardancy inside your tent at all times.
- BBQ Austin is partnered with Bright Event Rentals for all your rental needs.
- You can find the packages provided by Bright at a discounted rate in your team information packet.

## PERSONAL TENT INFO

- Teams may bring and set-up personal pop-up/easy-up canopy tents without the aid of a commercial tent company, up to a 100 sq. ft. If you choose to bring your own tent, you may not dig/stake into the ground at any location inside the event grounds (grass or pavement). It is recommended to weigh down all sides of your personal pop-up/easy-up canopy tent.
- Teams that have damaged the ground in their team space will be liable and responsible for any necessary repairs. This will be determined by BBQ Austin authorities.
- All tents/canopies **MUST BE** flame retardant. Please have the paperwork/certificate(s) that validate your tents'/canopies' flame retardancy inside your tent at all times.

## OPEN FIRES

- In the interest of safety, BBQ Austin prohibits open fires and ground pits.

## ICE TICKETS

- Ice will be available for purchase at \$5.00 for a 20 lb. bag.
- It is highly encouraged to order and purchase ICE tickets in advance at the time of registration on the Official Entry Form. Additional ICE tickets may only be purchased onsite from the BBQ Austin Bank during BBQ Austin.
- **NO OTHER ICE TRUCKS WILL BE ALLOWED ON BBQ AUSTIN GROUNDS.**

# TEAM SPACE RULES & REGULATIONS

## ADMISSIONS/EVENT SECURITY

- BBQ Austin will provide security on the contest grounds during the hours the contest is open and closed (Wednesday - Sunday).
- BBQ Austin does not in any way ensure the safety of said team space and disclaims any and all liability for damage to team spaces, teams, and their guests through any means not within its control.
- If any security issues arise, please call the phone line provided in your team information upon your arrival.

## TEAM SECURITY

- Any team having staff acting as a guard/bouncer/controlling of entrance must be unarmed and be supplied/hired by the individual teams.
- Armed guards for team spaces are not allowed; no weapons are allowed on the ground/premise.

## BEVERAGES/ALCOHOL

- Teams, guests, and/or individuals may bring their own beverage onto property by **10:00am on Friday**.
  - After 10:00 AM on Friday, NO BEVERAGES may be brought onto property.
- Teams cannot sell or mandate donations for alcoholic beverages; however, teams are welcome to encourage guests to contribute to the donation buckets.
- Teams serving alcohol are required to use an appropriate number of TABC certified bartenders.
- Excessive use of alcoholic beverages may be grounds for disqualification.
- At no time may a person under the age of 21 be served alcohol of any nature, even in the presence of a legal guardian.
  - A team serving alcohol to minors will face possible arrest, as well as penalties assessed by BBQ Austin.
- Teams are required to provide food when alcohol is being served.
- BBQ Austin is a licensed area and only beverages served onsite will be allowed on event grounds.

## EVENT ACCESSIBILITY

- Designated handicap parking spaces will be available in the ADA lot in the General Public Parking lot.
- There will not be additional ADA/Transportation provided inside the event on Friday and Saturday.
- It is not the easiest area to traverse for guests with disabilities, but we do our best to make it as accessible as possible.
- BBQ Austin does not provide personal care, golf cart rides, or push service.
  - We also do not rent wheelchairs.
- Be aware that the event grounds, for the most part are paved.
  - Some team spaces and public event space will have more natural terrain/grass.
- The only location to park a vehicle is within your team space, prepaid reserved parking or public parking.

# TEAM SPACE RULES & REGULATIONS

## PROHIBITED ACTIONS

- Bag checks will be conducted at all public gates during public operating hours.
- BBQ teams will not be permitted to bring anything through the public gates. If teams need to restock, they must use Gate 2 BBQ team entrance only.
- Shoes and shirts must always be worn. No clothing of political or discriminatory content permitted.
- Any unmanned aerial vehicles, aircraft and drones are strictly prohibited.
- Demonstrations or activities that cause annoyance to neighboring contestants such as flashing lights, noise, obstruction of walk space, or any prevention of ready access to nearby contest spaces will not be tolerated.
- Use of stereos, live music, or amplifying equipment during the quiet hours (Midnight to 8 AM) is not permitted.
  - Each barbecue team is responsible to see that quiet hours are enforced within their team space.
- BBQ Austin will strictly enforce the quiet times.
  - Teams that do not respect the quiet times may be shut down, removed from the contest, reported to authorities, etc.
  - All teams are to respect other teams/competitors at the event.

## PROHIBITED ITEMS & ACTIONS

- Firearms, explosives, and weapons of any kind (including conceal and carry)
- Illegal substances
- Flying objects (specifically drones/quadcopters)
- Live animals/pets
- Transportation equipment other than a vehicle
- Obscene music
- Glass Bottles

## PROHIBITED TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT

- Golf carts
- Gators
- Motorized coolers
- 3 or 4 wheelers
- Motorcycles
- Bicycles
- Rickshaws
- Skateboards
- Rollerblades
- Scooters (manual or electric)
- Segways
- Hoverboards

# TEAM SPACE RULES & REGULATIONS

## IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY, DIAL **512-919-3050**

- There will be Medical and Law Enforcement onsite 24/7.
- If someone in your tent is having an emergency, clear the area, call for help and remain calm.
- If you call for help, have a representative from your team go out to the alley and watch for emergency personnel to help direct them as quickly as possible.

## FOR NON-EMERGENCIES, CALL:

- BBQ Austin Representative at (512) 919-3013 **OR** Alyssa Foreman at (512) 919-3001

## DISTRIBUTION OF FOOD/GOODS/SERVICES

- No goods or services may be distributed to the general public by contestants.
  - This includes, but is not limited to:
    - Company/Team Merchandise
    - Information Packets/Pamphlets
    - Marketing Materials, etc.
  - If teams are caught promoting on the premise outside of their team space, all materials will be confiscated, and additional penalties may apply.
- Teams may not sell food from their team space to the public.
  - This is a donation-only event.
  - Teams are encouraged to collect donations for food/drinks that are provided.
  - All funds collected will help fund the mission of Rodeo Austin.

## SIGNAGE/MARKETING/SPONSORSHIP

- Teams are not permitted to display any promotional signage or decoration within their contestant space.
- No team is allowed to hand-out any literature or marketing items to the general public.
- Any team interested in selling may look into becoming a BBQ Austin approved vendor.
- **Please see the Rodeo Austin Marketing Guidelines on Page 26 for more information.**

## TEAM SPONSORS

- BBQ Austin recognizes the need for teams to secure sponsors. In consideration of the BBQ Austin event sponsors, teams may display their sponsors in the following manner:
  - If a team has a sponsor that conflicts with an exclusive event sponsor, the display may be within the team space but not visible to the public (for example, inside team tent).
  - All other sponsors may be displayed within the team space (this may be visible and must be displayed inside team space)

# VEHICLES/PARKING/ADMISSION

## BRINGING AN RV?

- If you are arriving in an RV, you will need to have your water tank full prior to entering the grounds.
  - We do not have the water capacity to allow you to fill your tanks.
- All RVs will need to have an RV form completed prior to arrival at BBQ Austin; whether being parked in-space or in the designated RV Lot.
  - **Onsite RV permits will not be available for purchase onsite.**
- RV services for tank dumping/water filling will be available and will need to be scheduled and paid for by **January 10, 2025.**
- If you are renting an RV, make sure the person dropping off your RV has your information and a representative from the team will need to be onsite to accept the RV delivery.
- RVs will not be allowed on property unless they have the team information (team name, representative name and team spot # or know they will be in designated RV lot).
- RVs cannot be removed until after awards on **Sunday, March 9, 2025.**
- Travis County Fire Marshal will be enforcing a 10ft distance requirement between pull-behinds and other structures and a 20ft distance requirement between drivables and other structures.

## BAND ADMISSION & PARKING

- Band vehicles will be allowed to enter through **Gate 2.**
- Each member of the band or sound crew **MUST HAVE A BAND TICKET.** *NEW!*
- Band tickets will be on the entertainment form and teams will need to communicate how many they need.
- These tickets will be in the team packet or available for pickup at the Rodeo Austin office.
- Teams are responsible for their bands and making sure that all members are properly ticketed to enter the event grounds.
- Music, bands, and/or sound equipment within your team area is allowed but must be in place by **8:00 PM.**
- Due to security concerns, bands will no longer be allowed to drive vehicles or trailers into the BBQ grounds.
- Band vehicles will be directed to the band unloading area where BBQ Austin volunteers will help unload and escort bands via BBQ Austin utility vehicles into the event area. The vehicles will be parked in the designated band lot for the duration that they are on the grounds.
- Each additional person inside the vehicle not part of the band is required to have a valid ticket/wristband and must walk to the team space, as the load-in and load-out process is limited to band members only.
- If the vehicle has more than one person, it is the team's responsibility to provide additional wristbands/tickets to those people

# VEHICLES/PARKING/ADMISSION

## GENERAL PUBLIC PARKING

- General Public parking will be charged \$20 per vehicle during the following hours:
  - **Friday: 11:00 AM – 11:00 PM** and **Saturday: 11:00 AM – 11:00 PM**
- General public lots will not open early, and vehicles may not park in these lots prior to the times above.
- Teams may pre-purchase general public parking passes for a discounted rate during registration.
  - These will be available onsite for purchase for regular prices at the BBQ Bank.

## PUBLIC ADMISSION

- Adults - \$10
- Children (ages 2-12) - \$5
- Seniors 65+ and Military/1st Responders - \$5

## DISCOUNTED TICKETS FOR TEAMS

- Teams have the opportunity to purchase discounted single entry tickets during team registration.
  - Adults - \$8, Children (ages 2-12) - \$5
  - Tickets must be present starting at **11:00am on Friday, March 7, 2025.**
  - Individuals without tickets at this time must either purchase tickets or leave the event.
- Tickets/Wristbands are non-refundable and non-transferable.
- Team discounted single entry and/or wristbands may not be resold.

## TICKETS & TEAM SPACES

- Each person on the ground must have a valid ticket or wristband, produced by BBQ Austin, to enter the event grounds beginning Friday.
- If your team is producing a ticket/invite to your specific space, you must include the verbiage: ***“THIS NOT AN ENTRY TICKET INTO BBQ AUSTIN GROUNDS.”***
- Preferred verbiage: ***“This Ticket/invitation/wristband/etc. will only grant you access to Space # XXX/Team XXX. THIS NOT AN ENTRY TICKET INTO BBQ AUSTIN.”***



# CONTEST INFORMATION

## CHAMPIONS BARBECUE ALLIANCE

- BBQ Austin abides by all CBA regulations and requirements, unless noted within the rules and regulations of BBQ Austin.
- For a full listing of CBA rules, please refer to their website <https://www.cbabbq.com>.

## CHIEF COOK MEETING

- The Chief Cook Meeting will be held at **12:00 PM on Friday, March 7, 2025**.
- The BBQ Austin Committee Leadership and CBA Event Representative(s) will review CBA contest rules, turn in times, quantity of each product and address any questions you may have.
- All Chief Cooks or a representative must attend.
- Chief Cooks will pick up all competition containers and be assigned a QR code.

## BBQ PITS

- Any commercial or homemade, trailered or un-trailered, pit or smoker normally used for competitive barbecue.
- A BBQ Pit may include gas or electricity for starting the combustion of wood or wood products but NOT to complete cooking. Pit should be of a permanent design that contains separate individual cooking chambers and heat sources (no sharing of heat sources). Pellet smokers are permitted. Electrical accessories such as spits, augers or force drafts are permitted.
- The use of heat lamps, proofing cabinets or any other electrical heating or holding device is prohibited. The process of Sous Vide, boiling, or frying of competition meat is not allowed.

## COOKED ONSITE

- Each team will provide the pit(s) to be used exclusively within the team's assigned cooking site.
- The preparation and completion (excluding pre-trimming) of any and all meats in competition is within the confines of the cook-off site and during the time limits designated by BBQ Austin.
- Once a team and their CBA meats have arrived at BBQ Austin, the meats are not allowed to be removed from the competition grounds.
- Pre-trimming of competition meat is allowed and may be removed from the store packaging to do so.



# CONTEST INFORMATION

## CBA SCORING - QR CODES

- CBA requires that a taped QR code will be affixed to the top of a tray
  - This code will be scanned at tray pick up and will be designated to that particular team.
- Each team is responsible to take care of their trays.
- Damaged trays that still have their correlating QR code attached will be replaced by a CBA representative.
  - Lost trays will not be replaced and teams will receive a score of zero in the correlating category.

## CONTEST TURN-IN TIMES

*A 10 minute window before category turn-in time will be recognized and enforced. No late entries will be accepted.*

### FRIDAY - March 7, 2025

- 5:00 PM - BBQ Sauce
- 7:00 PM - David Kitchen's Jackpot

### SATURDAY - March 8, 2025

- 9:30 AM - Bloody Mary
- 11:30 AM - Beans
- 12:30 PM - Jr. Pit Master
- 1:30 PM - Chicken
- 3:30 PM - Ribs
- 5:30 PM - Brisket

## TEAM DISQUALIFICATIONS

**Failure to comply with CBA rules can result in a disqualification of the offending team or teams:**

- Foul, abusive, and/or unacceptable language by a head cook, assistants, and their guests can result in immediate disqualification.
- Failure to comply with event or city rules can result in immediate disqualification.
- Failure to comply with any state, city, county, or CBA Covid guidelines can result in immediate disqualification.





# CONTEST INFORMATION

## CONTEST COOKING & AWARDS

- Each sample is evaluated on its own merit, not compared to other samples.
- The samples will be scored by judges on the basis of presentation, taste, and texture.
- The highest score in each meat category will be awarded category winner.
- The highest overall combined score for Brisket, Ribs, and Chicken is awarded the BBQ Austin Grand Champion.
- All garnishes and condiments are prohibited.
- Sauces and/or other liquids may not be added to the tray prior to placing the product in.
- Meats may be cooked with sauces and/or other liquids, but once the cooking is complete, sauces and/or liquids may not be added once the protein has been placed in the tray.
- Foreign items (toothpicks, pins, string, etc.) found in entry will result in disqualification.
- Entries not cooked to USDA safe minimum internal temperatures could also cause disqualification.
- Each tray will include one sheet of foil placed unfolded under the contents of the tray.
- After the tray has been turned in, any tray found to be in violation of CBA rules will be disqualified at the discretion of the CBA Event Representative.
  - The CBA Event Representative will have the ultimate decision in disqualifying said tray.

## JUDGING

- All entries will be judged on PRESENTATION, TASTE, and TEXTURE.
- The scoring system values will range from Excellent being the best score to Poor being the worst score.
- The weighting factors for the point system are as follows:
  - Presentation - 18% (.72)
  - Taste - 46% (1.86)
  - Texture - 35.5% (1.42)
- Single Round Judging - CBA Event Representative will allocate a recommended amount of 10 entries to a table with six (6) approved judges. The lowest score out of the 6 judges will be dropped. The remaining 5 scores will be used to determine category placement.
  - Once all CBA categories and BBQ Austin categories are scored, those scores will be added together to determine overall placement.

# CONTEST INFORMATION

## CONTEST COOKING & AWARDS

**Please Note: Winners of contests that are awarded monetary winnings must go to BBQ Bank after the awards ceremony to fill out a W-9 and pick up their check.**

### CHICKEN CONTEST

#### **\*REQUIRED CONTEST - 1 ENTRY PER CHIEF COOK ALLOWED**

- Chief Cooks will provide their own chicken.
- Chickens may be cooked however you choose, as long as they are cooked on the pit.
- Need enough for 6 judges.
- Tray may not contain shredded or pulled Chicken.
- No garnish allowed.
- Foil provided by CBA must be placed unfolded at the bottom of the tray.
- Cornish game hens are not allowed and will be disqualified.

### BRISKET CONTEST

#### **\*REQUIRED CONTEST - 1 ENTRY PER CHIEF COOK ALLOWED**

- Chief Cooks will provide their own brisket.
  - Only one (1) meat will be judged per contestant.
- Pre-cooked, pre-salted, or pre-marinated meat is not allowed.
  - All prep work and cooking (other than trimming) must be done onsite at BBQ Austin.
- Brisket slices and/or burnt ends only.
- Need enough for 6 judges.
- No garnish allowed.
- Foil provided by CBA must be placed unfolded at the bottom of the tray.

*Helpful hint: Place the slices and/or burnt ends parallel to the hinge of tray lid, working your way forward.*

### CHICKEN PAYOUTS

- 1st Place** - \$1,500, trophy & banner
- 2nd Place** - \$750 & trophy
- 3rd Place** - \$350 & trophy
- 4th Place** - \$300
- 5th Place** - \$275
- 6th Place** - \$250
- 7th Place** - \$225
- 8th Place** - \$200
- 9th Place** - \$175
- 10th Place** - \$150

### BRISKET PAYOUTS

- 1st Place** - \$3,000, trophy & banner
- 2nd Place** - \$1,250 & trophy
- 3rd Place** - \$750 & trophy
- 4th Place** - \$300
- 5th Place** - \$275
- 6th Place** - \$250
- 7th Place** - \$225
- 8th Place** - \$200
- 9th Place** - \$175
- 10th Place** - \$150

# CONTEST INFORMATION

## RIB CONTEST

### **\*REQUIRED CONTEST - 1 ENTRY PER CHIEF COOK ALLOWED**

- Chief Cooks will provide their own ribs.
- Ribs must be bone-in, individually cut.
- Only Pork Spare ribs, St. Louis cut or Baby Back ribs are allowed.
- Need enough for 6 judges.
- No garnish allowed.
- Foil provided by CBA must be placed unfolded at the bottom of the tray.

*Helpful hint: Place the ribs parallel to the hinge of the tray lid working your way forward until the bottom is filled. Start a top row placing the ribs parallel until the required amount is in the tray with the meat side up and bones pointing the same direction.*

### **RIB PAYOUTS**

- 1st Place** - \$1,750, trophy & banner
- 2nd Place** - \$750 & trophy
- 3rd Place** - \$350 & trophy
- 4th Place** - \$300
- 5th Place** - \$275
- 6th Place** - \$250
- 7th Place** - \$225
- 8th Place** - \$200
- 9th Place** - \$175
- 10th Place** - \$150

## BEAN CONTEST

- Beans will be started at the cooking site from dry pinto beans.
- Cooks may cook with condiments.
- When the beans are turned in, nothing is to be included in the bean cup larger than the bean.
  - If something is found by the judges larger than a bean in the bean cup, the entry will be disqualified.
- **Onsite entries will not be available for purchase.**

### **BEAN PAYOUTS**

- 1st Place** - \$300, trophy & banner
- 2nd Place** - \$200 & plaque
- 3rd Place** - \$100 & plaque

## DAVID KITCHEN JACKPOT CONTEST

- Contestants receive container for your "contest dish" which may be any type of "dish" cooked on a pit -- from rattlesnake to prime rib, anything goes (but no desserts)!!
- A team may enter more than one "contest dish", however, each additional "contest dish" costs an additional entry fee.
- Teams may begin cooking their Jackpot Cook-Off "contest dish" at any time, after arriving on the BBQ Austin Grounds.
- **Onsite entries will not be available for purchase.**

### **JACKPOT PAYOUTS**

- 1st Place** - \$1,000, trophy & banner
- 2nd Place** - \$250 & plaque
- 3rd Place** - \$100 & plaque

# CONTEST INFORMATION

## CONTEST COOKING & AWARDS

### BLOODY MARY CONTEST

- The Bloody Mary entries will be judged on Presentation, Taste & Texture.
- 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 contest check-in and judging.
- **Onsite entries will not be available for purchase.**

### **BLOODY MARY PAYOUTS**

*1st Place - \$150, trophy & banner  
2nd Place - \$100 & plaque  
3rd Place - \$50 & plaque*

### BBO SAUCE CONTEST

- The BBQ Sauce entries will be judged by scoring scale of 1-10 in the categories of Presentation, Taste & Texture (with Taste being weighted at 300 percent).
  - All scores are then combined to create a single cumulative score for each product.
  - A sealed 12-ounce container labeled with product name and category type (see below) will be turned in for judging.
  - The label for all entries will be covered and assigned a random number to assure anonymity, before judging.
- **Onsite entries will not be available for purchase**

### **BBO SAUCE PAYOUTS**

*1st Place - \$150, trophy & banner  
2nd Place - \$100 & plaque  
3rd Place - \$50 & plaque*

*\*Will be awarded for each sauce category*

Sauces will be divided into the following categories:

- **Tomato-Based Sauces:** Open to “no heat” sauces and “peppers and spice for heat” sauces.
- **Mustard-Based Sauces:** With or without heat.
- **Vinegar-Based Sauces:** With or without heat.
- **Specialty Sauces:** Sauces that don’t fit into the other categories (example: White Sauce, Asian, Thai, etc.).

## NON-COOKING AWARDS

### TOP TEAM FUNDRAISER

1st – 4th Places will receive a trophy

### HARDEST WORKING PIT

Top three teams will receive trophies

### MOST ELABORATE RIG

Top three teams will receive trophies



# CONTEST INFORMATION

## BBQ AUSTIN & TEXAS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS

### BBQ Austin Grand Champion

- Awarded to the team that receives the highest overall combined score for Brisket, Chicken, and Ribs.
- Winner will receive a trophy & a banner (to represent BBQ Austin for the following year at contests listed in the Winner's Purse).

Winner will also receive complimentary entry into the following cook-offs:

- Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo
- San Antonio Stock Show Barbecue Cook-Off
- North Texas Fair & Rodeo
- Lonestar Barbecue Society (LSBS) Cook of the Year (COTY) Cook-Off (Santa Anna, Tx)
- San Angelo Stock Show & Rodeo
- NCB Meridian
- BBQ Austin the following year in Texas State Champions Division

### BBQ Austin Reserve Champion

- A trophy is awarded to the second highest overall combined score for Brisket, Chicken, & Ribs.

### Texas State Grand Champion

- Grand Champion will receive a trophy, a banner & a designated spot at the National BBQ Battle in Washington, DC to represent the State of Texas

### Texas State Reserve Champion

- Reserve Champion will receive a trophy.

## JR. PIT MASTER CONTEST

- Entries are \$50 per contestant (\$75 during extended rate period); this contest is open to the public.
- Contestants will compete for the Jr. Pit Master title in two age divisions:
  - Junior Division (ages 8-12)
  - Senior Division (ages 13-17)
  - Age divisions are based on age at the time of the contest.
- The Jr. Pit Master Contest will be judged based on three categories: Presentation, Taste & Texture.
- Adult supervision is required; one per cook.
- Rodeo Austin will provide charcoal, a BBQ pit, a pork chop, and an apron.
  - Jr. Pit Masters will need to bring utensils, BBQ rub, BBQ sauce, gloves, foil, a small table, and additional items as needed.
- Registration is online as well as on the BBQ Austin Team Registration Website.
- Please note: Fairground entry/parking is not included in the registration cost.

# CONTEST INFORMATION

## JR. PIT MASTER CONTEST RULES

- The Jr. Cook is responsible for prepping, seasoning, cooking, and presenting their entry.
  - Guidance from an adult is allowed, but please allow the Jr. Cook to be the Head Cook.
- Jr. Cooks will cook on charcoal grills in the Jr. Pit Master area.
- BBQ Austin will provide all the competition pork chops.
  - The pork chops will be handed out at the Jr. Pit Master area at the start time.
  - The pork chop will be prepped and cooked in the Jr. Pit Master area.
- The pork chop is not allowed to leave the designated Jr. Pit Master area, if this occurs the pit will be disqualified.
  - No pork chop is to be present in the Jr. Pit Master area other than the pork chops provided.
- Sauce must be cooked on; no additional sauce may be added once the pork chop is in the tray.
  - No pooling of sauces or liquids in the turn in tray.
- Pork chop may not contain decorations, toppings, stuffing, or additional items.
  - Only the pork chop is allowed in the tray.
  - Pork chops may not be marked in any way apart from grill marks.
- Pork chops may be lightly trimmed before, but not after cooking.
- No garnishment or any additional items other than the entry should be put into the contest container.
- Pork chops must be submitted in the provided trays.
  - The foil provided must stay in the tray under the pork chop.
- If the Jr. Cook abandons the pit in the Jr. Pit Master area for any reason, other than a medical emergency or to use the restroom, the Jr. Cook must notify the BBQ Committee member.
  - If at any time the Jr. Cook is not the primary cook, the pit will be disqualified.
  - If the pit has been abandoned by the Jr. Cook without notifying the BBQ Committee Member, the pit may be disqualified.

## JR. PIT MASTER CONTEST SCHEDULE & AWARDS

### Saturday, March 8, 2025

- 10:00 AM - Jr. Pit Master Cook Check-In
- 10:30 AM - Jr. Pit Master Cook Meeting
- 10:45 AM - Pork Chop & Turn-In Tray Distributed
- 11:00 AM - Pits Lit & Cooking Begins
- 12:30 PM - Pork Chop Turn-In, Judging & Awards

### JR. PIT MASTER AWARDS

- Grand Champion** - Belt Buckle & Banner
- Reserve Champion** - Belt Buckle & Banner
- \*Will be awarded in both age divisions*



# 2025 BBQ AUSTIN TEAM SCHEDULE

March 5 - March 9, 2025

Presented By:



## Wednesday - 3/5/2025

- 2:00 PM BBQ Teams and Team Vendors arrive onsite for setup. \*Gate 2 access only\*
- 3:00 - 5:00 PM BBQ Team Registration open for onsite team packet pick up in Judges Tent.

## Thursday - 3/6/2025

- 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM BBQ Teams and Team Vendors setup continues. \*Gate 2 access only\*
- 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM BBQ Team Registration open for onsite team packet pick up in Judges Tent. (CLOSED 11 AM - 1 PM FOR LUNCH)
- 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM BBQ Bank open to purchase ice tickets, admission & parking.

## Friday - 3/7/2025

- 8:00 AM City of Austin Health Department & Travis County Fire Marshal to complete onsite compliance inspection.
- 10:00 AM BBQ Austin Committee to deliver donation buckets to team spaces.
- 11:30 AM All teams must be checked in and items/vehicles not in team space must be removed from contest area.
- 12:00 PM BBQ Austin public parking gates **OPEN**.  
Ticket gates **OPEN** for public entry.  
**CHIEF COOK MEETING - MANDATORY.**
- 4:00 PM **Pork Producers public sampling open to public.**  
Carnival, Petting Zoo & Pony Rides **OPEN**.
- 5:00 PM **BBQ SAUCE TURN-IN - Must be in line at least 10 minutes before turn-in time.**
- 7:00 PM **DAVID KITCHEN'S JACKPOT TURN-IN - Must be in line at least 10 minutes before turn-in time.**
- 11:00 PM BBQ Austin ticket gates **CLOSE**.
- 12:00 AM BBQ Austin Carnival **CLOSE**.

## Saturday - 3/8/2025

- 9:30 AM **BLOODY MARY TURN-IN - Must be in line at least 10 minutes before turn-in time.**
  - 11:00 AM BBQ Austin parking, ticket gates and carnival open to public.
  - 11:30 AM **BEAN TURN-IN - Must be in line at least 10 minutes before turn-in time.**
  - 12:00 PM **Pork Producers public sampling open to public.**
  - 12:30 PM Jr. Pit Master Turn-In, Judging & Awards
  - 1:00 - 3:00 PM Most Elaborate Rig & Hardest Working Pit judging.
  - 1:30 PM **CHICKEN TURN-IN - Must be in line at least 10 minutes before turn-in time.**
  - 3:30 PM **RIBS TURN-IN - Must be in line at least 10 minutes before turn-in time.**
  - 5:30 PM **BRISKET TURN-IN - Must be in line at least 10 minutes before turn-in time.**
  - 11:00 PM BBQ Austin ticket gates **CLOSE**.
  - 12:00 AM BBQ Austin Carnival **CLOSE**.
- Jr. Pit Master Schedule:**  
10:00 AM - Jr. Pit Master Cook Check-In  
10:30 AM - Jr. Pit Master Cook Meeting  
10:45 AM - Pork Chops & Turn-In Trays Distributed  
11:00 AM - Pits Lit & Cooking Begins  
12:30 PM - Pork Chop Turn-In

## Sunday - 3/9/2025

- 8:00 - 10:30 AM BBQ Committee to pick up donation buckets. Teams may begin to tear down team space but nothing including vehicles and RVs will be allowed to enter or leave the event area until after the awards ceremony.
- 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM Awards Ceremony - **MONETARY WINNERS MUST GO TO BBQ BANK TO PICK UP CHECKS & FILL OUT A W9!**
- 12:00 PM Event is over - gates will open and teams will be able to begin moving out of the event space.



# 2025 BBQ AUSTIN PRICING SHEET

March 7-8, 2025  
512-919-3013

## SPACE OPTIONS

Package	Size	Cost	Chief Cooks (up to)	Assistant Cooks (up to)	Team Lot Weekend Parking Passes	In-Space RV Permits	RV Lot Permits	110Vs	30 Amps	50 Amps	Water Access?
A	800 sq. ft. (i.e. 20x40)	\$550	1	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	N
B	1,600 sq. ft. (i.e. 40x40)	\$800	1	2	2	1	-	1	-	-	Y
C	3,200 sq. ft. (i.e. 40x80)	\$1,750	2	4	4	1	1	2	-	1	Y
D	6,400 sq. ft. (i.e. 80x80)	\$2,750	4	8	6	2	2	4	1	1	Y
E	9,600 sq. ft. (i.e. 80x120)	\$4,000	6	12	8	4	2	6	2	2	Y
F	14,400 sq. ft. (i.e. 120x120)	\$6,000	9	18	11	9	-	9	3	3	Y
G	19,200 sq. ft. (i.e. 120x160)	\$7,250	12	24	14	12	-	12	3	3	Y

All space option costs include Event Insurance Fees & Health Department Fees. Spaces are subject to various orientations depending on overall layout.

## ADDITIONAL CONTEST ENTRIES

Contest	Description	Regular Rate (on/before Dec 16)	Extended Rate (Dec 17-Jan 13)
Jr. Pit Master	Open to Ages 8-17: Junior Division 8-12, Senior Division 13-17. Check-In is at 10:00am and Turn-In is at 12:30pm on Saturday, March 8.	\$50 (team)   \$75 (individual)	\$75
Beans	This is no longer a sanctioned contest; you may purchase multiple entries. Turn-In is at 11:30am on Saturday, March 8.	\$30	\$50
DK's Jackpot	No desserts allowed. Turn-In is at 7:00pm on Friday, March 7.	\$55	\$75
Bloody Mary	Judged based on Presentation, Taste & Texture. Turn-In is at 9:30am on Saturday, March 8.	\$30	\$50
BBQ Sauce	Select from the following categories during registration: Tomato-Based, Vinegar-Based, Mustard-Based, or Specialty. Turn-In is at 5:00pm on Friday, March 7.	\$30	\$50





# 2025 BBQ AUSTIN PRICING SHEET

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ITEM	DESCRIPTION	REG   EXT
RESERVED TEAM LOT WEEKEND PARKING PASS	Weekend parking pass with Permit Gate Access for teams; lot is reserved for competing team members only; <b>not available for purchase onsite</b> . LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE!	\$60   \$75
ONE DAY PARKING PASS	Single day parking with General Admission gate access; available during registration and onsite at BBQ Austin.	\$15   \$20
RV LOT PARKING PERMIT	RV lot reserved for all RVs that will not be in your team's space; dry lot (no power/water); these permits are not available for onsite purchase.	\$250   \$300
RV WATER FILL	Purchase rental through registration; will be filled at the beginning of BBQ Austin. Price is per fill.	\$50
RV HOLDING TANK SERVICE	Purchase rental through registration; Service will be on Saturday & Sunday between 3:00 AM - 10:00 AM	\$100
STANDARD PORTABLE RENTAL	Purchase rental through registration; Service will be on Friday, Saturday, Sunday between 3:00 AM - 10:00 AM	\$175
ADA PORTABLE RENTAL	Purchase rental through registration; Service will be done on Friday, Saturday, Sunday between 3:00 AM - 10:00 AM	\$175
HANDWASHING STATION	Purchase rental through registration; Service will be done on Friday, Saturday, Sunday between 3:00 AM - 10:00 AM	\$160
GREY WATER HOLDING TANK	Purchase rental through registration; Services are \$75/each and can be purchased for Friday and/or Saturday mornings	\$205
TENT PERMIT FEE	Required by the Travis County Fire Marshal for all tent structures over 400 square feet with sides or 700 square feet without sides.	\$240 (one time)
ICE TICKETS	1 Ticket = 1 20lb Bag of Ice. Can be purchased onsite at the BBQ Bank; no other ice vendors may be onsite at BBQ Austin.	\$5 per ticket
ADULT EVENT ENTRY	Adult Ages: 13+; Private Party Wristbands do not get guests into BBQ Austin.	\$8   \$10
CHILD EVENT ENTRY	Child Ages: 3-12; Children 2 and under are free; Private Party Wristbands do not get guests into event.	\$5 each



# Marketing Guidelines for BBQ Austin Teams

- The event's official name is "BBQ Austin". Do not use "*BBQ Cook-Off*" or any other variation to refer to the event.
- Rodeo Austin is our official name. Use Rodeo Austin to refer to the organization.
- Do not use "*Austin Rodeo*" or "*Star of Texas Rodeo*" or any other variation to refer to the organization or event.
- No photography, videography, or streaming on Rodeo Austin grounds is allowed without prior written consent from Rodeo Austin Marketing Department.
- Requesting permission for photography, videography, or streaming does not guarantee approval.
- If creating a Facebook event for your team/tent, please name the event TEAM/TENT NAME at BBQ Austin.
- Please reach out to the Rodeo Austin Marketing Department to request official logos.
- Please send all graphics using official logos to the Marketing Department for approval before posting.
- If you are buying media, please send all scripts to the Marketing Department for approval.
- BBQ Austin, a Rodeo Austin production, is presented by Coors Light.
- Please do not promote other alcohol brands on graphics for the event.
- Marketing Department Contact:
  - Lindsay Night
  - [Lindsay@RodeoAustin.com](mailto:Lindsay@RodeoAustin.com)

# TERMS & CONDITIONS

## LEGAL ENFORCEMENT & SUMMARY

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 BBQ Austin 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. 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. The Rodeo Austin management reserves the final, absolute right to interpret rules and regulations and to arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions, or differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of, connected with, or incident to Rodeo Austin and its activities. It further reserves the right to determine unforeseen matters not covered by these rules and to amend or add to these rules as in its judgment as it may determine necessary.

1. Failure of any Team Representative to abide by all rules, regulations, specifications, guidelines, and requirements as set forth in the 2025 BBQ Austin, a Rodeo Austin production, Team Handbook and Contest Rules may, at the sole discretion of Rodeo Austin, result in forfeiture of all monies, rights, and privileges.
2. BBQ Austin Leadership reserves the right to deny any Team participation at BBQ Austin that has previously violated the BBQ Austin, a Rodeo Austin production, Team Handbook and Contest Rules.
3. By this reference, the Handbook is incorporated into and becomes a part of the Official Entry Form. By signing the Official Entry Form, the Team's Chief Cook agrees to abide by the provisions of this Handbook. It is also agreed and assured that the Team's Chief Cook has made all Team Representatives aware of the contents of the Handbook.
4. Any incident of non-compliance with any part of this Handbook is considered a breach of agreement and may be cause for immediate expulsion from the Contest. Violations of the rules and regulations set forth in this Handbook will result in:
  - o First Violation: verbal and written warning
  - o Second Violation: \$100.00 fine, payable upon assessment
  - o Third Violation: \$500.00 fine, payable upon assessment
5. Show policy promotes equal opportunities and participation for everyone with no distinctions based on race, color, gender, sexual orientation, religion, disability, national origin or other considerations. Notwithstanding other provisions included in this Handbook, violation of this policy could result in immediate termination of the Team's Official Entry Form, requiring the Team to vacate space and forfeit all monies paid to date.
6. The various logos of the Rodeo Austin and BBQ Austin are registered trademarks and may NOT be used under any circumstances without prior written permission from the marketing division of the Rodeo Austin.
7. Rodeo Austin management reserves the right to establish and enforce whatever rules are necessary for the regulation of the Contest.
8. Team Representatives must comply with all rules, regulations, and requirements of the Fire Marshal, the Austin/Travis County Health & Human Services Department and any governmental entity having jurisdiction over these premises.



# TERMS & CONDITIONS

## EVENT CANCELLATION

Rodeo Austin reserves the right to cancel an event for reasons beyond Force Majeure. If Rodeo Austin cancels an event, registrants will be notified and offered a full refund of the fees paid directly to Rodeo Austin minus any non-refundable processing fee. Rodeo Austin is not responsible for any refund between the registrant and a third-party vendor or for travel expenses.

In case of cancellation of the event or unavailability of the event due to war, governmental action or order, act of God, fire, Strike, labor disputes, or any other cause beyond Rodeo Austin's control, this Agreement shall terminate, and the exhibitor shall be entitled to the return of the fees for the event, less the prorated share allocated to Rodeo Austin of the expenses incurred by Rodeo Austin in connection with the event. Refund of the Fees as provided in this section shall be the exclusive remedy of the exhibitor against Rodeo Austin in case the event is canceled or rescheduled through war, governmental action or order, acts of God, fire, strike, labor disputes, or any other cause beyond the control of Rodeo Austin of and from all claims for damage and agrees that Rodeo Austin shall have no obligation except the above stated refund. Requests for refunds must be submitted to Rodeo Austin and are subject to the discretion of Rodeo Austin.

**FORCE MAJEURE:** Rodeo Austin is not liable for any delay or failure to perform its operations, activities, shows, and/or events to the extent such delay or failure results in a force majeure occurrence. A force majeure occurrence is defined as any occurrence arising from the causes beyond the reasonable control of Rodeo Austin that delays or prevents performance by Rodeo Austin otherwise required by this agreement, including but not limited to any

- Breakage or accident to equipment, machinery, or facilities
- Any strikes, lock-outs, or other labor difficulties
- Statutes, ordinances, regulations, orders, or rules issued by governmental authorities,
- Judicial decrees or orders
- Acts of God
- Animal diseases and/or quarantines
- Wars, riots, or insurrections
- Civil disobediences, public demonstrations, or sabotage
- Fires, floods, explosions, or inclement weather
- Inability to obtain necessary labor, materials, supplies, utilities, or transportation
- Depressions, recessions, or other economic downturns
- Embargoes or energy shortages
- Other causes beyond Rodeo Austin's reasonable control

COVID 19: Exhibitors and family members are asked to refrain from attending the show if they have been in contact with anyone exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms within the last 14 days, have a fever or other symptoms, or if you fall into a high-risk category as defined by the CDC. By participating or attending Rodeo Austin, you are acknowledging that an inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present. By attending Rodeo Austin, you and any guests voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to COVID-19 and agree to not hold Rodeo Austin or any of its affiliates, directors, officers, employees, agents, contractors, or volunteers liable for any illness or injury.