



BBQ AUSTIN TEAM 101

March 6-7, 2026
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WHAT IS BBQ AUSTIN?

BBQ Austin is an open-invitation BBQ cook-off hosted by Rodeo Austin and sanctioned by the Champions Barbecue Alliance (CBA). Teams from all over the state of Texas come to compete in three sanctioned contests: Chicken, Brisket & Ribs. Competitors also have the option to compete in additional contests including Beans, DK's Jackpot, Bloody Mary & BBQ Sauce. Throughout the weekend, the public attends to enjoy BBQ, Bands & Beer! While battling for the title of best barbecue, teams also compete to raise the most monetary donations for Rodeo Austin using the donation buckets provided by the BBQ Austin Committee. Periodically, BBQ Austin Committee Members will enter team spaces to empty donation buckets and a running total of donation amounts will be kept throughout the weekend.

CHIEF COOK REQUIREMENTS

- Must be at least 18 years old and present for the entire duration of the event.
- Must abide by all CBA and BBQ Austin rules, regulations, and requirements.
- Must turn in only one entry on a given pit for each sanctioned contest category.
 - CBA-sanctioned categories include Chicken, Brisket, & Ribs.
 - Other BBQ Austin contest entries are optional and are purchased in advance.
- Must use the container provided by CBA.
 - No other containers will be accepted, judged, or scored.
- Registration must be paid IN FULL by **Monday, January 12, 2026**.
- Must be on the BBQ Austin grounds and checked in by **9:00 PM** on **Thursday, March 5, 2025**.

TEAM SPACE INFO

- Space registration does not include tents, tables, chairs, etc.
 - These items should be rented separately (we recommend Peerless Tents) if you so choose.
- If putting up a tent larger than **400 square feet with sides** or **700 square feet without sides**, teams are required to purchase and complete a Travis County Fire Marshal Tent Permit.
 - Permits are **\$240** and only one is needed per total tent space larger than the required sizes.
 - Permits will be purchased and completed during registration and will need to be present throughout the duration of BBQ Austin.
- Any holes made in the asphalt/ground as a result of tent staking must be filled with like-material.
 - If holes are not filled, teams will be subject to a \$50 fine per hole found.
- Teams are responsible for providing 100 feet of water hose(s) and 100 feet of extension cord(s) as amenities may not be located directly behind the team's space.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Monday, December 15, 2026**
 - Last day to receive Regular Rate pricing.
- **Monday, January 12, 2026 at 11:59 PM**
 - Registration closes; includes add-ons, RV Permits, etc.
- **Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at 9:00 AM**
 - Team Load-In begins.
- **Thursday, March 5, 2026 after 9:00 PM**
 - Any vehicles within the BBQ Austin event grounds are subject to being towed at owner's expense.
- **Friday, March 6, 2026**
 - BBQ Austin gates open:
 - 12:00-11:00pm
- **Saturday, March 7, 2026**
 - BBQ Austin gates open:
 - 11:00am-11:00pm
- **Sunday, March 8, 2026**
 - Teams may begin to tear down their spaces prior to the BBQ Austin Awards.
 - Exit gates will not be opened until the conclusion of the awards ceremony.
- **Sunday, March 8, 2026 no later than 6:00 PM**
 - All teams must be off the BBQ Austin grounds.

CONTEST TURN-IN TIMES

- **Friday, March 6, 2026**
 - 5:00 PM - BBQ Sauce
 - 7:00 PM - DK's Jackpot
- **Saturday, March 7, 2026**
 - 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

SPACE OPTIONS

NEW!

Pick One	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?	Band Tickets
☐	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	8
☐	D	6,400 sq. ft. (i.e. 80x80)	\$2,750	4	8	6	2	2	4	1	1	Y	16
☐	E	9,600 sq. ft. (i.e. 80x120)	\$4,000	6	12	8	4	2	6	2	2	Y	24
☐	F	14,400 sq. ft. (i.e. 120x120)	\$6,000	9	18	11	9	-	9	3	3	Y	32
☐	G	19,200 sq. ft. (i.e. 120x160)	\$7,750	12	24	14	12	-	12	3	3	Y	40
☐	CHAMP TEAM	800 sq. ft. (i.e. 20x40)	-	1	2	1	1	-	1	*OR	*OR	Y	-

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

OPTIONAL CONTEST ADD-ONS

BEAN CONTEST- \$30/R, \$50/E

DK'S JACKPOT CONTEST - \$55/R, \$75/E

BBQ SAUCE CONTEST - \$30/R, \$50/E

BLOODY MARY CONTEST - \$30/R, \$50/E

JR. PIT MASTER CONTEST - \$50/R, \$75/E

IMPORTANT RULES TO REMEMBER

Trash & Clean-Up

- Any trash or debris left in your team space after load-out will result in a \$500 fine. Please leave your area as you found it.

RVs & Water

- Teams are encouraged to fill RV water tanks before entering the BBQ Austin grounds.
- Additional water fills and septic pump services are available but must be purchased in advance through registration.

Restocking & Gate Access

- After load-in, teams may not bring items through public gates.
- All restocking must be done through Gate 2 (BBQ Team Entrance Only).
- Teams will not be permitted to drive to their team space to drop off supplies. All items must be carried in by hand from the team parking lot.

Alcohol & Beverage Service

- Glass bottles are prohibited on event grounds.
- Teams may not sell or require donations for alcoholic beverages but are encouraged to collect voluntary donations.
- Food must be provided whenever alcohol is being served.
- An appropriate number of TABC-certified bartenders is required, and no one under 21 may be served alcohol under any circumstances, even with a guardian present.
- Alcohol service to the public must end by 12:00 AM each night.

Safety Requirements

- Each team must have at least one (1) 10 lb. fire extinguisher readily accessible to team members.
- Ice Purchases
- Ice tickets are required to obtain ice and should be purchased in advance during registration.
- Admission Requirements
- Everyone entering the event grounds, including team members, must have a BBQ Austin admission ticket.
- VIP wristbands alone do not grant entry and must be accompanied by a valid admission ticket.