



Ground Rules & Contest Regulations

General

All cooking equipment must be inside the team space by 11:59 PM on Friday, April 30th. Please arrive by 10:00 PM. No other team vehicles will be allowed into the contest area after 8:00 AM Saturday, May 1st. Golf carts, UTV's and other motorized vehicles are prohibited, except for the official use of Heart O' Texas Fair Complex personnel. **Alleys and walkways throughout the event are designated as emergency access, and must remain clear at all times.** Team Load-out of equipment is not permitted until Midnight Saturday; all equipment must be removed from the property by 11:00 AM Monday morning. Team load-out hours: midnight Saturday to 11:00 AM Sunday and 10:00 PM Sunday to 11:00 AM Monday.

Beer sales are made possible to teams starting at noon Friday through Sunday by the case (24 or 30 pack quantities only.) **Any beer from outside sources in the facility is not permitted.**

Pets are not allowed due to public safety issues.

The Heart O' Texas Fair Complex retains the right to expand these rules and regulations.

Registration

- Team entry fee for each space is \$300 and due at the time of entry.
- Entry Deadline – April 16th
- Team name and conduct must be appropriate for a family audience. The first contestant to register a team name will be able to use that name during the contest.
- A \$25 fee will apply to all declined or NSF payments.

Credentials, Tickets & Parking

- Each Team entry will receive a packet upon arrival that will include:
 - Parking Passes
 - 5 General admission tickets to Saturday night PBR and Aaron Watson concert

Team Spaces

- Each Corporate Team space is 30' x 40'
- Each team must prominently display their space number.
- 1 RV hookup is available per space.
- All trailers must be contained within the team space or properly parked in the parking lot.
- Team is responsible for the cleanup of space by Monday - 11:00 AM
 - **All equipment and vehicles must be moved out by this time.**
 - Trash must be placed in dumpsters.
- **Absolutely NO ground fires or tent stakes are permitted on the asphalt.** Please have screening available to contain open fire pits.

Team Load-In/Out

- Team and equipment load-in begins on Friday at 8 AM and ends on Friday at 10:00 PM.
- **Vehicles may not ENTER the contest area after 8:00 AM Saturday.** Any vehicle not contained within a team space must be removed by 8:00 AM.
- Teams may load in supplies on Saturday morning until 8:00 AM. Gates will not re-open until Saturday at 12 AM.
- **NOTE: Teams may load-out any time after Midnight on Saturday through 11:00 AM Sunday and 10:00 PM Sunday to 11:00 AM Monday.**
- Violators of load-out times are a threat to the safety of spectators and may face disqualification from the contest and participation in any future contests.

Beer & Ice

- Beer and Ice sales to the teams will begin on Friday at noon. Bottled water and sodas are also available for purchase.
- Team members must have a valid Texas Drivers License to purchase alcoholic beverages.
- Outside beer is not allowed in the contest area.
- Under no circumstances are alcoholic beverages to be distributed or sold to minors or the general public. **All state and local laws will be enforced.**

- **Between the hours of 2:00 AM – 7:00 AM Saturday and 2:00 AM – noon Sunday, all alcohol consumption will be limited to your cooking area only.**

Bar-B-Que Contest Schedule

- **A mandatory Chief Cook's meeting will be held at 9:00 AM on Saturday** in the Headquarters area (Creative Arts Building). Trays, numbering, and procedures will be discussed and distributed at meeting.
- **Meat inspections will be conducted on Friday after check-in. Following meat inspection, containers must be picked up at the Headquarters area during the Chief Cooks Meeting on Saturday at 9:00 AM.**
- **Meat Entry Turn-In will be as follows:**
 - **Beans: 11:00 AM**
 - **Chicken: 12:00**
 - **Pork Spare Ribs: 1:00 PM**
 - **Brisket: 2:00 PM**
 - **Pie: 3:00 PM**

Pie Contest Rules (Saturday)

- 1st place will be awarded in the pie category.
- Pies may be cooked off-site and must be contained in a 9 inch metal pie pan.

People's Choice (Saturday)

- People's Choice is an opportunity for the teams to participate in raising funds for the Heart O' Texas Fair & Rodeo Scholarship Fund through tips and donations.
- The team that raises the most money will be awarded a championship Trophy. This presentation is not included in the awards ceremony so that the contest may run later into the evening. The collection containers shall be turned in by the end of the night's activities.
- Teams raising over \$1,000 will be awarded a free space for 2011.
- The Top Fundraiser will be announced on the hotfair.com website and at next year's event.

Other Events (Saturday)

- Best Team Showmanship, judging held 10:00 AM through 3:30 PM. The winning team will be awarded a Trophy.
- Washer Tournament, 9:00 AM registration, 3:30 PM start. The winning team will be awarded a Trophy.
- Horseshoe Tournament, 9:00 AM registration, 3:30 PM start. The winning team will be awarded a Trophy.

Awards (Saturday)

- Ten places will be awarded in each meat category. (Beef Brisket, Pork Ribs, & Chicken). Grand and Reserve Grand Champion will be decided based solely on meat categories.
- The awards ceremony will be held at the Entertainment Stage on Saturday at 5:15 PM
- Prizes are as follows:

• Grand Champion (most combined points from meat categories)	Plaque
• Reserve Grand Champion	Plaque
• 1st -3rd Place Meat Categories	Plaque
• 1st Place Pinto Bean Category	Plaque
• 1st Pie Category	Plaque
• People's Choice	Trophy
• Team Showmanship	Trophy
• Washer Tournament	Trophy
• Horseshoe Tournament	Trophy