



**SAN ANTONIO STOCK SHOW & RODEO**  
**28<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL BAR-B-QUE COOK-OFF**  
**January 23-25, 2025**  
1723 Creekview Dr.  
San Antonio, Texas 78219

## **TEAM INFORMATION and RULES**

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***LET'S RODEO SAN ANTONIO!***

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## OUR MISSION

The San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo has grown to one of the largest, most prestigious single events in the city of San Antonio, with approximately 1.5 million visitors entering the fairgrounds each year. The success of the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo is attributed to over 6,000 volunteers who give countless hours to the organization. With community, donor sponsor and volunteer support, the organization awarded \$12 Million to the youth of Texas and 2024. This brings our total giving amount to more than \$267 Million since inception. Through scholarships, grants, endowments, junior livestock auctions, the calf scramble program, and show premiums the 2024 event impacted over 20,000 youth in Texas annually.

The Bar-B-Que Committee supports our mission by producing and coordinating the Annual Bar-B-Que Cook-Off. Our committee volunteers and dedicated corporate partners work together to raise money for the Scholarship Fund. We appreciate your support of this event and look forward to seeing you on January 23-25, 2025!

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## **SABBQ Contact Information & Hours of Operation**

**Team Registration and Information**  
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**General Public Information**  
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### **Hours of Operation and Admission for the General Public**

**Free admission for Ages 12 and Under or Valid Military ID**

Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 11:45 p.m.  
\$15 Admission

*Team Advance Sale Discount Tickets are available at time of registration.*

Friday \$13

Saturday \$13

Weekend Combo Ticket \$25 ([see page 10](#))

*The above discounts are not available at the event.*

## Past Winners

<b>Year</b>	<b>Grand Champion</b>	<b>Reserve Grand Champion</b>
2024	Texas First Rentals – Sons of Smoak (Max Campuzano)	CSM Cooking (Jorge Flores)
2023	Chicken Fried BBQ with Devils River Whiskey (Bill Purvis)	Texas Oil Dust (Aaron Lesley)
2022	Casanova BBQ 4 with Devils River Whiskey (Fred Robles)	Casanova BBQ 5 with Devils River Whiskey (Bill Purvis)
2020	Mama and Papa Joe’s BBQ (Clarence Joseph)	Casanova BBQ w/Lynd.com #3 (Chuck Salinas)
2019	O3 BBQ (Oscar Garcia)	Double G Southern BBQ (Gil Martinez, Jr.)
2018	Tinney Barbecue/Twisted X Brewing Co. (Jay Tinney)	Texas Poker Smokers BBQ #1 (Corey Flores)
2017	Buckshot BBQ (Jayde Henley)	Inhognito (Danny Luera)
2015	Mama & Papa Joe’s BBQ (Clarence Joseph)	Trash Can Cookers (Monte Brown)
2014	Pitmaker-BBQ Addiction (Ernest Servantes)	Good Life! Barbeque (Clint Swindall)
2013 (Sept)	Cibolo Creek #1 (Mike Kalinowski)	Cibolo Creek #2 (Ralph Schmidt)
2013 (Jan)	Giant BBQ (Darwin Hoel)	Texas Pepper Jelly (Craig Sharry)
2012	Brotherhood BBQ (Billy Overton)	Hot Ashes Cooking Team #1 (Scott Shaver)
2011	Schmidt Oilfield (Shane Burchfield)	BottleCap Cookers #1 (Hampton Pratkan)
2010	Texas Pepper Jelly (Craig Sharry)	Tejas Cookers #2 (John Cisneros)
2009	Cinco de Guyos	Double S Paving BBQ Team (Daniel Schneider)
2008	Rut ‘N Bucks (John Price)	Smokin Millers (Dewayne Bowman)
2007	Wild Turkey’s Bar Lazy S Cowboy Cooks (Robby Scott)	Boot Scootin (Tommy Livingston)
2006	We Be Smokin (Don Canterbury)	Longhorn BBQ (John Fiala)
2005	Rut ‘N Bucks (John Price)	....
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2002	IBEW #3	....
2001	Kountry Kookers	....
2000	RoadKill Cooking Crew (Van Smith)	....
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1998	Der Schmokin Frank (Greg Frank)	....
1997	RoadKill Cooking Crew (Van Smith)	....

# Information, Rules, and Regulations

The San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo retain the right to modify these rules and regulations at any time with or without notice to participants.

**The Team Leader listed at the time of registration is considered the main point of contact for a team. The Team Leader will be responsible for ensuring that the team adheres to these rules. Please note that additional regulations may be added as deemed necessary.**

**Violators to the rules and regulations contained herein may face disqualification from this contest and forfeit their right to participate in any future contest.**

## I. REGISTRATION INFORMATION, REQUIREMENTS AND TEAM PLACEMENT

### A. Registration Information and Requirements

- ALL teams must register through the online registration system. Registration is only open to returning Kash for Kids teams and sponsors. Each team leader will be contacted via the email address on record and will be provided the link for online registration. Sharing of the registration link is prohibited and may result in disqualification from the event.
- The entry fee is \$875 per space. Late registrations (after October 15) is \$1,100 per space. Credit Card payment must be submitted at the time of registration. A 3% credit card fee will be applied to all transactions.
- When the event reaches capacity, there will be an online wait list. If space becomes available, those on the wait list will be contacted.
- Spaces are non-transferrable and cannot be resold. Refunds and cancellations are subject to the following policy:
  - If SABBQ is notified at least 30 days before the date of event, 50% of your payment (as made at the time of registration) will be refunded.
  - Refunds will not be issued if notification is received less than 30 days from the event.
  - Under no circumstances will refunds be processed for Kash for Kids donations or Sponsorships.
  - The 3% credit card transaction fee is non-refundable.
- Each registration may only consist of ONE TEAM, regardless of the number of spaces you purchase.
  - If you plan to enter multiple teams, you must complete an individual registration for each team, not space. For example, if you plan to purchase two spaces and enter as two teams, Team A in space 1 must register separately from Team B in space 2.
- Each team will designate a **Team Leader** and a **Chief Cook**:
  - All hard copy mailings (wristbands, parking passes, tickets) and emails will be sent to the Team Leader. It is the Team Leader's responsibility to share the information with other team members.
  - The Team Leader and the Chief Cook may be the same person for one team.
  - If entering multiple teams, the Team Leader should be the same person for all teams. The Chief Cook **MUST BE DIFFERENT FOR EACH TEAM**. Teams may NOT share pits.
  - All awards, prizes, or invitations to other cook-off events will be awarded to the Chief Cook, with any prize money being mailed to the Chief Cook at the Chief Cook's address on record.
- Please be considerate of the event's family atmosphere when choosing your team name. We reserve the right to decline team names.
- Each Team Leader must sign and submit an Indemnification and Release form at the time of registration. This is required to receive your wristbands and parking passes prior to the event.
- Teams wishing to sell a product or service to the general public, in which the profits are not intended for donation to Kash for Kids but for personal profit or for a non S.A.L.E. organization, must purchase a vendor space for \$250. Spaces can be purchased in the San Antonio Bar-B-Que Marketplace or a team can sell from their team space at the event. The merchandise to be sold must be reviewed and approved prior to payment by emailing [vendor@sarodeo.com](mailto:vendor@sarodeo.com).
- All winners must fill out a W-9 in order to be eligible for prize money. All checks for prize money will be mailed out after the SABBQ event and after the W-9 is received. If SABBQ does not receive the W-9 by March 1, 2025, prize money will be forfeited.

### B. Team Placement

- Requests must be made in the appropriate section at the time of online registration.
- **All requests will be based on availability. No guarantees will be made that your request will be fulfilled or that you will be located in the same space from year to year.**

## II. TEAM SPACE GUIDELINES, REGULATIONS AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

### A. Prohibited Items

- **Pets are not allowed on the premises;** however, service animals will be permitted. Service animals are defined as dogs (or miniature horses when reasonable) that are individually trained to do work or perform tasks for persons with disabilities. Such animals are welcome in areas where the public is allowed to go. Under the ADA, service animals must be harnessed, leashed, or tethered, unless these devices interfere with the service animal's work or the individual's disability prevents using these devices. In that case, the individual must maintain control through voice, signal, or other effective controls. All other animals, including comfort animals, emotional support animals and therapy animals are prohibited.
- Drones, Selfie Sticks, pepper spray/mace, hover boards, firearms (concealed or open carry) and laser pointers are not permitted on the premises at any time. Other items deemed unacceptable by management will be addressed at the event.
- Knives are to be used for prepping food only and shall be kept in prep area while in use. While not in use, knives should be stored away in secure area and not left out in the open.
- Climbing, cutting, moving, or removal of any fencing is prohibited. The fencing is in place for the safety of the teams. Altering the fencing in any way is grounds for disqualification and removal from the property.

### B. General Information

- San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo management, security and SABBQ committee members with "ALL ACCESS" badges shall have access to any team's space at all times (with proper identification).
- Upon arrival, team Ambassadors will deliver the team's event packet. Ambassadors will be onsite beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday. The Team Information Office will also be open at this time.
- Each team will receive a laminated space number with their packet. **TEAMS MUST PROMINENTLY DISPLAY THEIR SPACE NUMBER AND TEAM NAME AT ALL TIMES.**
- Once teams have displayed their space number, the team's Ambassador will issue the team a container pickup card. This card must be presented for container pickup.
- Teams must keep all activities and exhibits within their designated space and must not be in the aisles for any reason.
- Each team is responsible for temporary toilets, water, trash containers, etc.
- Failure to comply with all safety requirements and regulations may result in disqualification and removal from the property.
- Cook-off site contains uneven and unimproved surface areas with limited accessibility.

### C. Load in and Load out - Vehicles, Trailers and RVs

#### 1. General Information

- Team and equipment load in begins on Wednesday at 8:00 a.m. and ends on Thursday at 5:00 p.m. Vehicles may not enter the contest area after 5 p.m. on Thursday.
- For safety reasons, we ask that you please use due diligence and keep the aisles clear at all times beginning from the time of your arrival. Alleys and walkways throughout the event are designated as emergency access and must remain clear at all times. Please adhere to this upon arrival by keeping vehicles within **your** space (**not** another team space) and parking all vehicles in the parking lot once you have unloaded.
- Golf carts, ATVs, scooters and other motorized vehicles are prohibited except for official use by SABBQ and San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo personnel. Bicycles, motorized scooters, skateboards, hover boards and Segways are also prohibited. **Violators may be disqualified and banned from this and all future contests.**
- No outside drinks will be allowed in through the gates after 5 p.m. on Thursday. Please plan accordingly. Teams will be allowed to bring in food.
- All teams must be cleaned up and moved off the grounds by 11:00 a.m. on Sunday.

#### 2. Vehicles

- **Only vehicles with a permitted parking pass will be allowed on the contest site.** All permitted parking passes must be visible from the front windshield. All other vehicles will be directed to the appropriate parking lot, where shuttles will be available.
- Handicapped parking is available in the first row of the reserved lot along the fence line in designated spaces **ONLY**. Vehicles must display a permitted parking pass **plus** the appropriate license plate or ADA hang tag. Spaces are limited and available on a first come, first served basis.
- Vehicles may not enter the contest area after 5:00 p.m. Thursday. All vehicles must be contained within **your** team space.
- **Vehicles not in compliance in the contest area or in the permit parking area will be towed.** Impoundment and/or towing fees to retrieve the vehicle will be at the owner's expense.
- Load out of vehicles and equipment is not permitted until 3:00 a.m. Sunday **AND** after the general public has cleared out of the contest area.

- The speed limit is **5 MPH** when entering and traveling inside the barbeque team/contest area.
- Passengers may not ride on barbeque pit trailers, on hitches, or on the sides of vehicles and attached trailers while vehicle is in motion.

### 3. Trailers and RVs

- All trailers and RVs that are NOT contained within a team space must be parked in the proper designated off-site lot ONLY (main event layout map will be distributed prior to the event). Space is limited and available on a first come, first served basis.
- **Trailers and RVs found to be in violation of the rules will be towed.** Impoundment and/or towing fees to retrieve the vehicle will be at the owner's expense.
- RV hookups are NOT available.

### D. Tents, Space Layout and Decorations

- Tents will be anchored and set up as per manufacturer's instructions, whether done by a company or individual. Certain locations may require alternative methods. No ground stakes are permitted.
- All tents must be flame retardant.
- All tents must be erected with appropriate fittings, fasteners, etc.
- All tents must have illuminated exit signs.
- Combustible materials such as hay, firewood, gas heaters, etc. shall not be located inside tents or canopies.
- Any displays over twelve (12) feet tall in your assigned space(s) must be checked and the idea/plan for the display must be discussed with a safety officer before they are set up. Examples include, but are not limited to, overhead cranes, scaffolding and man lifts.
- Umbrella and canopy heaters are not allowed inside tent.
- **Two-story** structures and **inflatable** displays are prohibited.
- The City of San Antonio has specific requirements for tents **1,200** square feet and larger OR that are of public assembly of over 50 people. Please check with your tent company for permit.

### E. Electricity and Generators

- You will only be provided ONE (1) 30-amp duplex outlet per space.
- **High-load appliances and equipment (RV air conditioners, microwaves, etc.) must be powered by your own generator if your load exceeds 30 amps.** Please note that in the event of a generator failure, we will try to restore/replace power as soon as possible; however, we are not responsible for spoiled goods or services.
- Use of any towable and/or commercial type generators that are not self-contained must be declared on registration form. The team or generator company will need to provide a ground rod and clamp for each generator. Upon notification, please provide the following information:
  - Team Space Number(s)
  - Team Name
  - Team Leader
  - Number of generators requiring ground and rod clamp and if provided by team or generator company.
- Generators shall be isolated from contact with the public.
- Storage of gasoline is not allowed in or near generators or food preparation areas.
- All temporary power provided by SABBQ will be disconnected at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday. Please be sure that all slide-outs to your RV are retracted prior to this time.

### F. Fire Extinguishers

- Portable fire extinguishers must be identified and readily accessible.  
*Minimum fire extinguisher requirements:*
  - One 2A-10 BC fire extinguisher is required.
  - One "K" type extinguisher will be required for deep fat fryers with an area of five (5) square feet or more; up to 80-pound cooking capacity. Additional "K" extinguishers will be required for each 80-pound capacity. A 2A-10BC is required in addition to a "K" type extinguisher.
  - All fire extinguishers shall have a current (within a year) inspection sticker from licensed extinguisher company or provide proof that extinguisher is new (store receipt).

### G. Open Flames, Cooking Equipment and Heaters

- Anyone dumping ashes and/or coals into anything other than the SABBQ provided ash dumpster **may be disqualified and banned from this and all future contests.**
- Screening must be utilized to contain ALL open flames.
- Ground fires are strictly prohibited.
- Barbeque pits shall not be located within ten (10) feet of combustible materials.
- Barbeque pits shall not be located under food booth canopy.



- Propane tanks shall not be located within ten (10) feet of a door or window of a building.
- Gas cylinders/propane containers must be properly secured at all times to prevent tipping or falling (i.e. tied to a trailer or other structure within barbeque space).
- Umbrella and canopy heaters are not allowed inside a tent.

## H. Bands and Sound Systems

- Bands or sound systems must be declared on registration form. Failure to declare music may result in disconnection of power.
- The load-in times apply to all band equipment and caterers. Please inform bands of appropriate load in times and ensure they have all parking passes and gate tickets prior to the start of the event. All access to the Cookoff Site and reserved parking lot will be restricted only to those vehicles with a pass. Exceptions may apply for larger bands and/or caterers; please contact your Ambassador **prior to the event** to discuss arrangements.
- All bands must cease playing at midnight on each evening of the event.
- A noise curfew will be in place from midnight to 7:00 a.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. During these times, noise levels must be kept below that which can be heard outside of one's space. Please respect your neighbors and keep the noise levels to a minimum.
- Team areas that include the operation of an audio/visual system or lighting equipment must be arranged so that the noise/light from said equipment will not annoy or disturb any contiguous or adjacent teams or attendees. It must be turned off at midnight.
- SABBQ committee shall have final say on what an acceptable noise level is. Failure to comply may result in expulsion.

## I. Media, Video Recording and Camera Crews

- Any request for an interview, filming, video, audio or other recording of the event is not permitted without prior consent from the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo.
- **All media outlets, video production companies, etc. must obtain written permission and media credentials through the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo at least 30 days prior to the event.** Please direct requests to the Marketing Department 210.225.0612 or marketing@sarodeo.com.

## J. Clean Up and Trash Disposal

- Each team is responsible for the cleanup of their space(s) by SUNDAY AT 11:00 a.m. All equipment and vehicles must be moved out of your space(s) and off of the grounds by this time.
- All team spaces must be cleaned and left in the condition in which they were found when you arrived on the grounds or you will be assessed an appropriate fine.
- Disposal of wastewater or hot coals on pavement is strictly prohibited.
- ASH, GREY WATER, GREASE and TRASH shall be placed in the proper containers for disposal. These containers are located throughout the contest area. Please reference the Logistics and Safety Maps for locations of:
  - Ash and Coal Dumpsters
  - Waste Water Containers (Grey Water)
  - Trash Dumpsters
  - Recyclables

**Movement of these containers by anyone other than SABBQ personnel is strictly prohibited.**

## III. PARKING, TICKET INFORMATION AND TEAM GUESTS

**Each TEAM entry will receive a packet at least two (2) weeks before the event that will include:**

- Five (5) wristbands per **space** to designate team members, valid for Friday and Saturday.
- Two (2) permitted parking passes per **space** to allow parking on-site.
- Two (2) off-site parking passes per **space** to allow free entry to paid parking lots (with access to shuttle service). A gate ticket or team wristband will be required if arrival is during times event is open to the general public
- Ten (10) weekend passes per each **space**, valid for Friday and Saturday.
- **Any team reproducing admission tickets, wristbands, or parking passes may be disqualified and banned from this and all future contests.**
- If the Team Leader's address changes between registration and packet mailing, you must provide an updated address to SABBQ via email by December 13, 2025. Otherwise, you will be responsible for picking up your packet at the S.A.L.E. office after it is returned by the US Post Office.

### A. Parking

- Vehicle entry into the contest area of the event will require a permitted parking pass to be properly displayed on the vehicle. Any vehicle without a permitted parking pass will not be allowed past Creekview Drive.
- All permitted parking will require a parking pass for both Friday and Saturday.
- Additional off-site parking will be available in designated lots on a first come, first served basis. Shuttle service is included in the

price. Vehicles without an off-site parking pass must pay to park. Prices and lot locations will be available at [www.sarodeo.com/bbq](http://www.sarodeo.com/bbq).

- Additional off-site parking passes will be sold at the time of registration for \$15 on a first come, first served basis.
- Vehicles without the proper permitted parking pass in designated lots **will** be towed. Impoundment and/or towing fees to retrieve the vehicle will be at the owner's expense.

## B. Gate Tickets

- Tickets for Friday are \$15 each. Tickets for Saturday are \$15 each.
- Gate entry fees will begin on Friday at 9:00 a.m. and Saturday at 9:00 a.m.
- **Team Advance Sale Ticket Discounts – Only available through online team registration form and must be purchased online at the time of registration.**
  - Advance sale tickets for Friday are \$13.
  - Advance sale tickets for Saturday are \$13.
  - Advance sale Weekend Combo tickets valid for Friday and Saturday are \$25.

## C. Team Guest Invitations

In order to assist our information booths in helping your invited guests:

- **Guest invitations to team spaces must clearly state that a separate admission ticket is required for entrance into the Contest/Event at the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo on the Salado Property.**
- Invitations should indicate a space number, official team name and Team Leader or Chief Cook's name.
- Invitations/advertising MAY NOT include any of the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo logos or "marks" without prior permission of San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo. Please direct requests to use the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo logos and marks to the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo Marketing Department at [marketing@sarodeo.com](mailto:marketing@sarodeo.com).

## IV. ALCOHOL MANAGEMENT AND REGULATIONS

Each team must comply with all pertinent laws and ordinances, including, but not limited to, Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code and any additional rules of the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo.

### A. Individual Responsibility

- The Team Leader will be held responsible for the conduct of team members, guests and any persons who are or have been in their team space. Any behavior deemed inappropriate by the SABBQ Committee may result in immediate expulsion from the event and forfeiture of future participation.

### B. Prohibited Behaviors and Activities

- Certain activities related to alcoholic beverages are strictly prohibited.
- Glass containers are NOT permitted.
- At no time may a person under the age of 21 be served alcohol of any nature.
- Teams may not distribute alcoholic beverages of any nature (e.g. Jell-O shots, etc.) outside their physical boundaries.
- Due to TABC regulations, teams may not take alcoholic beverages (e.g. coolers or ice chests) outside their physical boundaries. This includes, but is not limited to, the awards ceremony.
- Teams may **not charge for alcoholic beverages**, including "mandatory donations or tips."
- Teams may **not sell tickets to be redeemed for beverages**, either prior to or during the event. This includes sales of tickets on websites and social media platforms.

### C. Police Officers

- Teams with private gatherings must employ a minimum of one San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo Police Officer.
  - A "private gathering" is defined as a party or event in a team space that requires a ticket or wristband for entry.
  - For every 100 guests, teams must employ an additional Police Officer. For example:
    - Up to 50 guests = 1 officer
    - 51 – 150 guests = 2 officers
    - 151 – 250 guests = 3 officers
    - 251 – 350 guests = 4 officers
  - The SABBQ Committee must be notified no later than December 6, 2024 of private gatherings and guest count.
  - The fee for each Police Officer is \$50/hour with a minimum of four hours per Officer. If notification is received after December 6, 2024, the rate will be \$80/hour.
  - Teams are responsible for paying all costs related to Police Officers directly to the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo no later than January 10, 2025.
  - Private security will not be permitted on the premises and will be turned away at the gate.

## V. CONTEST RULES AND INFORMATION

### A. Serving the General Public – Health Department Regulations

- The Health Department will issue temporary permits for teams who are serving samples to the general public. Fees are included in your entry fee.
- Please refer to the Requirements for Temporary Food Establishments located in the team packets. Random inspections for the following items will be performed:
  - Three (3) Buckets, Bleach and Liquid Soap – One (1) for soap and water to wash utensils, one (1) for bleach to rinse utensils and one (1) for a wash basin to wash your hands.
  - The Health Department suggests a beverage cooler with a spout to wash your hands under and some type of bucket to catch the water.
  - Covering for your food – Health Department Rules state that your food must be under cover (a tent or awning of some type) when you are cutting meat or doing other preparation outside of your pit.
  - Your pit does not have to be undercover. Meat is considered “covered” when it is on the pit.

### B. Jackpot Rules (Friday)

- **Turn-In Times**
  - 11:00 a.m. Margarita
  - 12:00 p.m. Dessert
  - 1:00 p.m. Ribeye Steak
  - 3:30 p.m. “In the Pot” Pinto Beans
  - 5:30 p.m. “You Pick It” Meat
- The Jackpot contest provides cash payouts for the top three places in each category. 50% of entry fees collected are paid back to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in each category.
- Jackpot entries must be purchased at the time of registration for \$75 each; unpaid entries will NOT BE registered.
- Jackpot entries **WILL NOT** be accepted at the event. Please check the receipt that is mailed with your final packet to confirm all entries.
- All Jackpot items must be prepared and cooked on-site.
- Container Pick-Up
  - Once a team has received their container card (see page 7), recyclable cups and trays must be picked up at the Judging Tent between 4:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. on Thursday.
  - Your container card will be provided by your Ambassador after all check-in forms are completed and your team space number is displayed.
  - Cards must be presented to pick up your containers. You must sign the back of the exposed ticket in the presence of a SABBQ Judging Committee member.
  - Cooks are responsible for ensuring that the containers they receive remain clean and undamaged. The container must not be altered or marked in any way or it will be disqualified.
- **The Margarita category is an open Margarita contest.**
  - No garnish will be allowed.
  - No ice. May be chilled.
- **The Dessert category is an open dessert contest.**
  - All desserts must be cooked on-site.
  - Contents may not exceed the space of the tray. Lid must close normally with no stretching or bulges.
- **The Ribeye Steak category is an open steak contest.**
  - All steaks must be ribeye.
  - Steaks may be boneless or bone-in.
  - All steaks must be seasoned and cooked on-site.
- **The “In the Pot” category is an open pinto bean contest.**
  - Beans may be pre-soaked.
  - We have eliminated the rule that nothing larger than the bean may be included in the turn-in cup.
- **The “You Pick It” category is an open MEAT category that includes any type of meat EXCEPT a fully jointed half chicken, beef brisket or pork ribs.**
- Jackpot Awards will be held Friday at 7:30 p.m. on the main stage. Ten places will be recognized in each category.

### C. Bar-B-Que Contest Rules (Saturday)

- **Turn-In Times**
  - 10:30 a.m. Chicken
  - 1:00 p.m. Pork Spare Ribs
  - 3:30 p.m. Beef Brisket
- The contest on Saturday is sanctioned by the Lone Star Barbecue Society (LSBS). Please refer to [www.lonestarbarbecue.com](http://www.lonestarbarbecue.com) for rules.

- The mandatory Chief Cook's Meeting will be held at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday. Trays, numbering, and procedures will be discussed at the meeting. All chief cooks must check-in prior to the meeting.
- Container Pick Up
  - Once a team has received their container card, trays must be picked up at the Judging Tent between 4:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, on Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. or immediately following the Chief Cook's Meeting.
  - No containers will be distributed during the Chief Cook's Meeting.
- Additional entries WILL NOT be accepted at the event. Please check the receipt that is mailed with your final packet to confirm all entries.
- Each team must have its own pit and one chief cook.
- Ten places will be awarded in each meat category. Grand and Reserve Grand Champion will be decided solely based on these three meat categories.
- The awards ceremony will be held at the main stage on Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

## VI. TEAM EVENTS

### A. Kash for Kids

- Kash for Kids is an opportunity for the teams to participate in raising funds for the SAN ANTONIO STOCK SHOW & RODEO Scholarship Fund through tips and donations.
  - All teams are encouraged to participate in the Kash for Kids event.
  - Although participation is optional, misrepresentation of Kash for Kids will not be tolerated. All money collected in a Kash for Kids bucket or any container indicating that it is intended for Kash for Kids donation MUST be given to a Kash for Kids Committee representative. Misrepresentation may include, but is not limited to, the following:
    - Soliciting tips or donations for Kash for Kids either verbally, written or by signage and not donating those funds to Kash for Kids.
    - Stating either verbally, written or by signage that the money is for Kash for Kids, then not donating to Kash for Kids.
    - Conditioning entry into an area based on tip or donation.
  - Teams who wish to collaborate in raising money for the Kash for Kids contest must have the same Team Leader on record. Collaborating teams shall designate one (1) team to be the recipient of any Kash for Kids awards.
  - Donations will be counted following the event. The overall winner will be presented one award belt buckle during the awards ceremony at the following year's cook-off.
  - Bar-B-Que Committee personnel will deliver and collect a Kash for Kids sealed container to your team space. We will also accept credit card donations online.
  - Due to space limitations, reciprocal winners (teams that earn a free space for winning another contest) or spaces purchased at other events' silent/live auctions may not earn free spaces for the following year.
  - Teams will be awarded free spaces for the following San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo Bar- B-Que Cook-Off at the following intervals:
    - Teams that raise a minimum of \$1,500 will be awarded ONE (1) free space.
    - Teams that raise a minimum of \$3,000 will be awarded TWO (2) free spaces.
    - Teams that raise a minimum of \$4,500 will be awarded THREE (3) free spaces.
    - Teams that raise a minimum of \$6,000 will be awarded FOUR (4) free spaces.
  - Teams are limited to a maximum of four (4) free spaces. **A team cannot earn more spaces than the number of spaces occupied in the current year.**
  - Teams will be allowed to pre-register and purchase up to the same number of spaces that they held in the previous year as follows:
    - Teams with one free space will be allowed to pre-register up to 4 total spaces.
    - Teams with two free spaces will be allowed to pre-register up to 8 total spaces.
    - Teams with three free spaces will be allowed to pre-register up to 12 total spaces.
    - Teams with four free spaces will be allowed to pre-register up to 16 total spaces.
- Under NO circumstances is a team allowed to register for more spaces than they held in the prior year.**

### B. Bad Boyz of BBQ

- Teams will have the opportunity to enter a four-person team into our "Olympic" events. All contestants must be 18 years of age or older.
- The contestants will compete in several Bad Boyz of BBQ events. Events are subject to change from year to year.
- The Bad Boyz of BBQ will be held from 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Saturday in the Bad Boyz area.
- Banners will be presented to each event winner and to the overall champion. The first place four-person team will be awarded a buckle for each member.
- All participants must sign a Release and Indemnification Agreement. SABBQ personnel will collect the waivers from each participant prior to the start of the event.

### C. Washer Tournament

- The washer tournament will be held on Saturday.

- Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. The tournament starts at 11:00 a.m.
- Entry fee is \$50 per two-person team.
- The winning team will be awarded a banner.
- This is open to teams and to the General Public.

## VII. AWARDS AND PRIZES

### A. SANCTIONED CATEGORIES AND AWARDS (Chicken, Pork Spare Ribs, Brisket)

#### **Grand Champion - (most combined points from three meat categories)**

- o \$3,000 Prize Money
- o Championship Belt Buckle
- o Championship Banner
- o Championship Flag
- o Five (5) monogrammed award aprons for the team
- o **A free space at the following Annual San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo Bar-B-Que Cook-Off**
- o Invitation and free space to the following Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo World's Championship BBQ Cook-Off
- o Invitation and free space to the following BBQ Austin
- o Invitation and free space to the Neal's Cookoff in Concan, TX
- o Invitation to the American Royal BBQ Contest in Kansas City, Missouri
- o An entry into the lottery for a chance to receive an invitation to the Jack Daniel's Barbeque Championship

#### **Reserve Grand Champion**

- o \$1,500 Prize Money
- o Reserve Champion Belt Buckle
- o Reserve Champion Banner
- o Five (5) monogrammed award aprons for the team

#### **1st Place Meat Categories**

- o \$1,000 Prize Money
- o Trophy Belt Buckle
- o Banner

#### **2nd – 10th Place Meat Categories**

- o Prize money in the amount of \$900 for 2nd, \$800 for 3rd, \$700 for 4th, etc. \$100 for 10th.
- o Banner

### B. JACKPOT CONTEST

#### **1st, 2nd and 3rd Place Jackpot Categories**

- o Cash Payout and Banner
- o Souvenir "Check" presented at awards

#### **4th – 10th Place Jackpot Categories**

- o Banner

### C. OTHER CONTESTS

#### **Washer Tournament**

- o Banner

#### **Bad Boyz Olympics**

- o Banner for each event and overall winner
- o Belt buckle for each of the four members of the overall winning team

#### **Kash for Kids**

- o 1st Place: Buckle
- o 1st – 3rd Place: Banner

# Indemnification and Release Agreement

**READ THIS AGREEMENT CAREFULLY. BY SIGNING IT, YOU AGREE THAT YOU UNDERSTAND AND ACCEPT ITS TERMS AND YOU GIVE UP IMPORTANT LEGAL RIGHTS INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO SUE FOR DAMAGES FOR INJURY, DEATH, OR PROPERTY DAMAGE.**

WHEREAS, San Antonio Livestock Exposition, Inc. d/b/a SAN ANTONIO STOCK SHOW & RODEO (“S.A.L.E.”) will conduct the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Bar-B-Que Cook-Off from Wednesday, January 22, 2025 to Sunday, January 26, 2025 (the “Event”):

WHEREAS, the undersigned desires to participate in the Event;

WHEREAS, the undersigned’s participation in the Event is governed by the Event “Team Information and Rules” posted to S.A.L.E.’s website at sarodeo.com/bbq, and which have been made available to the undersigned (the “Team Information and Rules”).

1. In consideration for being permitted to participate in the Event, or attend one or more other events, contests, exhibitions, performances, or activities sponsored, presented, or conducted by S.A.L.E., whether on the grounds of the Frost Bank Center/Freeman Coliseum, at S.A.L.E.’s property located at 1723 Creekview Drive, San Antonio, Texas 78219, or elsewhere (each, a “S.A.L.E. Event”), and for other valuable consideration, receipt of which is acknowledged, the undersigned agrees to the terms and conditions of this Indemnification and Release Agreement.
2. The undersigned acknowledges that he/she has received a copy of the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Bar-B-Que Cook-Off Team Information and Rules, or has accessed the same at the internet address provided above; has read and understands the Team Information and Rules; and agrees to comply with all participant requirements set forth in the Team Information and Rules.
3. The undersigned acknowledges that there is inherent risk in participating in the Event (whether as a team leader, team member, cook, chef, server, helper, volunteer, or otherwise), and such participation may expose the undersigned to risks of personal injury, death, and property damage. **The undersigned assumes and accepts all hazards and risks of personal injury, death, property damage, theft or loss of property, and slick or uneven surfaces arising out of or relating to his/her participation in, or attendance at the Event, or any other S.A.L.E. Event, whether or not caused by any of the Released Parties (defined below).**
4. **THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY INDEMNIFIES, RELEASES AND HOLDS HARMLESS, AND AGREES TO DEFEND, S.A.L.E., THE BEXAR COUNTY COMMUNITY ARENAS BOARD, COMMUNITY ARENA MANAGEMENT, BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS, THE SAN ANTONIO SPURS, LLC, THE OWNERS AND OPERATORS OF ANY VENUE FOR A S.A.L.E. EVENT AND EACH OF THEIR RESPECTIVE DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, MANAGERS, PARTNERS (GENERAL AND LIMITED), EMPLOYEES, OWNERS, INVITEES, AGENTS, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS (COLLECTIVELY, THE “RELEASED PARTIES”) FROM AND AGAINST ANY AND ALL OBLIGATIONS, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, ACTIONS, REMEDIES, CAUSES OF ACTION, PROCEEDINGS, FINES, PENALTIES, LOSSES, LIABILITIES, DAMAGES, COSTS, AND EXPENSES (INCLUDING REASONABLE ATTORNEYS’ FEES) (COLLECTIVELY, “LOSS”), ASSERTED AGAINST OR INCURRED BY THE RELEASED PARTIES, OR ANY OF THEM, BASED ON ARISING OUT OF, OR RELATING TO, (A) THE UNDERSIGNED’S FAILURE TO STRICTLY COMPLY WITH THE TEAM INFORMATION AND RULES FOR THE EVENT; OR (B) THE UNDERSIGNED’S PARTICIPATION IN OR ATTENDANCE AT THE EVENT OR ANY OTHER S.A.L.E. EVENT, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION ANY LOSS IN WHOLE OR PART IN CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF S.A.L.E. OR ANY OTHER RELEASED PARTIES. THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT THE FOREGOING INDEMNITY AND RELEASE PROVISIONS INCLUDE INDEMNIFICATION AND RELEASE BY THE UNDERSIGNED FROM AND AGAINST THE RELEASED PARTIES’ OWN NEGLIGENCE.**

5. This Indemnification and Release Agreement is intended to have the broadest possible legal effect and to release and indemnify the Released Parties against all Loss of every sort, known or unknown, foreseeable or unforeseeable, future or contingent, and whether sounding in tort, contract or otherwise, or arising under any statute or regulation, including but not limited to all Loss based on, arising out of, or relating to any personal injury, death, or property loss, theft, or damage.

6. The undersigned **COVENANTS NOT TO SUE** any of the Released Parties for or based on any claim or other matter that is released in this Indemnification and Release Agreement, and agrees not to bring, prosecute or participate in the prosecution of any suit or action based on or for any such claim or other matter.

7. This Indemnification and Release Agreement is governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas. Venue for any cause of action between the undersigned and S.A.L.E. or any Released Party shall lie solely and exclusively in Bexar County, Texas. This Indemnification and Release Agreement is binding upon the undersigned and his/her heirs, executors, administrators and legal representatives.

8. The undersigned agrees that he/she may be depicted in photographs or video recordings of any S.A.L.E. Event, consents to the use of such depictions in advertising, news reporting, public relations, and other public displays, and releases and waives all claims for compensation and any rights of review and approval, copyright, and right of publicity with respect thereto.

**THIS IS A LEGAL DOCUMENT WAIVING VALUABLE RIGHTS. THE UNDERSIGNED ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT HE/SHE HAS READ AND UNDERSTANDS THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS INDEMNIFICATION AND RELEASE AGREEMENT AND THE TEAM INFORMATION AND RULES.**

PRINTED NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

TEAM NAME: \_\_\_\_\_