

**AUSTIN COUNTY FAIR SUMMER MUSIC FEST  
BARBEQUE COOKOFF  
SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 2008**

**RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**GENERAL**

1. The Austin County Fair Association and the Barbeque Committee has the right to modify or expand these rules and regulations. Decisions of the Committee and Judges of the Contest are final.
2. Last years' entries will have first rights to reserve their same space as last year. Deadline for these entries will be 5:00 p.m. on June 1, 2008. After this date, all spaces will be reserved on a first come, first serve basis.
2. The Austin County Fair Association is not responsible for theft or damage to equipment or property of contestants.
3. The Team Coordinator of each team will be held responsible for the conduct of its members and any persons who are or have been in his/her space.
4. Excessively loud (in the discretion of the Chairman) amplified music, horns or public address systems are prohibited.
5. Due to insurance regulations, no ATV's, golf carts, etc. maybe brought onto the Fairgrounds by participants or guests.
6. Excessive use of alcoholic beverages or possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages in violation of Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code by a member of a team or person in the contestant's space could be grounds for disqualification and eviction from the Contest.
7. Each contestant must comply with all pertinent laws and ordinances, including without limitation, City of Bellville and Austin County rules and the provisions of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code.

**CHECK-IN**

1. Teams may check in and set up between 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. on Friday, June 20, 2008 and 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 21, 2008. Meat will be inspected at check in.
2. Chief Cook meeting will be held at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 21, 2008 at the Cookoff Headquarters.
3. Each team will have a space of approximately 40x40. There are limited spaces available with electricity for an additional charge of \$25.00. Generators will be allowed.
4. Only one service vehicle will be allowed in cookoff area. There will be absolutely no in and out traffic after 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 21, 2008.

**BEVERAGES**

1. No alcoholic beverages are to be served to anyone under 21.
2. Liquor in bottles must be kept out of sight
3. No glass containers allowed.

## **COOKING AND JUDGING**

1. Meat may not be pre-seasoned, marinated, or pre-cooked. Meat will be inspected at check in. Each team can check in up to two (2) briskets.
2. Fires must be wood or wood substance. No electric or gas fires allowed.
3. Holes or dug pits are not permitted. Heat shields must be provided for cookers capable of damaging surface of contest area. No open flames of any kind are permitted (e.g. tikki torches or camp fires). Each team must bring a fire extinguisher.
4. Contestants must supply all needed equipment and supplies. Show provides space ONLY!
5. **NO GARNISH OR SAUCE** is allowed in the tray at turn-in.
6. Judging will be as follows:

Beans (Pinto)	10:00 a.m.
Chicken	11:00 noon
Ribs (Pork)	1:00 p.m.
Brisket	3:00 p.m.
7. Results will be announced at approximately 5:00 p.m.

## **OPTIONAL – JACKPOT COMPETITIONS**

1. Jackpot competition will be held on Friday, June 20, 2008. This competition is optional.
2. Entry fee is \$10 per category. Teams may enter one entry per category.
3. Margarita Contest – 7:00 P.M.  
Margaritas will be judged on taste and appeal. The BBQ Committee will deliver a container to your booth prior to turn in. Please turn entry in at the Turnverein Pavilion. Entries will be received beginning at 6:50 p.m. and must be received by 7:00 p.m.
4. Chef's Choice – 8:00 P.M.  
The Chef's Choice entry must be a meat entrée and you may garnish your dish if you choose to do so. Chef's Choice will be judged on presentation, taste and smell. The BBQ Committee will deliver a container to your booth prior to turn in. Please turn entry in at the Turnverein Pavilion. Entries will be received beginning at 7:50 and must be received by 8:00 p.m.
5. Prize money will be based on the number of entries and paid as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup>	– 40% of entry fees
2 <sup>nd</sup>	– 20% of entry fees
3 <sup>rd</sup>	– 10% of entry fees
6. Results will be announced at approximately 9:30 p.m. at the Turnverein Pavilion.

## **MOVE OUT**

1. Contest area must be cleared out by Noon on Sunday, June 22, 2008.
2. All cook sites must be cleaned before moving out. Absolutely no ashes, beans or trash left on cook sites.