



Kickin' Chicken Wing Fest

RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Kickin' Chicken Wing Fest (the Event) has one main competition category: amateur. In the event of one or more professional entrants, a second division for professionals will be created. If there is any question about whether a team is professional, the ultimate decision will be made by the Kickin' Chicken Wing Fest Planning Committee.

These rules are subject to change prior to the Event.

REGISTRATION

1. The entry fee includes admission for up to six (6) team members. Teams are expected to provide any tables, tent, chairs, cooking equipment, etc. that they deem necessary. The Literacy Council will provide all sampling serving dishes, eating utensils and napkins for ticketholders.
2. Each team is expected to cook 20 pounds of wings for the competition. These wings will be provided to the team at no cost thanks to a generous donation from Piggly Wiggly. Sauces, spices, etc. are not included.
3. Due to space limitations, entry forms and fees will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, with The Literacy Council filling all sponsor teams first. A waiting list will be created if needed.
4. You will be contacted once your entry form and payment has been received to confirm your status, as well as provide you any additional health department reminders, and rules and regulations.

TEAMS

5. Team members must be 18 years or older. **Team members can check in to Ghost Train as early as 10:30 a.m. on August 18, 2018 and MUST BE READY TO SERVE by 1:00 p.m.** Please plan on arriving in order to give yourself enough time to check-in, unload, set up, and cook your food. Samples must be presented to the judges at 3 p.m.
6. Each team will be assigned a team number by the Teams Committee at registration and given a container to be filled for sampling by the judges. Each team is responsible for being ready to turn in their filled container to the judging area by 3 p.m.; however, actual submission time may vary depending on the judging process and number of teams entered in the Event.
7. This is a family event and all teams should conduct themselves in an appropriate manner. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.
8. **Due to alcohol licensing, no outside alcohol will be allowed at the event.** Thus, teams are not allowed to bring their own alcoholic beverages. The event bartenders and/or Ghost Train employees reserve the right to check all coolers and bags. Teams will have the opportunity to obtain alcohol from Ghost Train.

PRE-EVENT TEAM MEETING

9. **IMPORTANT DATE: On Monday, August 13, 2018 at 6 p.m. at Ghost Train Brewing the Kickin' Chicken Wing-Fest Committee will conduct a mandatory team meeting (at least one team member must attend this meeting).** Event logistics, rules, responsibilities, and other useful information will be

relayed to teams during this meeting. Failure to have a team member in attendance at this meeting may result in disqualification and forfeiture of its entry fee.

DAY-OF LOGISTICS

10. The Kickin' Chicken Wing Fest will have a Hospitality Team to assist the teams. This committee is made up of Literacy Council Junior Board members and will restock serving items including napkins, utensils and sample cups.
11. The Event opens to the public at 1 p.m. and Wing Fest winners will be announced at 4 p.m. After the competition has concluded the door fee will be lifted. Music will continue after the Wing Fest is over.
12. Electricity is provided to teams on a very limited, first-come, first-served basis. Teams requiring electricity will also be charged an additional \$10.00 fee to offset the cost of the electricity. Only low-voltage kitchen appliances (such as crockpots, rice boilers, dish warmers, or table top griddles) are allowed.
13. Food may be distributed to the public starting at 1 p.m. and until the wings run out. All contestants must be prepared to heat and serve samples to all ticketholders. Wings will be served until they run out or until 4:30 PM
14. Food service ends when wings run out or at 4:30 PM. You may begin to tear down your booth and stow all equipment under your tables at 4:30 PM. This must be completed by 5:00 PM. All booths must be vacated by 6:00 PM
15. In the event of light rain, the event will still be held. In the event of dangerous inclement weather (tornados, severe thunderstorms, flooding, etc.) the event will be **cancelled** and a rain date **will not** be scheduled. In the event of a cancellation, teams **will not** be refunded their entry fee.

COOKING REQUIREMENTS

16. The Jefferson County and Alabama Department of Health Rules are incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein and all teams agree to adhere to such rules, which will be provided to each team.
17. Cooks are to prepare and cook in as sanitary a manner as possible. Cooking conditions are subject to inspection by the Kickin' Chicken Wing Fest Committee. Conditions found unsanitary will be grounds for disqualification from the Event.
18. In order to meet Alabama Department of Health requirements, all food entries must be prepared/cooked **on site at the Event**. At no time should you leave cooking food unattended (for safety and integrity reasons).
19. Each team must provide all ingredients and items needed for cooking, including, but not limited to, a heat source, pots, pans, cooking utensils, cloths, paper towels, and extension cords. Heat sources may include propane tank/burner; small electrical appliances such as: crock-pots (or similar electrical appliance); table-top camp stove; electrical warmer; chafing dishes; small grills; or heating source with a contained open flame. Alternative sources not mentioned above must be approved by the Event Chair prior to the Event.
20. All sources of gas-fueled heat must be secured in order to prevent being knocked over. It is suggested that gas tanks be placed inside stable items, such as a Rubbermaid-style container with a flat bottom or a plastic milk crate. This is a requirement of the City Gas Inspectors. Free-standing tanks will not pass inspection and the team will not be allowed to cook.
21. All propane hoses MUST be at least 10ft in length. This is a requirement of the City Gas Inspectors. 10ft hoses may be purchased online at Amazon, Walmart, Lowe's, Bass Pro Shops.

COMPETITION DETAILS

22. A panel of Judges will select the food in each of the two categories they like best based on the following major considerations:
 - **Appearance** – (20% of total score);
 - **Consistency** – pleasant combination of ingredients (20% of total score);

- **Aroma** – should smell appetizing (20% of total score);
- **Taste** – includes aftertaste as well (40% of total score).

Ties will be broken by the highest Taste score. *NOTE: All samples must be provided to the judges in tasting cups provided by the event committee.*

23. Teams may choose to prepare additional items that are not entered for judging. Teams are welcome to provide any accoutrements or dipping sauces to accompany their dishes as they see fit (i.e. vegetables, ranch, blue cheese, etc.).
24. Teams **must** provide signage listing any common allergens in their offerings (i.e. nuts or nut oil, gluten, etc.). The Kickin' Chicken planning committee is not responsible in the event of an allergic reaction.
25. The People's Choice Award is determined by the public. You may give samples of your food to the public so they can cast their votes. Sample cups will be provided to you. All ticketholders will be provided with ONE voting ballot, from which to vote on their favorite dish in each category. Extra voting ballots may be purchased at the Event and submitted up until 4:30 p.m., when the votes will be counted and tabulated. It is up to you to try and entice people to vote for your team.
26. Both the People's Choice winner and Judge-determined first place winner will receive a trophy.