



Competitive Cooking Team Rules and Regulations

1. There is a **MANDATORY COOKS MEETING Thursday, August 22, at 6:00 pm. at the University of Tennessee Visitors Center, 2712 Neyland Drive, Knoxville, TN 37996.**
2. A Wing is defined as any piece of the wing: drummie or flat or a full wing; drummie, flat and flap, cooked, flavored and seasoned.
3. The wings for contest entry may not be pre-cooked, sauced or maintained in any way prior to inspection at the beginning of the cooking contest. Use of anything pre-cooked will result in disqualification.
4. Each contestant competing shall supply all of their cooking ingredients, individual cooking devices (propane or charcoal), utensils, preparation tables, etc. *Sauce Only teams will not need cooking equipment.*
5. The only things provided to contestants by the Big Kahuna Wing Festival contest is a regulation cooking area, tables, 10x10 tent, and raw wings. *Sauce Only teams will be supplied cooked wings during the event.*
6. Each team may have up to nine assistants (ten total people) in their tent. At least one cook or assistant from each team **MUST** attend the mandatory cooks meeting.
7. Each contestant must comply with all applicable rules and regulations of the Knoxville and Knox County Health Department including, but not limited to the following:
 - a. Meat must be at 35° F or less before cooking. Coolers with plenty of ice will keep it cold enough.
 - b. After cooking the wings, they should be placed in a covered container and maintained at a safe temperature until submitted to the judges.
 - c. Cleanliness of the cook, assistants, and contestant area is required.
 - d. **NO** live animals are allowed in the cooking area. This is grounds for disqualification.
 - e. Each

team MUST have hand cleaning capabilities. Soap and water or waterless hand cleaner is acceptable.

8. **Setup will take place between 3:00-8:00pm Friday, August 30, 2019 and 7:00-9:00am Sunday morning September 1, 2019. Teams are encouraged to setup on Friday as no cars will be allowed on the lawn on Sunday. Teams with smokers are required to set up Friday.** Worlds Fair Park Drive and 11th Street will close down promptly at 10am Sunday and no vehicles will be allowed through once the road is closed. The festival will open to the VIP's at 12pm and to the general public at 1pm. The first band will start at 1:00 pm.
9. Live entertainment will be taking place during the festival from 1:00pm – 8:30pm.
10. No live bands or combos, etc., will be allowed in the individual cooking areas at any time during the event.
11. **Each contestant must check-in upon arrival at the Contestant/Vendor tent (see map) located next to the Volunteer Tent.**
12. Restrooms will be available around the Park.
13. Children may not be left unattended or unsupervised to roam the festival or its outlying areas.
14. **Trash cans/bags must be provided by each contestant.** A dumpster for trash will be on-site. Contestants will be responsible for cleaning up their area after the contest. Trash MUST be placed in the dumpster, not next to it. A separate \$100 refundable clean-up deposit is required. This will only be kept if your area is left unclean or damaged.
15. Teams must have used oil discarded before leaving. The contest will provide a receptacle for discard and oil dump should not begin until after festival has ended. **DO NOT pour oil on the curb or in the street.**
16. **Vehicles will be allowed to “load-in” at the Park area between 3:00-8:00pm Friday ONLY.**
17. **Vehicles will NOT be allowed back in the Park area after the contest for “load-out” until the last band has finished performing and the road is open, approximately 9:30pm. The area will be blocked off by security until then.**
18. The contest will take place at Worlds Fair Park Performance Lawn near the Sunsphere.
19. This is a benefit and we ask each team to help in our fundraising by asking for additional donations. The team raising the most money will be awarded the *Big Kahuna Picks* award. Participation is mandatory.
20. The entry fee to the Big Kahuna Wing Contest & Festival is \$300 for a 10' x 10' space. Larger spaces are available by ordering multiple 10x10 spaces. If for example the team requires a 10x20 space then you should buy 2 spaces. The maximum number of spaces a team may purchase is 3 spaces or a 10x30 space.
21. **CLEAN UP DEPOSIT.** It is the responsibility of each team to see that the contest area is cleaned, and all equipment removed from the site following the contest. At check in each team

will be required to provide a \$100 check made payable to the Big Kahuna Wing Festival. We will hold this check un-cashed until close of the event. Prior to your departure a member of staff will inspect your location and return your check if it is found to be in good order. If your space is not found in good order, then we will cash the check to help defray our cleanup cost.

22. The Big Kahuna Wing Festival Committee reserves the right to reject any application. If your team's application is not accepted, your fees will be refunded. No refunds of entry fees will be made once you have been accepted into the contest whether your team participates or not.
23. Space is guaranteed for the first 35 applications accepted by The Big Kahuna Wing Festival Committee.
24. The team's captain will be held responsible for the conduct of his team and his guests. Under NO circumstances are wings to be distributed without tickets, beverages (including alcohol) to be distributed (given away or sold) to the general public by the teams or its contestants. The Big Kahuna Wing Festival Committee requests and requires that good taste be used with team conduct during the contest.
25. Team areas are assigned by the order of receipt of paid entry.
26. Each team should provide their own bucket of sand for cigarette butt disposal within their individual team area.
27. Violations of rules and regulations of the contest will result in disqualification, expulsion, and/or disqualification from future participation in the festival.
28. Read and keep these rules of the Big Kahuna Wing Festival. If there are any questions or concerns immediately contact The Big Kahuna Wing Festival for clarification.
29. NO throwing of Frisbees, balls or any falling objects are allowed.
30. **NO glass containers**, only plastic and aluminum allowed inside the festival area, or in personal cooking area.
31. The Big Kahuna Wing Festival will not be responsible for tents or other equipment left unattended before, during, or after the contest.
32. All teams must adhere to all electrical, fire, and other codes, by the city, county, state, and federal codes. **Each team must have an ABC 5lb minimum fire extinguisher of a 2A, 40bc rating.** Please check and make sure they are charged. **You will not be allowed to cook if you do not have an extinguisher.** All tarps and tents must be fire retardant with certification stating so. The Big Kahuna Wing Festival can provide electrical power for your area for an additional fee.
33. Contestants may not sell food.
34. The Big Kahuna Wing Festival reserves the right to make additional regulations as the situations warrants. Decisions of the Big Kahuna Wing Festival Committee and Judges are FINAL.
35. Any questions regarding these rules and guidelines or judging rules should be addressed immediately to The Big Kahuna Wing Festival Committee.

Judging

JUDGING: Each contestant will be judged with the EAT Methodology developed by the World Food Championships. This is designed to guarantee fairness to all the competitors, while also factoring in the creativity and execution of each dish. The rulings of the judges are final.

Judging

Entries will be judged AT YOUR SITE by a panel of 5 WFC EAT judges. You get to choose how to present them to the judges, either on a tray, a dish, in a box, with garnish or not. Additional key aspects include:

1. Your TITLE and DESCRIPTOIN for your entry. This needs to be very insightful, and similar to what you would write for a restaurant menu if your wings were being served there.
2. Each of the judges will sample your wings, so you need to have at least 2 wings per judge for their assessment.
3. The judges will score you on the EAT Methodology, which stands for Execution (of your recipe flavors), Appearance, and Taste.
4. Your entry will be judged on its own merits, and NOT compared to other competitor entries.
5. EAT scores are weighted as follows: Execution (35%), Appearance (15%) and Taste (50%).
6. A cooks meeting will be held on site on the day of the contest to go over any questions about this new process. The time and location of this meeting will be communicated to each team prior to arriving at the event.
7. Each category winner will earn a Golden Ticket that qualifies them into the 2019 World Food Championships being held in Dallas, Texas on Oct. 16-20.
8. **There will be five categories for this year's festival (Original Buffalo, Exotic, Fire Sauce, Creative Spicy, and Creative Sweet). There will be cash prizes for Champions of each category. *The overall Big Kahuna Champion will be judged solely on the Original Buffalo category.***

Prize Money and Trophies

\$4000 – Big Kahuna Champion and Tennessee State Champion

\$1000 – Exotic Wing Champion

\$1000 – Fire Sauce Champion

\$1000 – Creative Spicy Champion

\$1000 – Creative Sweet Champion

A trophy or plaque will be presented to the team who wins the “**Big Kahuna Picks**” Award. The award will be based on the team which raises the most in donations from patrons sampling wings.

Thank you for your cooperation and good luck!