



## Festival Rules and Guidelines

### 1. FESTIVAL LOCATION AND SCHEDULE

Parc International in Downtown Lafayette, Louisiana

Address: 200 Garfield St., Lafayette, LA 70501

Schedule:

6:30 AM	Cook-Team / Vendor Check-In and Booth Setup
9:00 AM	DPC Cook-Team Support and Inspection
10:00 AM	Cook-Team & Event Producer Meeting
10:45 AM	GATES Open
11:00 AM	Opening Ceremony Begins
11:30 AM	OFFICIAL JUDGING BEGINS
4:15 PM	Acadiana's Choice Award Voting Ends
4:30 PM	Award Ceremony
5:00 PM	Close of Festival
7:00PM	Cook-Team and Vendor Load-Out Complete

### 2. COOK-OFF COMPETITION CATEGORY

Traditional Chicken Wings - any flavor - any way. Professional Division and Amateur Division.

Boneless Chicken Wings - any flavor - any way. No separate divisions.

### 3. FESTIVAL THEME

This is an all-things-chicken-wings festival and cook-off with a family and child-friendly atmosphere where children and children at heart are welcome. This event will highlight the community's great chicken wing cooks and charitable spirit. The Festival will be themed as a professional wrestling and/or boxing competition and take on the likeness and fun nature of events and characters from WWE, Wrestlemania and MARVEL Superheroes.

Cook-Teams and Vendors are HIGHLY ENCOURAGED to theme and decorate their booths, dress-up in wrestling / superhero costume and most of all name their wing flavors after wrestling moves or MARVEL characters, etc. The more creative, the more FUN!

### 4. INGREDIENTS & PREPARATION

- The term "Traditional Wing" is to be understood to mean the drum and flat portion connected to the chicken breast. (PLEASE NOTE: Teams cannot prepare and serve a "whole wing". It must be

- separated into individual pieces.)
- The term “Boneless Wing” is to be understood to mean a small chunk from the chicken breast or chicken thigh.
  - The term “serving” or “sample” is to be understood as either a single “drum”, a “flat” or a “chunk”.
  - Cook Teams are allowed to register and compete with boneless wings or traditional wings.
  - Each Cook Team shall prepare 500 servings of chicken wings to compete - drums and flats or boneless.
  - Wings must be cooked on-site.
  - Wings are allowed to be pre-marinated, pre-injected, sauced and/or maintained in any way.
  - According to USDA standards, all wing samples' internal temperatures must remain at a temperature of 40 degrees or lower before being cooked. Upon being cooked, they must reach up to at least 165 degrees. After being cooked, wings must be kept warm at 140 degrees or above.
  - Any seasoning or ingredient necessary to create a unique taste is acceptable EXCEPT ingredients that are common allergens such as peanuts. NOTE: Peanut Oil IS ALLOWED as long as it is clearly STATED AND POSTED at your booth.
  - If you have a restaurant, we understand that you may have a recipe and your own way of preparing your wings. We don't ask that you change any of that. All we ask is that you BRING YOUR BEST.
  - Please note, all “wing's” served at the Wing Wars of Acadiana are a donation to the fundraiser for Gifting Grace Project, Inc.

## 5. COOKING, FOOD SAFETY AND EQUIPMENT

- Each Cook-Team and Vendor is expected to maintain a safe, clean and sanitary environment in their booth. Cook-Teams are to keep wings chilled and fresh before cooking and hot after cooking at industry standard temperatures.
- Cook-Teams and Vendors must provide their own serving trays/cups, tables, chairs, cooking utensils, cooking equipment, chafing dishes, cooler with ice, paper towels, booth setup and display items and all other necessary equipment.
- ABSOLUTELY NO alcoholic beverages may be consumed or sold by the Cook Team or their Team Members. No smoking is allowed in the cooking area due to fire and health department regulations. These are major safety risks.
- Cook-Teams and Vendors may erect a canopy or tent within their allotted space.
- Electricity will be limited so please plan to use propane gas and/or generators as much as possible.
- Trash cans and Trash bags used by the Cook-Teams and Vendors must be provided by themselves. The Wing Wars of Acadiana will have trash cans throughout the park for attendees, however each Cook-Team and Vendor MUST have their own plan and supplies for their trash. A large dumpster will be onsite for participants to place their bags of trash in.
- **BY REGISTERING AND PARTICIPATING IN THE WING WARS OF ACADIANA EVENT, EACH PARTICIPANT AGREES TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR COOKING OIL/GREASE DISPOSAL. NO COOKING OIL/GREASE WILL BE ALLOWED IN TRASH CANS, DUMPSTERS, TREE BASES, STORM DRAINS, ETC.** Cooking oil/grease MUST be properly discarded OFF-SITE. DO NOT pour cooking oil/grease on the curb or in the street. DO NOT put cooking oil/grease in the trash dumpster or at the base of a tree. **If it is discovered that cooking oil/grease or any other environmentally harmful substance is disposed of incorrectly, you will be responsible for all fees, fines and/or additional damages imposed upon Gifting Grace Project, Inc. or the Wing Wars of Acadiana Festival UP TO \$5000.**
- **Every Cook Team booth or Food Truck that is cooking food is REQUIRED to have a**

**fire extinguisher. You must provide all appropriate extinguishers for the cooking equipment you are using.** All teams must adhere to all electrical, fire, and other safety codes, by the city, county, state, and federal codes. It is the Cook Team's responsibility to check and make sure they are charged. **You will not be allowed to cook if you do not have an extinguisher or if your extinguisher is expired.**

## 6. WINGS CATEGORY

- First Category is the Traditional Wing Category.
- Second Category is the Boneless Wing Category.
- Only (1) flavor/style is able to be entered into the Official Judging however you can offer up to (3) total flavors/styles to attendees including the flavor/style you submitted for judging.
- Cook Teams are NOT required to compete in the cook-off if they so choose. This MUST be stated on the registration.
- “Boneless Wings” are small, boneless chunks of the chicken breast or chicken thigh that are battered or naked, cooked and served with wet sauce, dry rub seasoning, both or neither.
- Every wing, TRADITIONAL AND BONELESS served on the day of the event will be served to attendees in exchange for 1 RED ticket. (1 WING SERVING = 1 RED TICKET)
- Cook Teams are NOT ALLOWED to sell wings for personal profit for any reason at this event. Even if you provide your own wings, it is prohibited.
- All wings prepared and served are a donation to the Gifting Grace Project fundraiser called the Wing Wars of Acadiana.

## 7. SIDE DISH CATEGORY

- \*\*\*\*This category gives Cook-Teams the opportunity to make a profit.\*\*\*
- WINGS ARE NOT CONSIDERED A SIDE ITEM.
- Cook-Teams ARE ALLOWED TO SELL UP TO (2) “SIDE DISHES” of your choosing for WHITE tickets sold at the ticket booth at the event.
- Side Dishes are special creations that can range from appetizers, entrées or brunch items. A few ideas that come to mind are jambalaya, french fries, macaroni and cheese, pickles, waffles, pasta, boneless wing stuffed potato, chicken wing dip, chicken wing pizza, chicken boudin...be creative and let your imagination run free!  
(1 “SIDE DISH” TASTING = a predetermined number of TICKETS clearly posted at your booth by the WWA Committee.)
- Each Cook Team is allowed a maximum of 2 “Side Dishes” to sell for tickets. Must be stated on the registration form.
- This is a sampling event so portion sizes MUST be kept SMALL (2oz to 4oz servings).
- Serving trays, boats or cups are NOT provided to Cook Teams for side dishes.
- The price is pre-determined by the cook-team however it must stay a whole number between \$1 and \$4 in tickets. The price must be fair and reasonable and stated clearly at the booth.
- Side Dish Tickets are WHITE and purchased at \$1 each.
- WHITE Tickets (Used ONLY for Side Dish Items) are valued at \$1 each. .80 cents per WHITE ticket you return to the committee will be paid back after the close of the event. **If a cook-team leaves the park before getting paid back for their side item sales, THEY WILL FORFEIT THEIR 80% RETURN.**
- Cook-Teams will collect WHITE Tickets for Side Dishes and redeem them through the Wing Wars Festival at \$.80 for every TICKET they have in hand.
- Side Dishes do not require any additional entry fee.
- This category will NOT be judged.

## 8. VENDOR

- Registration Fee for a Vendor is set at \$150 per booth. This is Non-Refundable or Transferable.
- A TOTAL of 10 OUTSIDE VENDORS will be allowed to register for the 2024 WWA Event.
- Vendors will keep 100% of profits made at the event.
- Vendors are expected to promote the event and invite their followers and customers to attend and participate.
- Types of Vendors that are allowed for this Festival include: Art, Jewelry, Clothing, Desserts, and more. We will work diligently to not have duplicate items sold at the event by Vendors.
- No competing food, apparel, drinkware, etc is allowed to be sold by Vendors. This will be determined on a case by case basis.
- All monies and in-kind donations given to the event is considered a tax deductible charitable contribution. Please speak with your CPA and Tax Expert about your expenses.
- Only 1 Vendor per booth is preferred. If 2 different Vendors desire to share a tent, both Vendors must register and pay separate registration fees.
- No refunds will be given due to failure to comply with Festival Rules and Guidelines.
- Prices of items must be clearly stated.
- Vendors are responsible for all chairs, tables, tents, etc.

## 9. DIVISIONS, JUDGING AND PRIZES

- CATEGORIES
  - There are 2 different Categories that Cook-Teams are able to participate in:
    - TRADITIONAL WINGS
    - BONELESS WINGS
- JUDGING
  - The Judge's rulings are final.
  - Each Cook Team's wing entry will be judged through a blind judging process. This is designed to guarantee fairness to all the competitors.
  - The winners will be selected by a panel of 9 or more randomly chosen Judges by the Committee. The judging will be anonymous with evaluations made of each Cook Team's entry.
  - Judging will be based on PRESENTATION, AROMA, TASTE and ORIGINALITY. ALL categories are HIGHLY important. Please do not disregard one for the other.
  - Teams are required to provide (1) sample of your BEST Wing Creation per Judge.
  - A maximum of (1) flavor/style entry for judging is allowed per cook-team.
  - The flavor you provide to the Judges must be one of the same flavors you provide en masse to the attendees of the event.
  - Judging will BEGIN at 11:30. Every competing Cook Team will be approached by a Committee Member at the time the Judges are ready to try their Wing creation.
  - EVENT PRODUCERS will give each entry an Entry Code upon pickup.
  - **Cook-Teams must label their entry as follows:**
    - Title of Dish (i.e., Blackberry Habanero Buffalo Wings);
    - Brief Description (i.e., A sweet heat wet wing sauced with organic blackberry jam and finished off with a habanero infusion.)
  - ALL WINGS MUST BE FULLY COOKED. If a wing is not fully cooked, the cook-team will be disqualified from cooking any further and will face penalties.
  - Awards will be presented at the Wing Wars of Acadiana Festival beginning around 4:30pm from Center Stage. Voting ends no later than 4:15pm.
  - Violations of rules and regulations of the contest will result in an immediate inspection by the Damage Prevention Committee and potential disqualification on the day of the Festival and could result in disqualification from future participation in the Festival as

well.

- **PRIZES**

- In addition to bragging rights, we will award a trophy and prizes to the top scoring Cook-Teams in each of the following categories.

- **“BEST BONELESS WINGS” - JUDGE’S CHOICE AWARD** - 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place
- **“BEST TRADITIONAL WINGS” - AMATEUR DIVISION - JUDGE’S CHOICE AWARD** - 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place
- **“BEST TRADITIONAL WINGS” - PROFESSIONAL DIVISION - JUDGE’S CHOICE AWARD** - 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place.
- **“ACADIANA’S CHOICE AWARD”** (Voting by Festival Attendees) - 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place.
- **OVERALL WINNER - “TOTAL KNOCK-OUT CHAMPION” - BEST WINGS IN LOUISIANA** (Votes are a total sum of blind Judging and Festival Attendees.) 1st Place ONLY.
- **\*\*\*NEW\*\*\* “KING and/or QUEEN of WINGS AWARD”**  
“Top Philanthropist who is giving homeless children the “wings” to soar”  
(The person or company who raises the most money for Gifting Grace Project through the Wing Wars of Acadiana Event)

## **10. EVENT CHECK-IN**

- Upon arrival at Parc International, the Cook Team Captain must check-in at the “EVENT CHECK-IN” Tent with the WWA representatives for their area assignment. At that time we will provide you with any new or additional information concerning the event.
- After Check-in, you will be assigned a location and be allowed to set up.
- Booth designations are assigned prior to the morning of the event.

## **11. COOK-TEAMS**

- Each Cook-Team is required to prepare, cook and serve 500 servings of chicken wings.
- Cook-Teams can compete in the Traditional/Bone-In Category or the Boneless Category.
- Cook-Teams must register in the Professional Division or Amateur Division for the Traditional/Bone-In Category.  
Professional Division includes restaurants, food trucks, caterers, chefs or other formal culinary business training or experience.  
Amateur Division includes seasonings company’s, realty companies, sauce companies, church groups, civic clubs, oilfield companies, etc.
- There is **NO Cook-Team Registration Fee** for 2024’s event. The committee has decided to accept each Cook-Teams commitment to providing 500 servings of wings to the event as their fee to enter. If a Cook-Team is in need of sourcing their chicken wings through a distributor, you are

welcome to place your order with the Committee by May 1st and we will have them available to pick up the week of the event.

- All wings are a part of the Cook-Teams commitment to participate in the cookoff and a donation to the event. It is the responsibility of each Cook-Team to provide the wings they participate with.
- Every Cook-Team is required to compete in the cook-off.
- Each Cook-Team is allowed to have up to 4 people max in their area.
- The Team Captain MUST attend the mandatory “Cook Team Meeting” which will be scheduled on the FRIDAY prior to the event.
- Each Team Member must check-in upon arrival at the CHECK-IN TENT.
- AT NO TIME IS YOUR BOOTH ALLOWED TO BE UNMANNED DURING THE TIMES OF 11AM to 5PM.
- There will be a brief Team Captains meeting at 10:00 AM the morning of the event under the Judge’s Tent.
- The Team’s Captain will be held responsible for the conduct of his Team and his guests. Under NO circumstances are wings, beverages or side dishes to be distributed (given away or sold) to the general public by any Team Member without the exchange of an appropriate ticket.
- The Wing Wars of Acadiana Festival Committee and Gifting Grace Project, Inc. emphasizes that this is a “family-friendly” event and expects the Cook-Team members to conduct themselves in a professional and respectful manner.
- UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL WE TOLERATE ANY VULGARITY, PROFANITY, SEXUAL INNUENDO, HARASSMENT OR OFFENSIVE BEHAVIOR. Yes we will have fun but those kinds of actions are unacceptable.
- Under no circumstances will smoking be allowed within the tent area. Each Team should provide their own bucket of sand for cigarette butts disposal **outside** of their tent or area. If cigarette butts are left on the grounds of the park at any time by any of your Team Members, the Festival Committee and Gifting Grace Project, Inc. reserves the right to impose additional fines as necessary.
- ONLY 1 COOK-TEAM PER BOOTH IS ALLOWED.
- This is a rain or shine event. The Event will be held as scheduled, regardless of weather. Cook-teams and vendors should come prepared to protect themselves against the elements (i.e. sun, rain, wind, etc.). 30 lbs. (minimum) sand bags or comparable are highly recommended to anchor tents, canopies, etc.
- No refunds or exchanges will be given due to a weather event.
- No refunds will be given due to failure to comply with Health Department codes.
- Violations of rules and regulations of the contest will result in disqualification, expulsion, and/or disqualification from future participation in the Festival.
- Read and keep these rules of the Wing Wars of Acadiana. If there are any questions or concerns, contact the Wing Wars of Acadiana Festival Committee for clarification.

## 12. FOOD TRUCKS AND COOK TRAILERS

- **No food will be served directly from any Food Truck or Cook Trailer outside of Parc International. ALL FOOD MUST BE SERVED FROM YOUR ASSIGNED BOOTH.**
- Food Trucks are NOT allowed inside of the gates of Parc International.
- If a Food Truck or Cook Trailer owner has the ability to place their cooking equipment at their booth, we highly encourage you to do so. Using a Food Truck should be a last resort for Cook-Teams or Vendors. You are allowed to use a Food Truck ONLY for the use of the cooking equipment and preparation space. No food will be served directly from the Food Truck or Cook Trailer.
- Cook-Teams and Vendors using a Food Truck, will be assigned parking on Taylor Street adjacent to the park, with entry at that side gate.

- Space inside of Parc International will be assigned to ALL COOK-TEAMS and VENDORS using a Food Truck.
- All Food Trucks will be inspected for food safety and cleanliness prior to the start of the Festival. CLEANLINESS IS A TOP PRIORITY.
- No additional entry fee is required for those utilizing a Food Truck.
- All Food Trucks and Cook-Teams ***must be self-sufficient*** and have their own water, propane, fuel, electricity/generator, etc.

### 13. UNLOADING AND PARKING

- You may access the grounds from Taylor Street between the hours of 6:00AM and 9:00AM in order to unload your items into your designated area. After unloading, please move all vehicles as quickly as possible! No parking will be allowed on the streets adjacent to Parc International. A Festival Volunteer will be available to give parking directions and instructions.

### 14. BOOTH SET-UP

- Booth spaces will be approximately 10'x10'. It is strongly recommended that each Team have a 10' x 10' tent for the day of the event. 30lb weights on every corner of your tent is highly recommended.
- COOK-TEAMS: The Wing Wars of Acadiana Committee REQUIRES that the 10'x10' floor space being used under your tent be completely covered by heavy-duty brown Flooring Paper AND that all cooking equipment be placed on a protective grease-resistant mat so as to protect the park grounds. This will be provided to each Cook-Team by the Festival Committee and is required for participation in this event.

**A Damage Prevention Committee has been established to ensure that every team is following these guidelines and to offer additional support during the event.**

- Booth Setup will take place between 6:00AM and 9:00AM.
- The Festival gates will open to the public at 10:45AM. The first band will start no later than 11:15AM.
- There will be a Team Captains brief orientation meeting at 10:00AM the morning of the event.
- Decorating your booth space and wearing professional wrestling/superhero costumes is encouraged but not mandatory.
- Since the Event will be held as scheduled, regardless of weather, cook-teams and vendors should come prepared to protect themselves against the elements (i.e. sun, rain, wind, etc.). 30 lbs. (minimum) sand bags or comparable are HIGHLY RECOMMENDED to anchor tents, canopies, etc.
- IT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED THAT ALL TENTS BE SECURED AND WEIGHTED DOWN WITH A MINIMUM OF 30lb WEIGHTS ON ALL FOUR CORNERS. The tent should be secure enough to withstand any thunderstorms that are sometimes possible this time of the year.

### 15. BOOTH TEARDOWN

- Teardown and “load-out” will not be allowed until the Award Ceremony is finished at approximately 5:00PM. All “load-out” gates will be blocked off until final inspections are completed by the “Damage Prevention Committee” assisted by local Officers.
- **Trash cans and Trash bags must be supplied by each Cook Team and Vendor.** A dumpster for all bagged trash will be on-site. Cook-Teams and Vendors will be responsible for cleaning up their area before, during and after the Festival. Trash MUST be placed in the dumpster, not next to it.
- **EVERY VENDOR is responsible for making sure that your area is clean and damage free or you incur additional clean-up fees or fines as imposed upon the Festival Committee.**



- Areas must be cleaned up at the end of the event. All equipment must be off the premises no later than 7:00PM.
- **EACH PARTICIPANT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR COOKING OIL/GREASE DISPOSAL. NO COOKING OIL/GREASE WILL BE ALLOWED IN TRASH CANS, DUMPSTERS, TREE BASES OR STORM DRAINS. Cooking oil/grease MUST be properly discarded. DO NOT pour cooking oil/grease on the curb or in the street. DO NOT put cooking oil/grease in the trash dumpster. If it is discovered that cooking oil/grease or any other environmentally harmful substance is disposed of incorrectly, you will be held responsible for all fees, fines and/or additional damages imposed upon Gifting Grace Project, Inc. or the Wing Wars of Acadiana Festival up to \$5000.**
- Those that do not adhere to this regulation and leave trash in their respective areas are subject to a \$250 clean up fee.

#### 16. APPLICATION, ENTRY FEES AND DEADLINES

- Completed registration form and entry fees must be received **NO LATER THAN May 1st, 2024.** Exceptions may be made on a case by case basis.
- A 10'x10' space is reserved for every Cook Team who is accepted by the Wing Wars of Acadiana. If your Team is in need of more space than what is allotted, please contact David Owens at 337-321-3356.
- All fees should be paid online at [www.WingWarsOfAcadiana.com](http://www.WingWarsOfAcadiana.com). If making out a check, please make payable to Gifting Grace Project, Inc., 217 Rue Louis XIV, #100, Lafayette, LA 70508. All registration fees are non-refundable.

#### 17. WHAT WILL WWA PROVIDE TO COOK-TEAMS AND VENDORS

- A tax deductible receipt of your charitable contribution.
- Promotional Advertisements as available.
- Exposure and advertisement to an estimated 3000 people in attendance the day of the Festival.
- Your company name or logo will receive prominent placement on our event website.
- You are allowed to sell, for tickets, up to 2 side dishes giving you the opportunity to make a profit.
- You are allowed to actively promote your business through your booth on the day of the event. (NO OTHER Foundation or Nonprofit Organization is able to be advertised during this event other than Gifting Grace Project, Inc.)
- 2 Free FESTIVAL T-shirts. More shirts will be available on the day of the event for purchase.
- 10'x10' Booth Space
- Event Security.
- Social Media Recognition.
- Media Recognition to promote your involvement in the Festival as available.
- Print publications, radio and TV, etc as available.

#### 18. WWA SMACKDOWN

- Terms to be determined.

#### 19. GENERAL INFORMATION

- The Festival will take place at Parc International in Downtown Lafayette.
- Live bands and entertainment will be taking place during the Festival from 11:15AM – 4:30PM.
- Restrooms and Hand-washing stations will be available in the Park.
- Children must be supervised by parent or guardian at all times.
- NO throwing of Frisbees, balls or any falling objects are allowed inside of Parc International during this event.
- **NO glass containers!** Only plastic and aluminum are allowed inside of Parc International.



- Violations of rules and regulations of the contest can result in disqualification, expulsion, and/or future disqualification from participation in the Festival.
- Read and keep these rules of the Wing Wars of Acadiana. If there are any questions or concerns, immediately contact the Wing Wars of Acadiana Festival Committee for clarification.

## 20. CLEAN-UP

- Following the final inspection by the Damage Prevention Committee, it is the responsibility of each team to see that the cooking area is cleaned, and all equipment removed from the site no later than 7:00PM.
- It is also your responsibility to ensure that all cooking oil/grease and other environmentally harmful substances are disposed of correctly at the close of the event.

## 21. OPERATIONS

- ABSOLUTELY NO alcoholic beverages may be sold or consumed by the Cook Team or their Team Members. No smoking is allowed in the cooking area due to fire and health department regulations.
- **Every booth is REQUIRED to have a fire extinguisher designed for electrical fires and must also have a fire extinguisher designed for grease fires. You must provide all appropriate extinguishers.** 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. Teams using fryers must have a K-Class fire extinguisher.** It is the Cook Team's responsibility to check and make sure they are charged. **You will not be allowed to cook if you do not have an extinguisher.**
- Cook Teams shall have at least one Team Member present at the booth at all times.
- If applicable, the Cook Team is responsible for reporting any and all state and local sales taxes.
- The price of all items for sale must be clearly posted on signs in close proximity to the Cook Team's space.

## 22. RESERVED RIGHTS

- Gifting Grace Project, Inc. reserves the right to reject any application for the Wing Wars of Acadiana Festival. If your team's application is not accepted, your fees will be refunded 100%. Once your application has been accepted, registration fees are non-refundable whether your team participates or not.
- Space is guaranteed for the first 15 Cook-Team applications accepted by the Wing Wars of Acadiana Festival Committee
- Gifting Grace Project, Inc. and the Wing Wars of Acadiana Festival Committee reserve the right to make additional policies and regulations as the situation warrants.
- Decisions of Gifting Grace Project, Inc., the Wing Wars of Acadiana Festival Committee and all Judges are FINAL.

## 23. LIABILITY

- Each Cook-Team and Vendor agrees to protect, save and keep Gifting Grace Project, Inc., Wing Wars of Acadiana, all event sponsors and their representatives and agents forever harmless from any claims or charges imposed for violation of any law or ordinance whether occasioned by the negligence of the Cook-Team and Vendor, or those holding under or through the Cook-Team and Vendor, and Cook-Team and Vendor shall indemnify and hold them harmless, against any and all loss, costs, damage, liabilities, causes of action, debts or expenses arising from or by reason of any injury to Cook-Team and Vendors, their Team Members, agents or guests or property from any cause whatsoever prior, during or subsequent to the period covered by the Agreement. When acts of God, work stoppages or any other cause not within the control of the Festival make it

impossible for Cook-Team and Vendor or any of his equipment or materials to occupy or function in the premises, the Cook-Team and Vendor shall waive any claim for damages or compensation. IN ADDITION, COOK-TEAM AND VENDOR FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGES THAT INSURANCE COVERING THE COOK-TEAM AND VENDOR AND HIS PROPERTY AGAINST DAMAGE, PROPERTY AND BUSINESS INTERRUPTION LOSSES ARE THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE COOK-TEAM AND VENDOR.

- Cook-Team and Vendor agrees to keep the required business and liability insurance coverage and licenses active during the duration of the Wing Wars of Acadiana Festival.
- I hereby grant the Wing Wars of Acadiana Festival and Gifting Grace Project, Inc. the irrevocable right and permission to use photographs and/or video recordings of me, my business or associates at the Festival and other websites and in publications, promotional flyers, educational materials, derivative works, or for any other similar purpose without compensation to me. I understand and agree that such photographs and/or video recordings of me may be placed on the Internet. I also understand and agree that I may be identified by name and/or title in printed, Internet or broadcast information that might accompany the photographs and/or video recordings of me. I waive the right to approve the final product. I agree that all such portraits, pictures, photographs, video and audio recordings, and any reproductions thereof, and all plates, negatives, recording tape and digital files are and shall remain the property of the Wing Wars of Acadiana Festival and Gifting Grace Project, Inc.
- All persons, companies or organizations renting booth/concession space do so as independent contractors and not as employees or agents of Gifting Grace Project, Inc or Wing Wars of Acadiana or its management herein, and as such assume all responsibility for withholding taxes, Social Security, State taxes, Public liability and Worker's Compensation Insurance and also assume responsibility for insurance coverage to, from and during the Festival and for accident or injury to himself, his Team Members and/or his equipment.
- The Festival will run rain or shine. If severe weather persists, the Festival may close for a short period of time and then reopen. All cook-teams and vendors are expected to reopen once a decision has been made. If a cook-team and vendor leaves the festival and/or does not reopen at the time decided, the event producers reserve the right to dismiss the vendor without refunding any and all fees, etc.

#### **24. SALES TAX**

- All Cook-Teams and/or Vendors are required to pay tax their own taxes and the Wing Wars of Acadiana Festival (Gifting Grace Project, Inc) is not responsible for reporting sales and/or paying sales tax on sales made at the Wing Wars of Acadiana Festival for any cook-team or vendor.

For any questions or concerns contact David Owens at 337-321-3356 or email at [david@giftinggraceproject.com](mailto:david@giftinggraceproject.com).