

2026 WORLD CHICKEN FESTIVAL

RULES AND REGULATIONS -- APPLIES TO ALL VENDORS

Due to the continued growth of the festival, it has become necessary to create and enforce certain rules that all vendors must comply with for the safety of our vendors and visitors to the festival. Be aware that periodically during the festival officials may make booth inspections and you will be required to comply with their requests.



2026 FESTIVAL DATES AND HOURS:

THURSDAY SEPT 24 5PM-11PM

FRIDAY SEPT 25 10AM-11PM

SATURDAY SEPT 26 10AM-11PM

SUNDAY SEPT 27 1PM-5PM



1. No refunds issued on cancellations or no-shows, nor transferred to the next year.
2. **NEW in 2024:** ONLY food trucks and vendors selling from trailers can enter the festival between 9:00am-11:00am.
3. **NEW in 2024:** Vendors selling from canopies can enter after 11:00am.
4. **NEW in 2024:** There is vendor parking on top of the parking garage for \$100 pre-paid only by calling the festival office at 606-878-6900. Spots are first-come-first-serve. Only vendors with a pass will be allowed in. No trailers. Only vehicles no bigger than a full-sized pick-up are allowed. More parking is available around the perimeter of the festival, but not provided.
5. Vendors must bring their own canopies to cover their booth space, table, chairs and at least **100 feet of extension cord.**
6. **Straight-legged canopies ONLY**, no slant-legged canopies because they take up your neighbor's space.
7. Set up and tear down is 100% completely your responsibility
8. All canopies should be overly secured with weights to withstand high winds. The festival is not responsible for any damages.
9. Vendors CAN NOT put stakes in the asphalt.
10. Vendors CAN NOT use the garbage cans throughout the festival for large items....there are plenty of dumpsters for your large items, boxes, etc.
11. No electric heaters
12. No animals as per City Ordinance 2012-01
13. All vendors must stay open each day of the festival during the hours of operation
14. No subleasing or sharing of booths
15. No undesirable items will be sold. The WCF organization will consider an undesirable item as (but not limited to) stink bombs, swords, knives, silly string, potato guns, dart guns, marshmallow guns, or any other projectile object, obscene or offensive material and any item deemed inappropriate by the WCF officials.
16. All vendors must maintain all materials within the confines of their rented space. Streets and sidewalks must remain clear.
17. Storage space for excess products is not provided.
18. All closed streets within the festival area must be kept vacant of parked cars at all times. Parked vehicles on closed streets will be towed at the operator's expense.
19. No more than 3 bales of hay may be used in the rented space. If you have any hay you will also need a fire extinguisher readily available.
20. No operating of generators or other machinery that impacts your neighbor.
21. No booths can move once the festival begins on Thursday.
22. All raffles must be registered and approved by the WCF committee and must meet the state raffle standards. For a list of raffle requirements, call the Department of Charitable Gaming at 1-502-573-5528 or visit their website at dcg.ky.gov
23. No sale of alcoholic beverages or drug paraphernalia
24. Absolutely no food or drinks can be sold or given away, unless it is an official Food Booth that falls within our guidelines.
25. All food booths must have mats to cover the streets before the festival opens.
26. All food booths have to have a fire extinguisher readily available.
27. All food booths need to be considerate of your neighbors. If using a grill it must be enclosed to keep smoke and grease away from your neighbor.
28. Sales tax must be paid by all vendors to the Kentucky Revenue Department.
29. Food booths will be inspected by the local health department.
30. Vendors must stay open all hours of the festival: Thursday 5:00pm-11:00pm, Friday 10:00am-11:00pm, Saturday 10:00-11:00pm, Sunday 1:00pm-5:00pm.

WHEN YOU SIGN THE APPLICATION AND RETURN IT, YOU HAVE ENTERED INTO AN AGREEMENT TO ABIDE BY THESE REGULATIONS AND FAILURE TO DO SO WILL RESULT IN EXTRA CHARGES AND/OR EXPULSION FROM THE FESTIVAL.

SEE YOU SOON