



**GALVESTON
RAILROAD MUSEUM**

Chicken Wing Eating Contest Rules

Please understand the following rules for our Hot Wing eating contest to ensure fairness and safety.

Key Rules and Regulations

- **Time Limit:** Competitors have **10 minutes** to eat as many Gypsy Joynt Chicken wings as possible.
- **What Counts:** A chicken wing counts as the entire wing along with the chicken skin. Both must be consumed for it to count. Partially eaten items can be scored in **1/8 increments**
- **Condiments:** While condiments are technically allowed, most elite eaters avoid them to prevent stomach upset
- **Beverages:**
Allowed: Water and other non-alcoholic drinks.
Prohibited: Alcohol.
Limit: If bringing your own, you may have up to **13 cups**
- **Dunking:** Wings may be dunked.
- **Utensils:** **No utensils** allowed — eat with your hands only
- **Scoring:**
Judges count each wing consumed.
Uneaten portions on the table or ground may be deducted.
A **scorekeeper** is assigned to each competitor.
- **Chipmunk Rule:** At the 10-minute mark, eaters get **30 seconds** to finish swallowing any food still in their mouth. Anything not swallowed then is not counted.
- **Penalties:**
Yellow card: "Messy eating" (e.g., spilling food).
Red card: "Reversal of fortune" (vomiting) — results in **disqualification**
- **Tiebreakers:** If scores are tied, tiebreaker rules are applied. You will have 1:00 minute to eat as much as possible.

Why These Rules Matter

The rules are designed to standardize competition, prevent unsafe practices, and ensure that only the eater who consumes the chicken wings in the allowed time wins. The combination of time limits, scoring precision, and strict eating methods makes The Galveston Railroad Museum and Gypsy Joynt as fun, fair and safe as possible. If you're watching or planning to attend, remember: **10 minutes, hands only, no alcohol, condiments optional, and wings can be dunked — but vomiting ends your run.**