



**Saturday, March 1, 2025 | Parade 10 AM | Event Hours 11-5 PM Event  
Live Music • Gumbo Cook-Off • Food trucks • Kids Zone • Vendors**

**Gumbo Cook-Off Competition Application | Check-In 6 PM | Fee \$25**

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**INDEMNITY AGREEMENT NOT TO SUE AND LIABILITY RELEASE**

As a participant in the Saltwater Mardi Gras Gumbo Cook-Off Competition, I acknowledge the inherent risks and take personal responsibility for my actions. I hereby release, agree not to sue, and indemnify the Aransas Pass Chamber of Commerce, Destination Aransas Pass, the City of Aransas Pass, Saltwater Mardi Gras Committee Members and Volunteers, along with its agents, employees, officers, sponsors, and successors, from any claims or liabilities. This includes any potential bodily injury, death, or property damage that I, my heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns may experience in connection with my participation in Saltwater Mardi Gras activities. I have read and fully understand this Indemnity Agreement, Covenant Not to Sue, and Liability Release, and I voluntarily sign it with full awareness of its legal consequences.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Participant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



## Saltwater Mardi Gras - Gumbo Cook-Off Rules & Guidelines March 1, 2025

- **Fees are non-refundable**
- **Check-in:** All teams must check in by 9 AM and be ready to serve by Noon. The event opens at 11 AM, so if you wish to start serving patrons at that time, it's recommended to be ready earlier. Please note, you will be required to provide samples for judging at Noon, as judging will begin promptly at that time.
- **Gumbo Preparation:**
  - Gumbo and roux must be assembled and prepared on-site the day of the competition.
  - Pre-made or bottled roux is **not permitted**.
  - Pre-prepping vegetables and protein is allowed.
- **Gumbo Requirements:**
  - Gumbo must contain a protein: seafood, chicken, sausage, or a combination.
  - Each team must prepare at least 5 gallons of gumbo for the competition.
- **Serving:** Teams must provide rice, crackers, or any other sides to accompany their gumbo.
- **Fire Safety:** Each team is required to provide an ABC-rated fire extinguisher.
- **Sample Sales:** All gumbo samples must be sold to the public (no free samples).
- **Booth Items:** Only gumbo may be sold at your booth; no other items are allowed for sale.
- **Revenue Share:** Teams will receive 25% of their gumbo sales collected from their booth.
- **Health Regulations:** Teams must comply with all health department regulations.
- **Equipment Provided by Teams:** Each team must bring their own cooking utensils, tables, pots, burners, fuel, and any other necessary equipment to prepare their gumbo.
- **Items Provided by Event:** Serving cups, spoons, napkins, and a ticket container will be provided by the event committee.

### Booth Space:

- Each team will be assigned a 10'x10' space.
- A 10' x 10' pop-up tent is required; your team must set up within this designated space. Tents will not be provided.
- No trailers or food trucks are permitted.
- **Electricity:** Not available.
- **Water:** Not provided.

### Judging: (Begins at Noon)

- A judging container will be provided to each team at 11:45 AM on the day of the event.
- A committee member will return at Noon (12:00 PM) to collect your judging samples and take them to the judging area.
- Judging samples must consist of gumbo juice and meat only, **no rice**.

### Awards:

- First, Second, and Third Place winners will be determined by public vote. Event patrons will vote to select the top three gumbo winners of the competition. **Public voting will close at 4:15 PM.**
- Judges will select one "Judges Choice" Winner.

### Check-In Information:

- **Start Time:** Check-in begins at 6 AM on the day of the event in Downtown Aransas Pass. A map and contact details for the Gumbo Committee will be provided to participants ahead of the event.
- **Cleaning Deposit:** A \$20 cleaning deposit is required at check-in. This fee will be refunded after booth area inspection at event closure. The deposit must be paid in cash and will be refunded in cash.