



Da Krewe du Roux 2024 Membership Guidelines

Da Krewe du Roux, a 501c3 Nonprofit Organization, was founded in 2017 to bring the original spirit, festivities, and rural Louisiana traditions of Mardi Gras to the city of Galveston.

Da Krewe du Roux benefits El Mina Shriners of Galveston and The Ronald McDonald House of Galveston.

A. Membership

- **Mascot – Gumbeaux the Chicken**
- Membership dues are nonrefundable
- Membership shall be from May 1st through April 30th
- Monthly meetings: Da Chicken Coop Gatherings
- May meeting mandatory for all members
- Annual dues will be set by the Executive Board of Directors (EBoDs)
- Good standing requirements for membership include a majority of meetings and event participation
 - The Executive Board of Directors will determine actions or membership being revoked due to frequent absenteeism on an individual basis
 - Members will commit to participation on 1 event committee their first year of membership
 - After 1st year, committee participation optional but encouraged and needed
 - Presence and participation at Da Chicken Run in a chicken run costume is required
- To enjoy full membership benefits, dues must be paid in full by the August meeting or if a member is added later then dues must be paid in full by the following month. Failure to pay dues by deadline will result in membership termination
- Krewe member count can vary year to year
- Number of openings will be decided by the EBoDs. If one spot is open on the krewe membership and a couple is next on the waiting list, that couples membership will be accepted
- Benefits of membership as determined by the EBoDs can vary year to year
- EBoDs & founders do not pay any Krewe membership fees
- Da Krewe du Roux Too members turning 21 at the time of membership renewal will be grandfathered in to the Da Krewe du Roux, if they have been a member for the duration of their parent/grandparent Da Krewe du Roux membership (minus parent's first year of membership). If not, they will be placed on a waiting list
- Membership will not be restricted on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, or handicap capabilities
- Ratio of Louisiana Roots vs non Louisiana Roots shall never be less than 60/40
- The EBoDs may remove any member of the Krewe as a result of any infringement of by-laws, City of Galveston, or nonpayment of dues
- Da Krewe du Roux members may not be members of another Krewe. If a member of Da Krewe du Roux leaves to form or join another Krewe and thereafter wishes to return, approval of the EBoDs and a majority vote of the members in attendance at the next general meeting is required

- Quorum to be present for voting: 100% Executive Board of Directors (3 out of 3), 75% Officers (5 out of 7), 40% Members (32 out of 80)
- Krewe meetings will be held the 2nd Tuesday of every month at Union Tavern 7:00PM, unless otherwise rescheduled
- Food will be voluntarily provided by members of Da Krewe du Food at the monthly meetings. \$3 per person minimum to cover food costs will be charged for those members who choose to eat
- **Single Membership \$225; Couple Membership \$400**
- **Da Krewe du Roux Too Membership \$50; Each additional child \$25**
 - Payment plan will be offered
 - o Singles - May – Down payment \$75 June & July - \$75
 - o Couples - May – Down payment \$100 June & July - \$150
 - o Kids - Custom arrangement with Treasurer to combine kids and adult dues
- **Flew da Coop Single Membership \$500**
- **Must be over 21**
 - Guarantees 3 spots on the float in Mardi Gras Parade in Galveston
 - o Any selection of parades included in 3 free options except Aquarius
 - o You will be responsible for your own throws
 - At cost ticket for Da Ball
 - Da Krewe du Roux T-Shirt
 - Dues help pay for the float maintenance, insurance & operational expenses
 - No requirement to attend member meetings, planning committee meetings, or any events
 - No other requirements or responsibilities for the Krewe
 - No voting privileges
 - Not eligible for Royal Court, Officer position, Captain/Co-Captain position, or any other titles
 - Unlimited spots open, does not go towards membership count for Louisiana roots/nonroots members
 - Open eligibility and dues paid in full by January 1st
 - Member-only events participation throughout the year
 - No credits or refunds will be issued or granted under any circumstances
 - Changes can be made the upcoming year for an active roots/nonroots membership choice

Da Krewe du Roux

Must be over 21 to be in Main Krewe

Louisiana Roots

For 2024 season, 48 spots open, 60% of 80 spots

Benefits of membership include (but not limited to):

- Guarantees 3 spots on the float in Mardi Gras Parade in Galveston
 - o Any selection of parades included in 3 free options except Aquarius
 - o You will be responsible for your own throws
- At cost ticket for Da Ball
- Da Krewe du Roux T-Shirt
- Da Krewe du Roux Chicken Run entry
- Dues help pay for the float maintenance, insurance & operational expenses
- Attend monthly meetings
- Every member has 1 vote
- Member-only events participation throughout the year

Non Louisiana Roots

For 2024 season, 32 spots open, 40% of 80 spots

Benefits of membership include (but not limited to):

- Guarantees 3 spots on the float in Mardi Gras Parade in Galveston
 - o Any selection of parades included in 3 free options except Aquarius
 - o You will be responsible for your own throws
- At cost ticket for Da Ball

- Da Krewe du Roux T-Shirt
- Da Krewe du Roux Chicken Run entry
- Dues help pay for the float maintenance, insurance & operational expenses
- Attend monthly meetings
- Every member has 1 vote
- Member-only events participation throughout the year

Three honorary members

Da Krewe du Roux Too

Must be under 21 to be in Children Krewe

Parents or grandparents must be a member of Main Krewe

Benefits of membership include (but are not limited to):

- Entry fee to parade and throws in any family/children parade (Except Aquarius)
- Da Krewe du Roux T-Shirt
- Da Krewe du Roux Chicken Run
- Helps pay for the float maintenance, insurance & operational expenses
- Member-only events & DKdR Too specific events throughout the year

Da Krewe du Ruff

Open to dogs owned by Da Krewe du Roux members

- Participation in dog-friendly events throughout the year
- Includes a commemorative item such as a bandana, cape, etc. to be chosen each year
- Optional participation in Krewe of Barkus and Meoux parade, last Sunday of Mardi Gras! Galveston

Levels of Membership

Broilers (0-2 years)

Fryers (2+ years)

Roosters/Hens (Founding 48)

Breeders (Founders)

B. Executive Board of Directors & Founders

Currently 3 members; Executive Board of Directors composition to be evaluated annually. Living wills are in place in the event an Executive Board member can no longer fulfill his/her duties and needs to be replaced.

Founders

Daniel Guidry

Danielle Stelly

Cindy Arnett

Executive Board of Directors

Brandon Capelo

Danielle Stelly

Mysty Nauck

C. Officers

2023 Season

President – April Brandon

Secretary – Kathy Martin

Event Captain – Amanda Keith

Vice President – Vanessa Lehman

Treasurer – Scott Saxon

Marketing Captain – Lauren Anding

Member at Large – Savanna Cashi

- The Officers will be voted on annually
- In order to hold the office of President, the following is required:
 - o Must have been a member for 2 consecutive years prior to running
 - o Must have served as an officer previously
- President, Vice President and/or Secretary/Treasurer shall not be from the same family
- Must be a member for at least 1 year to become an officer
- Treasurer position must be held for minimum 2 years
- Officer positions can be held for up to 4 years, then eligible to run again after sitting out 1 year
- If an Officer should retire – EBoDs will fill the positions based on the best interest of the Krewe
- If an officer does not fulfill their duties within 2 months of review, they will be replaced with 2nd place position. If there is not a 2nd place position, there will be a revote for that position at the next meeting
- The Member at Large must be able to show Louisiana Birth Certificate, selected and voted on by the EBoDs

- o Must be over 21 to be Member at Large
- Officer nominations will be accepted during the March meeting each year
- Voting – For new officers occurs at April meeting
- Voting within officers is majority rules, however in the case of a tie the extra vote will come from the Member at Large

D. Membership Nominations

- New members must be referred by a current member
- New member nominations will be added to the waiting list year round
 - o Involvement required at public Krewe events at their own expense. Such as Chicken Run, Member Meetings, Golf Tournament, Ball, Pub Crawl, and/or Parades

E. Royal Court

- The Queen will be voted on, all members get 1 vote (cannot be for yourself)
- The Queen will pick her King or she has the option to random draw
- Additional Royal Court positions will be chosen by random selection process (Hatching)
 - o Required to have attended a minimum of 3 committee meetings (or overall actively participate)
 - o Members with any unpaid dues are not eligible for Royal Court
- The Queen cannot reign again for 20 years, unless no members want to run
- Members will be eligible for Royal Court random selection process in 3rd year of membership
- Members will be eligible to run for Queen in 6th year of membership
- King can be chosen as the current Queen decides, but must be a male krewe member
- King can reign as many times as he is chosen, if desired, & no membership tenure requirements
- Royal Court positions (besides Queen) can reign as many times as chosen.
- No previous Royal Court participation required to be eligible for Queen
- King and Queen receive free membership the year of their reign
- The Queen's dress color for the ball will be announced. No other ball gowns shall be the same as Queen's chosen color
- Lord and Lady, Prince and Princess, Duke and Duchess, Baron and Baroness du Roux are the Royal Court positions
- Crowns, Robes, Sashes provided by Da Krewe du Roux
- Original King and Queen crowns will be used for coronation and Fat Tuesday all Krewe reception only
- The Queen will be given a \$100 allowance for her reigning crown. King will be given the same if he was not a prior King
 - o The Queen's crown height must be 4 inches or smaller. King's crown cannot have a dome.
- Royal Court will ride free in Children's Parade. They provide their own throws.
- Members who do not wish to serve as royalty must submit their request in writing to the reigning Queen before the date of the September meeting for voting, or they will automatically be included in the voting process

F. Events

- **Da Krewe du Brew**
 - o Pub Crawl. Date & exact locations to vary yearly based on committee input
- **Queen du Roux Hatching**
 - o The Queen votes are submitted at the September monthly members meeting
 - o The Queen is revealed at Hatching from majority vote. Queen picks her King at Hatching
 - o Royal Court random selection with confetti eggs
- **Da Dirty Birdie Charity Classic Golf Tournament** – Hosted September
- **Da Cock Fight** – Get to know your **Big Cock** – hosted by previous Big Cock after Hatching event
 - o Enter **Da Cock Pit** to vote on your next **Big Cock**
 - o He picks his **Side Chick** as he chooses any time before the November meeting adjournment. He may not select his "significant other"
 - o No membership length required
 - o Neither can be on Royal Court for upcoming season (can be added to **Da Cock Block List**)
 - o Krewe cheerleaders (Mardi Gras countdown, birthdays, parties, hosts, emcees, awards, etc.)

- o In the event Big Cock resigns, another Cock Fight will be held. Side Chick remains the same
 - o Maximum of 2 years in position, then will be eligible to run again after sitting out 1 year
- **Da Dress & Tux Run**
 - o Hosted by Queen Elect at location of her preference
- **Twass da Night Before Christmas**
 - o Toy drive for El Mina Shriners
 - o Santa Claus visits
- **Da Bead Run** – December/January – NOLA
- **Da Umbrella Flop Decorating Party** – January/February but year round if you choose
 - o Umbrellas - used for Da Ball second line & The Umbrella Brigade parade
 - o Flip Flops - decorated & tagged with DKdR info to be distributed during Umbrella Brigade parade
- **Da Ball** – The Tremont House Davidson Ballroom January
 - o At cost for members. Cost for nonmembers: TBD (must be over 21)
 - o Formal ball. Royal Court will be presented at ball
 - o Ball will be themed every other year. Odd years will be themed, even years non-themed (Mardi Gras)
- **Da Chicken Run** - TBD @ Tin Cup's Caddy Shack
 - o \$5 for nonmember spectators or participants
 - o The Queens' Gumbo is prepared by previous and reigning Queens and served at Da Chicken Run
- **Balcony Party** - First Saturday of Mardi Gras - hosted by Yaga's, not DKdR
- **Parades**
 - o Krewe to participate in minimum of 2 adult parades, 1 family parade, 1 children's parade
 - o Aquarius parade will be limited to ages 12 & up
 - o After 3 membership included parades, members receive half off public rider fee
 - o You will be responsible for your own throws
 - Cups and soft throws approved
 - No frisbees, no medallions
 - Bead Requirements
 - Minimum 36 dozen/hour, Minimum 33 inch length
 - o All parades for nonmembers will pay full rider fee
 - o Rider's spot is reserved only when paid in advance, for members and nonmembers
 - o Umbrella Brigade – Flip-Flops (signature throw item)
 - o Knights of Momus: Walking parade, chicken run costumes required, no cost for members or guests
- **Da Barnyard Blowout (members and families only – End of Season Party)**
 - o Hosted by the Krewe end of season
 - Crawfish boil
 - Open to members & immediate family (Grandparents/Parents, Spouse, Children/Grandchildren)
- **Da Krewe du Cruise** - TBD
- **Da Chicken Dinner**
 - o Hosted by previous Queens, 3 course meal
- **Various Volunteer Events**
 - o Galveston Food Bank, Habitat for Humanity, & other volunteer events

G. Committees

Committees will be formed as needed per event through the Officers.

H. Code of Conduct

All Krewe members must conduct Krewe affairs in such a way that there can be no opportunity for unfavorable reflections upon the Krewe, either expressed or implied. Endorsements, testimonials, publications, and participation in public affairs (particularly endorsements in the area of political affairs) should be undertaken by members cautiously and in a manner that clearly conveys that the activity is being undertaken as a private individual and not as an endorsement by the Krewe. Only the Executive Directors may act as spokespersons for the Krewe and then only in the best interest of the organization. The use of common sense, good ethical standards, majority of meetings required to remain in good standing, and conduct which is in the best interest of the Krewe along with following all guidelines established within the by-laws of the Krewe organization is

required of all members. Failure to maintain reasonable standards will be cause for disciplinary action. Any violation of this policy may be the basis for disciplinary action up to and including termination of membership. Code of Conduct applies to officers and members.

I. Force Majeure

Neither party shall be liable to the other for any failure to perform any obligation under any agreement which is due to an event beyond the control of such party including but not limited to any act of god, terrorism, war, political insurrection, insurrection, riot, civil unrest, act of civil or military authority, uprising, earthquake, flood, epidemic, pandemic or similar influenza or bacterial infection (which is defined by the United States Center for Disease Control as virulent human influenza or infection that may cause global outbreak, or pandemic, or serious illness) or any other natural or manmade eventuality outside of our control, which causes the termination of an agreement or contract entered into, or which could have been reasonably foreseen. Any party affected by such event shall forthwith inform the other party of the same and shall use all reasonable endeavors to comply with the terms and conditions of any agreement contained herein.