



## GENERAL RULES & REQUIREMENTS

- All contestants must be 18 years of age or older.
- All contestants will initially be selected through the pre-registration process.
- Interested contestants may complete *only one* registration form *per event* – duplicate entries in the same event will not be counted.
- All contestants must complete a waiver of liability and publicity release on-site the day of the contest.
- Contestants may only compete in one preliminary round of each game.
- Contestants will receive an email confirming their assigned round time and further details.
- Assigned competition slots are **non-transferrable**. If you can no longer participate, please let us know.
- There will be preliminary rounds on Friday and Saturday in Market Square, and a final championship round held on Sunday. The winners of each preliminary round will be required to return to the festival to compete in the championship round on Sunday, July 21.
- Contestants must arrive at the assigned check-in area (included in their acceptance email) no later than 30 minutes prior to their assigned competition round or they forfeit their time slot.
- Any forfeited/open slots will be randomly assigned to on-site walk-ups, which are open to any eligible adult.
- The raffle for any open/forfeited slots will occur 15 minutes prior to each round. Interested contestants must be present during the raffle to be eligible for that round. Raffle drawings and assignments are final and up to the judges' discretion.
- Contestants who lose their assigned or raffled round may enter the walk-up raffle to compete again, but they are not guaranteed any additional competition rounds.
- Organizers reserve the right to assign, reserve, remove, and reschedule competition slots as well as cancel anyone's individual participation in any round. These decisions are non-negotiable and final.
- Any unsportsmanlike conduct is grounds for immediate disqualification and removal from the contest at the discretion of the contest judges.
- The winner will be determined by judges appointed by the Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership. The judges' decisions are final and non-contestable.
- Rules, eligibility, times, and prizes are subject to change without notice at the discretion of the Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership.

## PICKLE JUICE DRINKING - Competition Rules

- All contestants will be provided with one quart jar of pickle juice (roughly 32 oz of pickle juice)
- Contestants may not touch the jar of juice until the judges say 'Go'
- The contestant who finishes the jar of pickle juice first will be declared the winner of that round. Contestants who noticeably spill, splash or regurgitate the pickle juice will be disqualified, at the discretion of the judges.
- All judges observing will have final decision and say in the event of disqualifications or closely contested rounds.
- In the event of a tie in preliminary rounds, all winning contestants will advance to the final championship round on Sunday.
- In the event of a tie in the final round, the tying contestants will share the prize and glory of pickle juice drinking champions. However, if one of the tied contestants would like to challenge for a tie breaker, then a tie breaker round can occur to determine a final winner. Both tied contestants must agree for the tie breaker round to take place. The prize for the winner of the championship round on Sunday, July 21 will be \$500 cash and the grand title of 'Duke of Drinking'.