



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 EATING – Competition Rules

- All contestants will be provided with a supply of pickled cucumbers that may be one specific type of pickles (i.e. whole pickles, chips, or spears) or a combination of whole pickles, chips and spears altogether. All contestants will receive the same weight (5 lbs.) of pickles. The contestant who eats the most pickles, by weight, within 5 minutes will be deemed the winner of that round.
- Contestants will be allowed to “chipmunk” and will have an additional 30 seconds after the round is finished to swallow the remaining pickles in their mouth. Any pickles remaining after 30 seconds will have to be spit out.
- The winner will be determined by weight of remaining pickles in the contestants' bin and by judges appointed by the Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership. The judges' decisions are final and absolute.
- Contestants who regurgitate, or spit out, the pickles will be disqualified, at the discretion of the judges.
- 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 eating 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 'Earl of Eating.'