

## World Pumpkin Weigh OFF Saturday, Sept. 30, 2023

## **RULES**



- 1. The fruit must have been grown and cared for by the exhibitor.
- 2. An exhibitor may enter only one pumpkin for prize money.
- 3. A pumpkin must be entered and weighed by the exhibitor. An entry fee of \$25 will be charged for each entry.
- 4. There will be a panel of judges to inspect entries and supervise weighing. All decisions by the judges are final.
- 5. Weight will be the deciding factor. All entries will be accepted with no regard to coloring of the fruit.

6. The specimen must be sound, healthy and undamaged. Entries must be free of rot, holes/cracks through the cavity, chemical residue (fungicides) and soft spots large enough to affect the integrity of the fruit.

7. No foreign material is permitted to be included in the weighing. Vine must be trimmed to one inch from the stem of the fruit. The judges reserve the right to fully inspect each specimen before the weight is announced and official. Refusal to allow the inspection of an entry will cause said entry to be deemed "exhibition only".

8. Any specimen previously entered or weighed at any other competition prior to this event is not eligible for competition.

9. In the event of a tie, the prize money for those two places will be combined and split equally.

- 10. Entries must be received on an official entry form by 12:00 Noon. Unloading may start as early as 8:00 a.m. Weigh-in will start at 12 noon.
- 11. No entrant/spectator shall attempt to influence the judges or impede the proceedings of a fair competition.

12. All winning pumpkins are required to stay on the property of The Great Pumpkin Farm for display at the festival until October 16<sup>th</sup> at which time they can be picked up or have their seeds removed by the owner anytime from October 17<sup>th</sup> thru the end of October although thru October 31<sup>st</sup> would be appreciated but not mandatory. Although we take care in making sure the pumpkins are secure, the Great Pumpkin Farm in not responsible for damage or theft. After October 31<sup>st</sup> any remaining pumpkins will be disposed of.

13. Prizes will be awarded as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place is \$1000.00 (\$500.00 bonus for 2500lbs+ First Place Only)
  A World Record pumpkin will be awarded a total of \$5,000.00 Pumpkin must remain a world record thru October 31, 2023.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place is \$750.00 (\$400.00 bonus for 2400lbs+ Second Place Only)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place is \$500.00 (\$300.00 bonus for 2300lbs+ Third Place Only)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place is \$250.00
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place is \$250.00
- 6<sup>th</sup> Place is \$250.00

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