

2021 Pickle Juice Drinking Contest Rules and Regulations

Eligibility, Competition Times, and Walk-Up Entries

- All contestants will initially be selected through the pre-registration process.
- All contestants must be 18 years of age or older.
- All contestants must complete a waiver of liability and publicity release on-site the day of the contest.
- Interested contestants may complete only one registration form – duplicate entries will not be counted.
- There will be 10 preliminary rounds. Each round will have 10 contestants. The winners of each preliminary round will be invited to compete in the championship round on Sunday, August 22.
- Contestants will receive an email confirming their assigned round time and further details.
- Assigned competition slots are non-transferrable.
- Contestants must arrive to 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 during the competition will be opened to an on-site raffle. Interested contestants who do not get pre-selected to compete may show up and sign up for this raffle for a chance to compete.
- 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.
- The Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership reserves the right to assign, reserve, remove, and change competition slots and times as seen fit.

Competition Rules

- All contestants will be provided with one jar of pickle juice (roughly one quart). The contestant who finishes the jar of pickle juice first will be declared the winner of that round.
- 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 absolute.
- Contestants who excessively spill or regurgitate the pickle juice 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, we will have a drink-off amongst the tying contestants to determine a winner.
- The prize for the winner of the championship round on Sunday, August 22 will be \$500 cash.
- All decisions by the judges are final and non-contestable.
- Rules, eligibility, times, and prizes are subject to change without notice at the discretion of the Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership.