

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 Thursday, Friday, and Saturday in PPG Plaza, 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 19.
- 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.

BOBBING FOR PICKLES – 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 of pickles.
- Contestants may only use their mouths to retrieve the maximum number of pickles in the allotted time 90 seconds, which must be deposited into an adjacent receptacle.
- Contestants may not use their hands to touch any of the pickles or they will be immediately disqualified.
- Contestants may touch the sides of their basin and receptacle so long as they do not touch any of the pickles.
- The winner will be determined by who has the highest weight of pickles in the deposit receptacle and by judges appointed by the Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership. The judges' decisions are final and absolute.
- In the event of a tie in preliminary rounds, all winning contestants will advance to the final championship round.
- In the event of a tie in the final round the tying contestants will share the prize and glory of pickle bobbing 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 19 will be \$500 cash, the grand title of '*Baron of Bobbing*,' and two tickets to Zac Brown Band's Love & Fear Tour at PPG Paints Arena on August 13th.

