

**Taste of  
Hamburg-er Festival**



# All Star Amateur Hamburger Eating Competition August 31, 2024

**1st Prize - \$350    2nd Prize - \$200    3rd Prize - \$100    4th Prize - \$50**

- All contestants **MUST** be 18 years of age or older as of August 31, 2024.
- No prior eating experience is required.
- There must be a minimum of 6 contestants to hold the contest. Contest will be limited to 12 contestants. The festival committee has final discretion on participation.
- Contest will take place between 3:30 - 4 pm at the Savory Stage located in the State St. Square Beer Garden
- All contestants are required to check in with Chris Tray 45 minutes prior to contest at the stage area.
- Each contestant must consume a minimum of 5 burgers to be eligible for prize money.
- Food cannot be touched or manipulated by eaters prior to start.
- Eaters can drink as much room temperature (or colder) liquid while eating.
- Eaters must finish one full hamburger prior to starting another hamburger.
- Any food that passes the lips into the mouth must stay in the mouth.
- "Picnic Style Rules" will be used to enforce eating. Any Picnic Style Rule infraction will result in either a penalty assessed (deduction of food eaten) or immediate disqualification.
  - Burgers cannot be dunked in liquids or have liquids poured on the food .
  - All reasonable efforts must be taken to keep food intact. Burgers cannot be mashed, balled, separated, torn or otherwise modified.
  - Burgers must be picked up and eaten as they are intended to be eaten - lower bun, hamburger and upper bun must always be eaten as one food unit.
- Any reversal during the 10 minute competition will result in immediate disqualification.
- After the 10 minute contest is over, a 30 second Chipmunking Rule is enforced where any food that remains in the mouth must be cleared (eaten) in 30 seconds. Eaters must show an empty mouth at the 30 second mark (or prior). If food remains in the mouth, a penalty will be assessed.
- After the 10 minute contest is over, a 2 minute No Reversal rule is enforced (concurrent with the Chipmunking Rule) where any food that is eaten must remain "down" for 2 minutes after the eating competition is over.
- Winners will be determined by the number of burgers consumed within the 10 minute time period.
- All judges decisions are final.

Registration forms shall be received at the Our Town Foundation office, 320 State Street, Hamburg PA 19526, no later than 3 pm on Saturday, August 24. Forms may also be returned via email to [tasteofhamburger@gmail.com](mailto:tasteofhamburger@gmail.com).

Registrations will be accepted on August 31st (if slots are still available) no later than 12 noon at the stage area of the State St. Square Beer Garden.

# Entry Form for the 2024 Amateur Hamburger Eating Championship

Competition stage is located next to the Savory Stage in the  
State St. Square Beer Garden, 222 State Street, Hamburg.

**Enter early—space is limited!**

Registration forms should be received no later than 3 pm on Friday, August 24th.

Postal mail to Our Town Foundation, 320 State Street, Hamburg PA 19526, or scan and email to [tasteofhamburger@gmail.com](mailto:tasteofhamburger@gmail.com).

Registration forms will be accepted the day of the contest before 12 noon only IF there are remaining slots open.

**On day of contest, all eaters should report to Chris Tray at the competition stage area no later than 2:45 pm.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Nickname (name you would prefer to be called during the contest, i.e.: "Thunderbuns," "Meat Mountain"):

\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street

City

State

Zip

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Age as of August 31st, 2024: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female

Prior Eating Accomplishments (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

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