



## WATERMELON EATING CONTEST RULES

1. The object of the contest is to be the fastest person to eat a wedge/slice of watermelon down to the rind.
2. Hands free eating is required! Speed of eating is the major factor of the contest.
3. Contestants must place their hands behind their backs while eating the watermelon. If they use their hands to do more than prevent the watermelon from falling on the ground; they will be disqualified.
4. The winner will be the person who consumes the entire portion of watermelon in the shortest amount of time.
5. Judgment on the completion of the watermelon is to be decided by judge(s), not the contestant.
6. Judge(s) will be on hand to assure adherence to the contest rules and to time participants.
7. Decision of judges shall be final and irrevocable. In case of ties, a second heat shall be ordered.
8. Entry is free.
9. Contestants must not touch/eat any watermelon until the starting signal is given.
10. All of the watermelon on a contestant's plate/place must be consumed and not regurgitated or spit up prior to the completion of the contest. This will result in ejection from the contest.
11. If seed spitting is required then it shall be done in a straight-forward manner on to the ground directly in front of the participant. Seeds discharged in any other direction or onto other competitor's slice will be grounds for immediate disqualification.
12. Any complaint relative to size of melon slice must be lodged with judge prior to the start of the heat. All slices will be weighed in order to ensure equivalency.
13. Sponsors shall not be held responsible for the after effects of seeds swallowed by any contestant or for challenges realized as a result of eating at a fast pace. By entering into the contest, the contestant assumes all responsibility for gastro-intestinal, choking or other physical/health challenges.
14. Contestants must be at least 8 years old to participate.
15. Any contestant under the age of 18 must have parental/guardian permission/signature on the waiver and a parent/guardian on-site during the contest.

## **WATERMELON EATING CONTEST WAIVER**

**PERSON'S UNDER 18 MUST HAVE PARENTAL/GUARDIAN PERMISSION TO PARTICIPATE.**

**Acknowledgement of Risks and Waiver of Liability:** Contestant acknowledges that there are risks of personal injury as a result of participating in this contest.

Contestants, as a condition of entry, agree to indemnify and hold harmless, the Corporation of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria, their volunteers, staff and directors, any sponsors, funders, or vendors affiliated with HCMHomecoming2017 for any injury as a result of this competition.

By signing this form I understand that photos or video may be taken and released for advertising Homecoming in the future.

I, the undersigned participant, or parent/guardian, do hereby give permission for my daughter/son/ward/self to attend and participate in the Watermelon Eating Contest event sponsored by the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria at HCMHomecoming2017.

I hereby acknowledge that by attending and participating in the Watermelon Eating Contest event that there is a possibility of physical illness or injury to my daughter/son/ward/self and I do hereby for myself and all others who might have a similar claim waive, release, and forever discharge and any and all rights and claims for damages, which may arise now and in the future against any and all damages which my daughter/son/ward/self may sustain and suffer while attending and participating in the event.

### **REGISTRATION & WAIVER - WATERMELON EATING CONTEST**

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

Child under 18, if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

By signing this form I agree to the conditions above and state that my age is 18 years of age or older or I am a guardian/parent of a child under the age of 18.