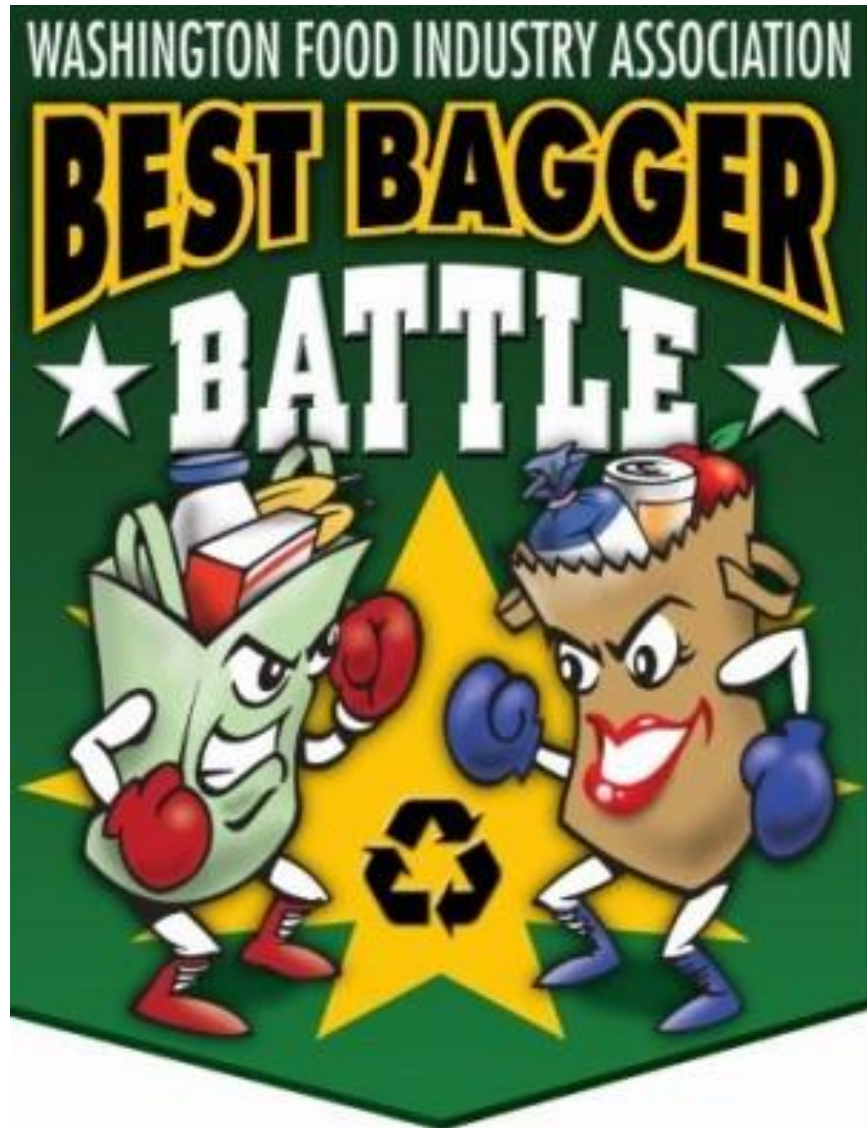


Handbook



Thursday, October 25, 2014 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Centerplace Event Center
2426 N. Discovery Place
Spokane, WA 99216



Schedule of Events For Best Bagger 2018

- 1:15 p.m. Judges/ Volunteer Training
- 2:15 p.m. Contestant Briefing
- 3:00 p.m. Contest Kick-Off
- 5:00 p.m. Winner Announced, Awards Presented

Contest Registration: Entry Fees & Entry Form

- The contestant entry fee of \$50.00 must be payable and remitted to Washington Food Industry Association. Entry forms are available on line at www.wa-food-ind.org or on the last page of this handout.
- **Spectators and fans admission to the bagging contest is FREE and strongly encouraged.** Family, friends, cheer teams and fellow workers are invited to attend and cheer on their favorite contestant!
- Parking fees are not covered
- Some travel compensation will be available to those traveling from Eastern Washington. Please contact our office for details: (360) 753-5177.
- Registration is due by October 1, 2018

Eligibility:

- One contestant per company. While not necessary to compete, you are encouraged to hold your own company-wide contest to assure that you are sending your best bagger to the state championships. Detailed instructions are available.
- Previous 1st place winners of the National Best Bagger Contest and any contestant that has placed in the top 2 in the statewide contest in any two previous years are not eligible to compete again.
- Contestants must spend more that 25% of their working hours bagging groceries as a regularly assigned duty.
- People of all ages are encouraged to compete.

Prizes:

- 1st Place Winner: \$2,000 cash, a trophy and an all expense paid trip for two to San Diego, CA for the NGA National Contest. Trip includes: round trip coach airfare for two, a 3 day/2 night hotel stay, no registration fee for the NGA contest and \$200 meal compensation.
- 1st Runner-up : \$1,500 cash and trophy.
- 3rd Place: \$1,000 cash and trophy.
- \$200 for each participating contestant– one per company.

Judging Criteria:

Judging criteria is included with this registration form. For the official training manual, entry forms, instructions, judge's scoring forms and step-by step instructions to help you hold your own "BEST BAGGER" contest please visit our website at www.wa-food-ind.org under the "Events– Best Bagger" section.

Contests will be judged on the following criteria:

- Speed
- Proper bag building technique
- Distribution of weight between bags
- Style, attitude and appearance

What kind of bags will be used?

Each contestant will compete in two rounds and the top three baggers will advance to the final round.

- 1st Round: For the first round the contestants will be required to fill three paper bags.
- 2nd Round: For the second round the contestants will be required to fill three reusable bags.

*All contestants who have paid registration by the **October 1,2018** date will receive a welcome packet with three sample bags.

Frequently asked questions:

Q. If a bagger drops an item during the contest, what happens?

A. A bagger must pick up any dropped item. If they have not noticed an item that has fallen to the floor, the Timekeeper may alert the bagger of the item, but the Timekeeper will not pick up the item. Time will continue to run, with one exception, if the item falls from the stage. In the interest of safety, we do not want the baggers diving after the item. In this case an automatic two point deduction will be taken from the bag building technique score for that round.

Q. Where do the bags have to be placed when your finished bagging?

A. The bags can be placed on the top of the check stand or the floor whichever is most comfortable for the bagger.

Q. What happens if the bagger raises her/ his hands and an item falls out of the bag?

A. The bagger may place the item back in the bag if the time has not stopped but if the timer has been stopped an automatic deduction of two points will be taken from the bagger's speed score.

Q. What happens if a bagger raises her/his hands because she/he thinks they have finished bagging all items but have left an item unbagged on the check stand?

A. The Timekeeper will alert the bagger to the item the bagger missed, and time will continue until the item has been bagged. If the Timekeeper inadvertently stops the time before all items are bagged, an automatic deduction of two points will be taken from the bagger's speed score.



Judging Criteria– Both Paper & Reusable Bags

Speed ----- 10 Points

Contestants should bag orders significantly more quickly than the average bagger.

Time Points

- 0 - 45.00 seconds or less: 10
- 45.01 - 49.00 seconds: 9
- 49.01 - 53.00 seconds: 8
- 53.01 - 57.00 seconds: 7
- 57.01 - 61.00 seconds: 6
- 61.01 - 65.00 seconds: 5
- 65.01 - 69.00 seconds: 4
- 69.01 - 73.00 seconds: 3
- 73.01 - 77.00 seconds: 2
- More than 77.01 seconds: 1

Proper Bag Building Technique ----- 10 Points

Contestants should be able to arrange groceries correctly within a reusable bag.

Packing should involve these steps:

- (1) Placing heavy cans on the bottom of the bag.
- (2) Framing boxed items around the bag's walls to create a cushion for other items.
- (3) Placing crushable items, such as produce and eggs, on the top.
- (4) Slipping small items, like packs of gum, in the spaces left in the bag.
- (5) No glass bottles should be next to each other.
- (6) Bottles and other glass encased items should be in the center of the bag.

Distribution of Weight Between Bags ----- 5 Points

When bagging with reusable bags, the ideal order will **fill three bags**. Contestants should know how to distribute groceries among sacks so that all sacks are approximately equal in weight. To calculate the score, we will weigh each bag and record its weight. Then, we will take the heaviest bag weight, minus the lightest bag weight and subtract the difference from the total possible points.

Example: The heaviest bag weighs 15.75 pounds and the lightest bag weighs 14.25 pounds. The weight difference between the three bags is 1.50 pounds. Subtract this difference from the total possible points (5.00–1.50 = 3.50). Total points to be awarded are 3.50.

Style, Attitude and Appearance ----- 5 Points

All contestants should present a neat appearance, be polite and convey a customer-oriented attitude. Contestants will be judged in part on their composure and self-confidence.

Total Possible Score for Paper and Reusable Bag “Heats”

30 Points Each Heat

- 1st Heat Paper Bags= 30 points
- 2nd Heat Reusable Bags= 30 points.

The top three highest scoring contestants will advance to one final heat for the title of *Washington State's Best Bagger!* We will be using the same scoring system in the final heat.

Registration Form:

Baggers Name: _____

Baggers Address: _____

Baggers City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Baggers Phone: _____

Baggers Email: _____

Baggers Hobbies: _____

Store Name: _____

Store Address: _____

Store City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Store Contact: _____

Store Phone: _____

Store Email: _____

Corporate Name: _____

Corporate Address: _____

Corporate City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Corporate Contact: _____

Corporate Phone: _____

Corporate Email: _____

Mail Form To:

Washington Food Industry Association
PO Box 706
Olympia, WA 98502

Check List:

Complete Registration Form

Enclosed a \$50.00 entry fee check made payable to WFIA

Send a photo of contestant to melissa@wa-food-ind.org (this photo will be used in the event program)

Must be post marked by October 1, 2018

Questions? Please contact Michelle Reeves at P 360-753-5177 ext.103 or email melissa@wa-food-ind.org



Don't forget your cheer team!

SAMPLE GROCERY LIST

Brand	Product	Oz.
Doritos	Cool Ranch Chips	11
Prego	Alfredo Sauce (Glass)	14.5
Del Monte	Canned Corn	15.25
Del Monte	Canned Green Beans	14.5
Kraft	Boxed Mac & Cheese	7.25
Sunshine	Cheez-Its	7
Western Family	Toasted Oats Cereal	14
Western Family	Dill Pickle Slices (Glass)	16
Western Family	Canned Black Beans	15
Western Family	Canned Pinto Beans	15
Western Family	Salad Macaroni	16
Western Family	Canned Peaches	15
Western Family	Sandwich Baggies	16
Western Family	Canned Dog Food	13.2
Western Family	Tomato Soup	26
Western Family	Spaghetti	16
Mission	Corn Tortillas	10.84
Quaker	Oats	18
Snack Pack	Chocolate Pudding Cups	13
Bumble Bee	Canned Tuna	5
Coca-Cola	Powerade	32
JIF	Peanut Butter	16
Langers	Apple Sauce (Glass)	33
Progresso	Chicken Noodle Soup	19
Progresso	Beef Soup	19
Tillamook County Smoker	Pepperoni Stick	1.44
Tillamook County Smoker	Beef Jerky	6
Food Club	Pasta Sauce (Glass)	24
Gerber	Baby Food	5
Fiora	Paper Towel Roll	4
Rubbermaid	Take-Alongs	23
Haggen	Saltine Crackers	16
Darigold	Butter	16
Welch's	Grape Jelly	22
Full Circle Organic	Raisins	6
Campfire	Giant Marshmallows	20
SOLO	Clear Cups	10
Electrix	Light Bulbs	6
Food Club	Instant Mashed Potatoes	4
Bubbalicious	Gum	1