

# SEYMOUR APPLE FESTIVAL

## 2024 CORN DOG EATING CONTEST

***SPONSORED BY OLD 60 STORAGE***

### **CONTEST RULES - Please Read Rules Carefully**

- **All contestants must be 18 years of age or older** and fully acknowledge and understand the inherent dangers and risks associated with participation in an eating contest. The applicant further acknowledges and understands that the festival organizers coordinates with event sponsors to approve eligible participants and that the Seymour Apple Festival shall decide, at its sole discretion, whether an applicant is eligible to participate in any eating event, and/or related activities.
- Seymour Apple Festival, Inc. may revoke an applicant's eligibility to participate in the eating contest, or related activities, at any time, for any reason, at its sole discretion. Seymour Apple Festival, Inc. and the event sponsors reserve the right at any time to change any and all details concerning the event, including but not limited to, time, duration, location and prize structure.
- Contestants must have a nice clean appearance for the event that is suitable for a family function. If anything the contestant is wearing is deemed inappropriate or unattractive the contestant may be subject to disqualification and dismissal.
- **Contestant must be present and registered at the Registration Table by 5:45 PM on Thursday, September 12th for final instructions.** Upon registering or checking-in each contestant will receive a commemorative t-shirt. The t-shirt must be worn by the contestant for the duration of the competition. A contestant may forfeit his or her place should he or she fail to register on time. The contestant must be continuously present for the duration of the competition.
- Contestants must wait for the starting signal to begin eating and may not touch any corn dog prior to the starting signal. Contestants must stop eating and must promptly place their hands down on the table or at their sides at the ending signal.
- Contestants must remove the stick from each corn dog prior the corn dog coming into contact with the contestant's mouth. Sticks must be placed in a container provided by officials. Corn dogs whose sticks are not in the container at the end of the competition will not be counted.
- Contestant is to eat as many corn dogs as possible within the allotted time: 8 minutes.
- Contestants may eat sitting, or standing in their designated area. Contestants will be allowed to use and/or drink water during the competition as dispensed by the officials.
- Contestants must complete eating an entire corn dog before proceeding to the next corn dog. The entire corn dog means the breading and hot dog, leaving only the stick. Contestants may not remove the breading from the hot dog, but must eat the entire corn dog as a whole unit.
- Chipmunking will be allowed giving contestant 30 seconds to swallow any corn dog already in mouth at ending signal. If a contestant throws up or regurgitates, he or she will automatically be disqualified.
- Officials will be on hand to assure strict adherence to Contest Rules and tally the number of corn dogs eaten, plus disqualify contestants who fail to adhere to the rules.
- Winners will be determined by counting the number of corn dogs eaten. The judges may note the approximate amount of corndog which remains on the last stick to break ties or choose a winner.
- All decisions of the contest officials are final.
- NOTE: Seymour Apple Festival, Inc. reserves the right to disqualify any contestant for any reason without explanation. No refunds of entry fees given to any disqualified contestant.