

## **OHIO STATE FAIR GIANT PUMPKIN WEIGH-OFF**

Exhibits to be delivered 7:30 – 9:30 a.m., Saturday, August 5. All entries will be released 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., Sunday, August 6. Official inspection and weigh-off will begin at 1:00 p.m.

1. Competition open to the world. The pumpkin must have been grown and cared for by the exhibitor.
2. General Ag/Hort Ohio State Fair entry deadlines and fees apply.
3. Pumpkins must weigh a minimum of 200 pounds to be considered.
4. Pumpkins must be on pallets when delivered to the Ohio State Fair. Detailed delivery and parking information will be mailed upon receipt of entry information. A forklift will be available to unload and load pumpkins. Only authorized Ohio State Fair personnel may operate forklifts.
5. Exhibitors may make up to two entries, but only one entry will be eligible for awards.
6. Any entry from the genus Cucurbita of the family Cucurbitaceae, a group that includes pumpkins and squashes, will be considered a pumpkin.
7. Judges will inspect all entries and supervise weighing.
8. Each pumpkin must be sound, healthy and undamaged. Entries must be free of rot, holes and/or cracks through to the interior cavity, chemical residues and serious soft spots. Cracks, holes and openings shall be free of any foreign material. The judges will probe any crack, hole or opening into the pumpkin, which visually appears to extend into the interior cavity. A 36" by 1/16th" probe will be provided to the judge to probe suspect cracks, openings or holes. An opening where the probe meets no resistance into the interior cavity will disqualify the pumpkin from the competition. The judges have the right to fully inspect each pumpkin before the official weight is announced. Refusal to allow a thorough inspection of the pumpkin will result in disqualification. The decision of the judges is final.
9. Chemical residues and soil must be cleaned from the pumpkin surface prior to arrival at the Ohio State Fair.
10. Pumpkin must clear the scale in sound condition in order for the weight to be official and the entry eligible for premiums.
11. Placings and premiums will be awarded based on the final, official weight of all pumpkins clearing inspection by the judges. The heaviest pumpkin is first, second heaviest pumpkin is second, etc. In the event of a tie, the prize money for that placing(s) under it will be combined and split equally.
12. The Ohio State Fair and the Ohio Exposition Commission, their staff and employees, will assume no liability for any injury or accident occurring in transit to or from the Ohio Expo Center or while on the grounds. The Ohio State Fair and the Ohio Exposition Commission, their staff and employees, will not be responsible for lost, stolen or damaged goods.
13. The Ohio State Fair retains the rights to all pumpkins exhibited. If the Ohio State Fair does not want to retain rights, the pumpkins are the responsibility of the exhibitor. Exhibitors must meet with the Agriculture/Horticulture Superintendent to arrange for pick-up or disposal of entries.
14. The Ohio State Fair Giant Pumpkin Weigh-Off has been approved as part of the Great Pumpkin Commonwealth (GPC). Ohio State Fair exhibitors are eligible for extra prize money from GPC if they qualify at the end of the growing season. Refer to GPC rules for additional information.

### **CLASS**

9 – Giant Pumpkin, largest specimen, sound specimen by weight. Make all entries in Division 2104, Class 9.

Premiums - 1st place - \$1200, 2nd place - \$600, 3rd place - \$300, 4th place - \$150, 5th place - \$100, 6th place - \$75, 7th place - \$50, 8th place - \$50, 9th place - \$25, 10th place - \$25. Rosettes and ribbons courtesy of the Ohio State Fair and Great Pumpkin Commonwealth.

10 – "Howard Dill Award" – Presented to the prettiest, symmetric, orange or orange-red pumpkin. Award courtesy of the Great Pumpkin Commonwealth. No entry needed.

### **\*\*\*\*GIANT PUMPKIN GROWER INCENTIVE\*\*\*\***

**THE TOP TEN PUMPKINS THAT ARE JUDGED SOUND AND CLEAR THE SCALES WEIGHING MORE THAN 850 POUNDS WILL RECEIVE A \$100 BONUS.** Bonus will be paid in addition to above premiums. Bonus will be combined with regular premium payment. All rules and regulations fully enforced.