

Goshen County Master Gardeners Giant Pumpkin Contest

Our annual PUMPKIN weigh-in is October 3, 2020, in the Frontier Shelter, Goshen County Fairgrounds. This time-honored, world-recognized and incredibly fun event is being sponsored by the Goshen County Master Gardeners.

Rules

Our rules and regulations follow the official rules and regulations from the World Pumpkin Confederation and the Great Pumpkin Commonwealth

1. The competition is open to all persons in any part of the world.
2. The entry must be exhibited by the grower or team. In case of an emergency where the grower or team cannot be present to exhibit the entry, a determination of the validity of the absence of the grower or team needs to be determined and a representative for the grower or team needs to be approved.
3. The state/county/country of residence of an exhibitor is the state/county/country which will be credited with the results of the competition.
4. The specimen must be sound, healthy, and undamaged. Entries must be free of rot, holes, or cracks through to the cavity, and serious soft spots.
 - a. The Judges reserve the right to probe cracks, holes, and to dig out soft spots to judge a fruit official or not. Before the Judges can execute any of the previous they must have the grower present.
 - b. A serious soft spot is one that is greater than 3 inches in diameter, and greater than 3 inches deep. The dimensions of the soft spot will be measured after all soft material has been removed with a spoon.
 - c. If there are more than two soft spots that require material to be removed and measured, the pumpkin will be disqualified even if each is smaller than the definition of a 'serious soft spot'.
 - d. Judging is to be completed before a fruit is officially weighed.
5. All specimens must be weighed with only the fruit on the scale. Any fruit weighed with a tarp, pallet or any other lifting device will be classified as unofficial weight. Foreign material may not be included in the weighing.
6. No entrant or spectator shall attempt to influence the judges or impede the proceedings of fair competition.
7. Any entrant receiving assistance in the form of financial support or who is employed for the purpose of growing competitive class vegetable, fruits, or flowers, or who offers endorsement to any garden product for personal gain will be considered a professional. It is the policy of the Master Gardener Giant Pumpkin Contest to encourage amateurism.
8. Specimens of equal weight will be declared co-winners.
9. Entries must be at the contest site one hour prior to weigh-in time.