Tuesday, October 8, 2019
2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Historic 1625 Tacoma Place
1625 S. Tacoma Way
Tacoma, WA 98409
Schedule of Events For Best Bagger 2019

1:00 p.m. Judges/ Volunteer Training
2:00 p.m. Contestant Briefing
2:30 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 September 15, 2019

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 bags 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 than 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 $250 meal compensation.

2nd Place: $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.

Contestants 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 September 15, 2019 date will receive a welcome packet with three sample bags.

Frequently asked questions:

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

- **Where do the bags have to be placed when you finished bagging?**
  The bags can be placed on the top of the check stand or the floor whichever is most comfortable for the bagger.

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

- **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?**
  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 - 53.00 seconds or less: 10
- 53.01 - 57.00 seconds: 9
- 57.01 - 61.00 seconds: 8
- 61.01 - 69.00 seconds: 7
- 69.01 - 73.00 seconds: 6
- 73.01 - 77.00 seconds: 5
- 77.01 - 81.00 seconds: 4
- 81.01 - 85.00 seconds: 3
- 85.01 - 89.00 seconds: 2
- 89:01 or more 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”**

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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:

1. Hobby #1 ___________________________________________________________________________________________

2. Hobby #2 __________________________________________________________________________________________

3. Hobby #3 __________________________________________________________________________________________

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:
WFIA Educational Foundation
PO Box 706
Olympia, WA 98507

Scan & Email
melissa@wa-food-ind.org

Check List

☐ Completed Registration Form
☐ Enclosed a $50.00 entry fee check made payable to WFIA or pay online
☐ Email photo of contestant to melissa@wa-food-ind.org
☐ Must be post marked by September 15, 2019

Questions? Please contact Melissa Burgess at 360-753-5177 ext. 103 or melissa@wa-food-ind.org.
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