

SAFEWAY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP PUMPKIN WEIGH-OFF

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HALF MOON BAY'S SAFEWAY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP PUMPKIN WEIGH-OFF OFFICIAL RULES

- The weigh-off is open to growers of giant competition-sized pumpkins only.
- Pumpkins must be grown, cared for, and entered by the weigh-off contestant.
- Each contestant is limited to having one entry (one pumpkin) weighed.
- Pumpkins that have won prizes in any other weigh-off competitions are not eligible.
- In the event of a tie, prize money will be distributed equally among the tied parties.
- Decisions made by the judges are final in all cases.
- Pumpkins must be in healthy and undamaged condition, free of rot, holes and cracks through the cavity, chemical residue, and soft spots.
- To be classified as pumpkin, specimen must be 75% yellow/orange in color; all others will be classified as squash.
- The vine must be trimmed to one inch from the stem. No foreign material is permitted in the weighing.
- All pumpkins will be weighed without the use of tarps or other carrying devices.
- Pumpkins will be classified by division based on where the specimen is grown, not the residence of the grower.
- To receive the \$30,000 world record prize, the grower must break and hold the world record at the conclusion of the Half Moon Bay weigh-off. If two or more growers happen to break the world record at Half Moon Bay, the prize money would go to the grower of the heaviest pumpkin.
- The weigh-off will be conducted in accordance with GPC rules.
- The winning pumpkin will remain in Half Moon Bay through the HMB Pumpkin Minifest 49.5, Saturday, Oct. 16.