



Hales Corners 4th of July Hot Dog Eating Contest Rules

The Hales Corners Hot Dog Eating Contest is a contest to eat a number of hot dogs, buns, and a glass of water in the fastest time for each weight class.

Interested contestants must complete and submit a Hales Corners 4th of July Hot Dog Eating Contest application.

Event officials will review applications and approved contestants will be provided a contestant number by email.

Approved contestants must sign an Eating Contest Waiver and present a valid government photo ID at check in to participate.

Anyone under the age of 18 must have a parent or legal guardian present at the event to sign an Eating Contest Waiver on the minor's behalf and present a valid government photo ID in order for the minor contestant to participate. A parent or legal guardian must remain present while the minor contestant is participating in the event.

On the day of the event all contestants should have their contestant number and a valid government photo ID to check in with event officials.

Contestants will be divided into three weight classes: Lightweight (under 100lbs), Middleweight (100lbs-200lbs) and Heavyweight (over 200lbs).

The specific brand and shape of hot dogs will be selected at the discretion of event officials but will be pre-cooked meat hot dogs of uniform size between 1.5 and 2.0 ounces. Buns will be selected at the discretion of event officials but will be standard size plain white hot dog buns.

Each contestant will be seated at a table and provided cooked hot dogs, buns, and one cup of water. The number of hot dogs and buns will depend on weight class as follows:

Lightweight = 3 hot dogs and buns

Middleweight = 4 hot dogs and buns

Heavyweight = 5 hot dogs and buns

Contestants shall not touch the hot dogs, buns, or cups of water until an event official starts the competition.

Once the competition is underway, contestants are to eat the hot dogs and buns in whatever order they choose. Contestants are to eat all hot dogs and all buns provided to them, drink the entire glass of water, then stand and say “Hales Corners Fourth of July!”

The first contestant in each weight class to eat all hot dogs and all buns, drink the entire glass of water, stand, and say “Hales Corners Fourth of July!” shall be declared the winner.

In the event of a tie, the tied contestants will have a two hot dog and bun “eat off” to determine the winner using the same rules as the competition.

The winner in each weight class will receive a prize and earn the esteemed title of “Hales Corners 4th of July Hot Dog Eating Contest Champion.”

Contestants are welcome to wear costumes and interact with spectators. Good-humored “smack talk” is welcome; however, any foul language, personal insults, or abusive language may result in disqualification.

All decisions of the event officials are final.

Any questions prior to the event should be directed to HalesCorners4thOfJuly@gmail.com.