



2017 UGPG Weigh-Off
OTHER ENTRIES
Entry Form



Utah Giant Pumpkin Growers 13th Annual Weigh-Off
Thanksgiving Point, Lehi, Utah

***Required**

GROWER INFORMATION

*First Name _____ *Last Name _____

*City _____ *State _____ *Zip _____

*Current Member: Yes _____ No _____ - If no, please fill out membership form on 2nd page.
(UGPG Membership is \$25 from Jan 2017 – Dec 2017)

ENTRY INFORMATION

***Class – Please Circle One**

Tomato Long Gourd Watermelon Field Pumpkin Bushel Gourd

Other: _____

Variety (Tomato or other if applicable): _____

Exhibition Only _____ Damaged _____ Jr. Division (15 & younger) _____
(see official rules)

(All "Other" categories are considered Exhibition only)

OFFICIAL WEIGHT/LENGTH: _____

(To Be Filled In By UGPG Judge)

*Seed (mother) _____

*Pollinator (father) _____

Date Seed Started _____

Date Set Out _____

Date Pollinated _____

Date Removed _____

I ensure the quality of my entered fruit by attesting to the spirit of fairness of competition and fellowship while adhering to all the UGPG/GPC rules and regulations. I have cultivated, nurtured and tended for this pumpkin from planting to harvest.

Signature _____ Date _____

By signing this form the applicant agrees to the rules & regulations.

Membership Application
A membership is \$25.00 from Jan-Dec 2017

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

UGPG Weighoff General Rules & Regulations For All Entries

- 1.) This contest is open to UGPG members only. UGPG Membership is \$25.00 per calendar year. You may register to become a member of the UGPG at the weigh off.
- 2.) The entry must be exhibited by the grower or team. In the case of an emergency where the grower or team cannot be present to exhibit the entry, the UGPG will make a determination regarding the validity of a grower or team's absence.
 - a. "Grower" is defined as a person who has grown and cared for the entry from planting to harvest.
 - b. "Team" is defined as any two or more "Growers" who exhibit together.
- 3.) All specimens that will be submitted to the UGPG for prize money and recognition must be weighed on a certified scale with only the fruit on the scale. Any fruit weighed with a tarp, pallet, or any other lifting device will be classified unofficial weight or "EXH".
- 4.) No foreign material (i.e.: fungicides, caulking, skin additives et cetera) will be permitted in the weighing of any fruit. Vines must be trimmed to within one inch of the stem of the fruit. The judges have the right to inspect any and all fruit before weights and measurements become official. Refusal of any inspection to an entry will cause the entry to be classified exhibition only.
- 5.) 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. Small damaged areas are acceptable if naturally healed over with new rind, also known as natural scabs or new cantalouping.
 - e. Judging is to be completed before a fruit is officially weighed.
- 6.) The UGPG/GPG will only recognize one specimen per grower.
 - a. Entries other than the grower's one official entry will be entered as "EXH - exhibition" for legal fruit and "DMG - damaged" for illegal fruit. EXH and DMG fruit are ineligible for prizes.
- 7.) No specimen will be allowed into competition if that specimen has been previously entered at another GPC (Great Pumpkin Commonwealth) weigh off competition.
- 8.) In the event of a tie of two or more places all entries that are tied will have the prize money for the places that are tied added together then split equally amongst the places that are involved.
- 9.) Any attempt to coerce or influence a judge is grounds for disqualification at the discretion of the UGPG executive board.
- 10.) If a judge has a fruit entered and should the entry require a judge's ruling, the entered judge will be replaced by another judge/club representative until after the final decision is made.
- 11.) Registration begins at 8:00 AM. All entries must be on the ground staged for inspection by 11:00 AM. All entries must arrive on a pallet.
- 12.) Neither Thanksgiving Point nor the UGPG will be responsible for any damages caused to any person(s) or specimen(s) at this event.
- 13.) Jr. Division is for entrants 15 and younger. No entrance fee or club membership is required for entry. We recognize that entrants likely received consistent help with growing these fruits, which is acceptable in this class. We do ask that the child take an active part in caring for the plant during the season. These entries will not be recorded as official GPC entries, and will not be entered for prize money in the general field. If a Jr. grower has been the primary caregiver of the plant and would like to enter the pumpkin as an official entry, please do not mark "Junior Division" box on registration form.

UGPG Rules for Long Gourds, Field Pumpkins, Watermelon, Tomatos and Bushel Gourds

Long Gourds

- 1) The long gourd competition is strictly for length.
- 2) To obtain a measurement the long gourd must be on a horizontal flat surface that will support the entire length of the specimen.
- 3) Only a metal tape measure or a carefully calibrated sliding device may be used for the measurement.
- 4) No part of the stem will be considered in the total length.
- 5) The measurement must be the straight line horizontal distance from the end of the gourd near the base of the stem to the tip at the blossom end. No curvature of the gourd is to be used to increase the measurement.
- 6) All specimens must be sound, whole and firm.

- 7) The tip of the gourd must be firm and in good condition. Those with a tip that is rotten, shriveled or rubbery should be left at home. If such a specimen does appear at a GPC site, it may be listed as damaged (DMG).
- 8) Recognizing that the perfect long gourd is a rarity, very minor surface cracks, soft spots and other flaws may be permitted at the discretion of the UGPG judges.

Field Pumpkins

- 1) Field pumpkins are classified as having a hard, green stem.
- 2) Green (unripe) field pumpkins are allowed as official entries.
- 3) All rules in General Rules apply, with the exception that a damaged spot may not exceed 2 inches in diameter for field pumpkins.

Watermelon

- 1) No frozen specimens will be allowed.
- 2) All rules in General Rules apply, with the exception that a damaged spot may not exceed 2 inches in diameter for watermelon.
- 3) Cracks or damage into the interior pink flesh will be classified as DMG.
- 4) Fruit may not leak, any liquid coming from fruit will be considered DMG.

Tomatoes

- 1) All tomatoes must be healthy; a healthy tomato must be free of significant soft spots or leakage.
- 2) Skin may be cracked but not leaking.
- 3) Tomato must be weighed on certified scales, calibrated to 2 decimal places in pounds or pounds and ounces.
- 4) Tomato weights must be reported in pounds and ounces to 2nd decimal place. (ie: 6 pounds 5.53 ounces)
- 5) Stem must be cut within .5 inches of the specimen.
- 6) Green fruit will be allowed as official entries.
- 7) Specimen must be weighed on a certified scale of appropriate sensitivity.
- 8) No frozen specimens will be allowed.
- 9) The entirety of the fruit flesh must be connected – pictures or video must show this.

Heavy Gourds (Bushel, Kettle, Pear) and other varieties:

The GPC has created this competitive class for growers of this type of gourds, which are the heaviest type of gourds, with prize money and listing on BP. It is a *Lagenaria siceraria*.

- 1) These Gourds are to be measured for weight, not for length.
- 2) The fruit is round shaped and green, yellow and/or brown in color.
- 3) Gourds must be sound, clean and free of cracks, splits, holes and rotten spots into the cavity.
- 4) The stem must be removed within 2.5 cm (1 inch) of the fruit