



2017 UGPG Weigh-Off PUMPKINS-SQUASH 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**

Pumpkin

Squash

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

OFFICIAL WEIGHT: _____

(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 Rules & Regulations

- 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 a Cucurbita sp. specimen that was grown by the exhibitor (person signing this document).
- 3.) 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.
- 4.) 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".
- 5.) 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.
- 6.) 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.
- 7.) The UGPG 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.
 - b. A grower or team may bring up to 2 pumpkins. If a grower or team wishes to bring 3 or more pumpkins they must contact a club representative(s) prior to weigh-off day to ensure the UGPG can accommodate their multiple fruit.
- 8.) No specimen will be allowed into competition if that specimen has been previously entered at another GPC (Great Pumpkin Commonwealth) weigh off competition.
- 9.) Minimum weight for an entry is 100 lbs.
- 10.) Heaviest sound entry wins.
- 11.) Squash will be classified as follows -100% of the following colors or color combinations green, blue, and gray. The surface area of the fruit as grown in the garden, not including the portion that was in contact with, or close proximity to the ground will be considered. This area will include the area between the ribs, around the stem, and the blossom end. This will not include any netting (cantalouping), any discoloration caused by the close proximity to the ground, or minimal amounts of white striping or mottling associated with some squash.
- 12.) Pumpkins will be all fruit not classified as squash.
- 13.) 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.
- 14.) The three Judges are will be three club/grower representatives selected by the UGPG.
- 15.) Any attempt to coerce or influence a judge is grounds for disqualification at the discretion of the UGPG executive board.
- 16.) 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.
- 17.) 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.
- 18.) Neither Thanksgiving Point nor the UGPG will be responsible for any damages caused to any person(s) or specimen(s) at this event.
- 19.) 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 pumpkins, 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.

UTAH GIANT PUMPKIN GROWERS 2017 WEIGH OFF
SATURDAY SEPT. 23rd
at
THANKSGIVING POINT
LEHI, UTAH 84043
www.thanksgivingpoint.com

Registration is from 8 am till 11 am. Bring each pumpkin on a pallet.

Judging is from 11 am till noon.

Weigh off starts at Noon.

We would like to encourage everyone to bring a pallet for their pumpkin that has a 4-inch rise from the ground, allows the forklift access on all 4 sides of the pallet, and a solid surface for the pumpkin to sit on. The surface could be plywood, carpet, cardboard, foam, etc. This will help the lifting crew move the pumpkin without damaging it.

Up to two pumpkins per grower are allowed but only one will count toward prizes. If desired, extra pumpkins may be weighed. Extra pumpkins will be weighed in beginning at 11 am. If you have more than 2 pumpkins to be weighed, you must contact Kyle Fox (801) 319-9926 or Matt McConkie (801)458-3383 in advance.