All Star Hamburger Eating Competition
September 5, 2026

1st Prize - **$350** 2nd Prize - **$200** 3rd Prize - **$100** 4th Prize - **$50**

- All contestants MUST be 18 years of age or older as of September 5, 2026.
- No prior eating experience is required.
- There must be a minimum of 6 contestants to hold the contest. Contest will be limited to 12 contestants. The festival committee has final discretion on participation.
- Contest will take place between 3:30 - 4 pm at the Savory Stage located in the State St. Square Beer Garden
- All contestants are required to check in with Chris Tray 45 minutes prior to contest at the stage area.
- Each contestant must consume a minimum of 5 burgers to be eligible for prize money.
- Food cannot be touched or manipulated by eaters prior to start.
- Eaters can drink as much room temperature (or colder) liquid while eating.
- Eaters must finish one full hamburger prior to starting another hamburger.
- Any food that passes the lips into the mouth must stay in the mouth.
- “Picnic Style Rules" will be used to enforce eating. Any Picnic Style Rule infraction will result in either a penalty assessed (deduction of food eaten) or immediate disqualification.
  - —Burgers cannot be dunked in liquids or have liquids poured on the food .
  - —All reasonable efforts must be taken to keep food intact. Burgers cannot be mashed, balled, separated, torn or otherwise modified.
  - — Burgers must be picked up and eaten as they are intended to be eaten - lower bun, hamburger and upper bun must always be eaten as one food unit.
- Any reversal during the 10 minute competition will result in immediate disqualification.
- After the 10 minute contest is over, a 30 second Chipmunking Rule is enforced where any food that remains in the mouth must be cleared (eaten) in 30 seconds. Eaters must show an empty mouth at the 30 second mark (or prior). If food remains in the mouth, a penalty will be assessed of one burger.
- After the 10 minute contest is over, a 2 minute No Reversal rule is enforced (concurrent with the Chipmunking Rule) where any food that is eaten must remain "down" for 2 minutes after the eating competition is over.
- Winner will be announced following the 2 minute period and consensus of the judges.
- Winners will be determined by the number of burgers consumed within the 10 minute time period.
- Burgers not wholly consumed will either be assessed a 1/2 or 1 burger penalty at the judges discretion.
- All judges decisions are final.

Registration forms shall be received at the Our Town Foundation office, 320 State Street, Hamburg PA 19526, no later than 3 pm on Friday, August 21. Forms may also be returned via email to tasteofhamburger@gmail.com.

Registrations will be accepted the day of the festival (if slots are still available) no later than 12 noon at the stage area of the State St. Square Beer Garden.

Entry Form for the 2026
All Star Hamburger Eating Championship

Competition stage is located next to the Savory Stage in the State St. Square Beer Garden, 222 State Street, Hamburg. Enter early—space is limited!

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Postal mail to Our Town Foundation, 320 State Street, Hamburg PA 19526, or scan and email to tasteofhamburger@gmail.com.

Registration forms will be accepted the day of the contest before 12 noon only IF there are remaining slots open.

On day of contest, all eaters should report to Chris Tray at the competition stage area no later than 2:45 pm.

Name: _____

Nickname (name you would prefer to be called during the contest, i.e.: “Thunderbuns,” “Meat Mountain”):

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Address:_____

Street City State Zip

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Age as of September 5, 2026: _____ Gender: _____Male _____Female

Prior Eating Accomplishments (if any) _____

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