



NOVI TACO FEST

HOT PEPPER EATING CONTEST

How hot can you stomach on the Scoville heat scale?!? Knock your socks off with Local Grown hot peppers!

- * Round 1: Pablano (1,000 – 1,500 SU)
- * Round 2: Jalapeño (2,500 - 8,000 SU)
- * Round 3: Hungarian Hot Wax (5,000 – 10,000 SU)
- * Round 4: Habanero (150,000 -352,000 SU)
- * Round 5: Ghost Pepper (855,000 - 1,041,427 SU)

If there is a tie after round 5, remaining contestants will enter into a "Lightning Round" where the contestant who eats the most Ghost Peppers in 30 seconds is the winner.

RULES:

1. Each contestant must sign a waiver and release form.
2. The contest is a series of rounds with participants able to withdraw at any stage either during a round or before the next one begins;
3. The hot peppers will begin at a mild heat and will increase in heat based upon the Scoville Heat Scale as the rounds progress;
4. Each contestant will receive a single hot pepper in each round;
5. Contestants will be required to eat the entire pepper: flesh, seeds and membrane;
6. Contestants will be allowed to finish any pepper remaining in their mouth when time is called after one minute. This rule does not apply in the event of a tie situation as detailed in Rule 8;
7. The winner will be determined by being the last remaining contestant willing to continue in the contest;
8. If there is a tie after round 5, remaining contestants will enter into a "Lightning Round" where the contestant who eats the most Ghost Peppers in 30 seconds is the winner;
9. Contestants may not coat the inside of their mouth with any kind of protective coating and anyone caught doing so will be immediately disqualified;
10. Each contestant is permitted only 1 bottle of water and a glass of milk for the contest (contestants who take a drink of milk will be disqualified). No other food or drink is allowed on stage;
11. Any contestant that vomits during a round will be disqualified;
12. Each contestant recognizes that excess consumption of hot peppers can lead to and/or contribute towards health issues.

All contestants must be 18+ to participate.

*Registration does not include admission to the Novi Taco Fest. Admission tickets must be purchased online or at the gate.