

10th Anniversary Pizza Kneading Contest

Rules and Regulations

November 11, 2023, beginning at 9am

1. Up to 30 competitors will be allowed to participate.
2. Pre-registration for the 10th Anniversary Pizza Kneading Contest is required. Contest registrations may be made online at the time of registration. No registrations will be accepted onsite at the contest without the authorization of show management.
3. Registration is free.
4. Competitors must be 21 years of age or older.
5. The dough ball will be 12 ounces in weight.
6. The goal of this competition is to see who can continuously knead their pizza dough the longest.
7. Judges will place one (1) dough ball for each competitor on the competition table.
8. Dough balls are not to be touched by the competitor until the contest begins. Dough replacement may be made before the start of the competition if judges agree.
9. The judge will count down “3 – 2 – 1 – GO” and start the stopwatch on “GO.” In the event of a false start, the competitor may be disqualified. In the event of a malfunction of the stopwatch, the judge will immediately stop the competition; the table will be reset with fresh dough balls, and the contest will start again.
10. Contestants may use only their hands to knead the dough ball.
11. Participants must follow the kneading guidelines: fold the dough ball in half and rock the palms of their hands forward to press the dough flat, rotate slightly, and repeat the process.
12. Contestants must knead every 3 seconds.
13. Removal of hands or inconsistent kneading during the competition will automatically result in disqualification.
14. Times will be measured to the hundredth of a second.
15. Competitors will all share the same start time for the stopwatch.
16. The judges’ decision is final and may not be disputed. Any competitor who becomes belligerent or violent will be disqualified and removed from the area.
17. 1st place shall be awarded based on the longest pizza dough kneading time. First place will win ten (10) free Pizzas from Pizza Rock and ten (10) free nights at the Downtown Grand in the Gallery Tower, standard king, or double queen bedroom.
20. In the event of any unforeseen incident, the judges will consult official rules and organizers for advice and then hold a vote on how to deal with the issue. Judges’ majority decisions are final.
21. The Downtown Grand Hotel & Casino is not responsible for injuries inflicted on the contestants through kneading the pizza dough.
22. Employees, as well as family and household members of Downtown Grand Hotel & Casino or Pizza Rock and their affiliates, may not participate in any Downtown Grand Hotel & Casino Promotions unless otherwise stated in official rules.
23. By participating in this promotion, participants agree to comply with all rules contained herein.
24. Show/event management is not responsible for typographical errors or omissions in these rules.
25. Management reserves all rights.
26. No cash equivalent or substitutions of non-cash prizes, except at the sole discretion of Downtown Grand Hotel & Casino for prizes of comparable value. Prizes are non-transferable. All federal, state, and local taxes and expenses related to the acceptance and use of the prizes are the sole responsibility of the winner. Prizes may be subject to reporting and withholding pursuant to federal IRS regulations, and participants are required to cooperate with Downtown Grand Hotel & Casino in completing necessary forms.
27. Members are responsible for selecting a confidential Personal Identification Number (PIN) for his/her account and for keeping the PIN secure. Members are responsible for all transactions on his/her account when the confidential PIN is used.
28. All entries are subject to review and verification.
29. Downtown Grand Hotel & Casino reserves the right to distribute additional entries via advertising, direct mail or other means.
30. All Participants agree to grant Downtown Grand Hotel & Casino unconditional use of their name and likeness for Promotion as/advertising and announcements without compensation, consideration, notice review or consent. Names and likeness of Promotion winner(s) may be used by Sponsor and Sponsor’s designee(s) for promotional purposes without further compensation to Sponsor or the Promotion winner(s). Sponsor’s designee agrees not to use promotion winners’ names and likeness without permission from the Sponsor.
31. All decisions regarding the interpretation of rules, eligibility, etc. for this Promotion lie solely with Downtown Grand Hotel & Casino whose decisions are final.
32. All promotion times are approximate.

33. Downtown Grand Hotel & Casino reserves the right to modify or cancel this Promotion at any time for any reason, subject to any applicable regulatory approval provided that such modification shall not, as the date of such modification, materially alter or change any participant's prize already awarded.
34. Downtown Grand Hotel & Casino may disqualify any person for any prize based upon Downtown Grand Hotel & Casino's belief of the possible commission of fraud, dishonesty, violation of Promotional rules or other misconduct, whether or not related to this Promotion.
35. Record of entries will be retained for record-keeping purposes in accordance with local legal requirements.
36. Individuals who are excluded from casino facilities, including through a government program, at Downtown Grand Hotel & Casino discretion, or by their own request, are not eligible to participate or win any prize.
37. A copy of these rules and any changes will be available at the event throughout the duration of this Promotion.
38. All contestants must sign a hard copy of these rules and regulations on the day of the event.