

## **Tomato Contests Rules and Entry Form**

- Participants should bring their tomatoes the day of the festival between 10-11 am on a white paper plate.
- When dropping off your tomato, please fill out the contact information sheet that will be handed to you.
- Write the name of owner on the bottom of plate.
- Write the category the tomato is entering on top of white plate (ie. Elementary – craziest).

### **Elementary Tomato categories (up to grade 6)**

- 1. Heaviest** - with no more than a one- inch stem that is still green attached
- 2. Lightest RIPE tomato** – tomato cannot be 100% green. Tomato must be at least half ripe with color visible.
- 3. Best matched set of 3** - to be judged on most alike/consistent set. Judges will consider consistency of color, size, shape.
- 4. Most colorful group of 3-7 tomatoes**
- 5. Craziest looking tomato**

### **Youth Tomato categories (grades 7-12)**

- 1. Heaviest** - with no more than a one- inch stem that is still green attached
- 2. Lightest RIPE tomato** – tomato cannot be 100% green. Tomato must be at least half ripe with color visible.
- 3. Best matched set of 3** - to be judged on most alike/consistent set. Judges will consider consistency of color, size, shape.
- 4. Most colorful group of 3-7 tomatoes**
- 5. Craziest looking tomato**

### **Adult (age 18+) Categories**

- 1. Heaviest** - with no more than a one- inch stem that is still green attached.

**2. Best matched set of 3** - to be judged on most alike/consistent set. Judges will consider consistency of color, size, shape.

**3. Basket of Plenty – Best Vegetable-and-Friends**

- Basket, or other container, cannot exceed 20" in diameter (or 20" in width and length).
- Arrangement must contain **at least 50%tomatoes** with the rest an optional mix of herbs, greenery, vegetables, and/or flowers from your garden.
- Freshness matters. Plan a design that will have your basket contents looking their best.

**4. Craziest looking tomato**

**5. Tastiest Tomato** -10 points possible. The tastiest tomato should have a strong tomato taste, be slightly acidic, juicy and fresh tasting with a tender skin.

**Public Safety (Fire, Police, Highway, Water, Public Health, Inspectional Services) Categories**

**1. Heaviest** - with no more than a one-inch stem that is still green attached

**2. Best matched set of 3** - to be judged on most alike/consistent set. Judges will consider consistency of color, size, shape.

**3. Craziest looking tomato**

**4. Prettiest tomato**

**5. Tastiest Tomato** -10 points possible. The tastiest tomato should have a strong tomato taste, be slightly acidic juicy and fresh tasting with a tender skin.

**A trophy will be awarded to the heaviest tomato across all categories (Elementary, Youth, Adult, and Public Safety).**

**Judges:**

**Elementary and Youth Divisions: Girl and Boy Scouts led by Sarah Ponikvar**

**Adult and Public Safety Divisions:**

**Hannah Menzer (Alfalfa Farm)  
Janet Wilkins (COA and home gardener)  
Gillie (Gil's Grocery)**

**Nora Neale (Agricultural Commission)  
Alex's Roast Beef**