

## WISCONSIN GROCERS ASSOCIATION: THE GREAT WISCONSIN BAG-OFF COMPETITION



# Get Ready... Get Set... Bag!!!



This is the Wisconsin version of the NGA's Best Bagger competition for our WGA Members. This packet is to help you host your own Best Bagger Competition. It will help you determine who will represent your store at The Great Wisconsin Bag-Off Competition, and hopefully the NGA Best Bagger Championship.

After the completion, remember to contact Lauren Barnes at the WGA to register your winner. **The deadline to register for The Great Wisconsin Bag off is October 6th, 2023.**

### Objectives

The purpose of The Great Wisconsin Bag-Off:

- Encourage the teaching and development of the knowledge and skills of successful bagging;
- Promote good organization, fair competition, and good sportsmanship through friendly competition;
- Incorporate customer service knowledge and skills into the learning experience of the retail grocery industry.

### Eligibility

- Primary duties must be 40% (approximately) a bagger
- Non-managerial role
- WGA allows more than one bagger from a company

### Judging Criteria

- Speed
- Proper bag building technique
- Style, attitude, and appearance
- Number of bags used
- Uniform bag weight

*In the event of a tie, run a tie-breaker round.*



### What's Going to Happen

- A whistle will sound and the bagger will start packing everything into bags.
- Once finished, the baggers must clap their hands above their head. This is key. The timers will only stop once they have clapped their hands.
- Remind baggers to keep going until they finish. A bagger may be second in their flight, but could be in the top three after the scoring takes place.
- Bagging generally takes about 50 - 90 seconds to complete. Judging and reset take closer to 5-10 minutes, so plan accordingly.



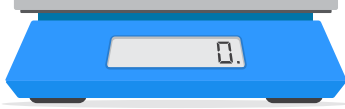
**Each store can send one person to The Great Wisconsin Bag-Off Competition. If your store only has one person who wants to compete, you do not have to host a Best Bagger Competition.**

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## What do you need to hold a Best Bagger Competition at your store?\*



### Non-Food Items:



- Scale (to weigh bags)
- Reusable Bag
  - You MUST use reusable bags per the rules from the NGA
- Aprons (store uniforms)
- Pens (for judging)
- Score sheets (provided below)
- Calculator
- Stop watches
- Whistle
- Inventory Map

### Groceries:

(these items can be any brand):



\*Items may vary at WGA contest.

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| • Pork & Beans – Can     | • Face Soap – Multipack             | • Graham Crackers  |
| • Vegetable Soup – Can   | • Tomato Paste – Can                | • Drink Boxes      |
| • Spaghetti Sauce – Jar  | • Tomato Soup – Can                 | • Pretzels/Chips   |
| • Spaghetti Dinner – Box | • Canned Vegetable                  | • Raisins/Snack    |
| • Quick Oats             | • Cereal – Box or Bag               | • M&M’s/Candy Item |
| • Dill Pickles – Jar     | • Pepper or a Spice-sized container | • Light Bulbs      |
| • BBQ Sauce – Bottle     | • Tuna – Can                        | • Salad Dressing   |
| • Vegetable Oil          | • Mac & Cheese – Box                | • Cookies          |
| • Pop Tarts – Box        | • Instant Cocoa                     |                    |
| • Iced Tea Mix – Jar     |                                     |                    |



## Inventory Map (pictured below)

Jar of BBQ Sauce	Dill Pickles	Instant Cocoa	Quick Oats	Light Bulbs	Tuna
Black Pepper	Drink Box	M & Ms	Jar of Salad Dressing	Can of Tomato Soup	Pop Tarts
Bread	Fruit Ring Cereal	Box of Mac & Cheese	Box of Spaghetti Dinner	Vegetable Oil	Crackers
Pork’n Beans	Jar of Iced Tea	Can of Veggies	Jar of Spaghetti Sauce	Can of Vegetable Soup	Bag of Pretzels
Chocolate Chip Cookies	Raisins	<i>The Great Wisconsin Bag-Off</i>		Zest Soap	Can of Tomato Paste

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## Volunteer Duties

### Judges

Judges must be fair, consistent, and impartial. An ideal candidate might be someone who has bagging experience. The Great Wisconsin Bag-Off has 4 Judges - one judge (and timer) for each check stand, plus one Official/Scorekeeper Judge. You can have as many judges as you need. Look to the right for more information on what the judging categories are.

#### DUTIES OF AN OFFICIAL/SCOREKEEPER JUDGE ARE:

1. Fill out a score sheet for each bagger and place it at the check stand prior to the beginning of each heat.
2. Add up the total of points on the score sheet after the Judge turns them in and check the scores with the other judges.



### Timer

You need to have one timer per check stand. Timers are responsible for keeping time of each heat and are able to help re-set the groceries on the check stands. Timers may also help the Bag Mover, if requested.

#### DUTIES OF A TIMER ARE:

1. Timers start the stopwatch when the M.C. gives the command.
2. Timers stop the stopwatch when the contestant has clapped his/her hands above their head.
3. When the heat is completed, the timer writes down the baggers time on the score sheet then places it on top of one of the bags for the Judges.
4. When the heat is completed, the timer walks with the bags to the Judges.
5. Know which bags belong to which bagger.



### Stager

One person per check stand to assist the Timer and Judges when it comes to re-setting the grocery order for the next heat.

#### DUTIES OF A STAGER ARE:

1. Help the **Bag Mover** remove the already weighed bags to a holding area for easier access of the grocery order to prepare them for re-setting.
2. Re-set the grocery order before each heat.
3. Exchange any damaged groceries as needed in the grocery order before each heat.
4. Assist the timers and judges if they need it in calculating the score.



**Weight Distribution:**  
Weigh each bag on the scale provided and write down the weight of each bag on the score sheet before handing the completed score sheet to the scorekeeper.



**Bag Build:**  
Complete the bagging technique section on the score sheet.



**Style, Attitude & Appearance:**  
Appearance, demeanor, style (anything that stands out in a positive way).



**Official Scorekeeper:**  
Scorekeepers are responsible for assisting the judges with tallying up the final scores.

