



Official Rules & Regulations

Who can participate?

Contestants of all ages are welcome (must be legal working age).

Only ONE employee who primarily bags groceries (40% of time) from each location can compete.

How do I register?

Please e-mail the Registration sheet to tharmon@sdra.org or register online at <https://www.sdra.org/bestbagger.html>. Registration sheet needs to be in by July 31, 2021.

SDRA prize money:

Prize money is made possible through the generous support of our sponsor, *Associated Wholesale Grocers* (AWG). Cash prizes will be awarded to the bagger at the Best Bagger Contest. Winners will receive the amount indicated below:

- 1st Place: \$200 cash and a trip to the National Best Bagger Championship in 2022*
- 2nd Place: \$150 cash
- 3rd Place: \$100 cash

When is the National Championship?

The preliminary and final rounds are held at the NGA Show in Las Vegas, NV on February 28, 2022.

All participating state winners will compete in the preliminary rounds.

The final round will feature the top 5 contestants from the preliminary rounds.

Additional Rules

- Contestants may not move the items to be bagged prior to the start of the contest.
- Bags are to remain folded before the start of the contest. Contestants may place the unopened bags in a place which is comfortable for them.
- Judges' decisions are final.

**Expenses for National Competition are reimbursed up to a certain dollar amount. No cash value if contestant does not attend.*

Judging Criteria

Speed (10 Points):

Contestants should bag orders significantly quicker than the average bagger.

0- 53.00 seconds	10
53.01- 57.00 seconds	9
57.01- 61.00 seconds	8
61.01- 65.00 seconds	7
65.01- 73.00 seconds	6
73.01- 77.00 seconds	5
77.01- 81.00 seconds	4
81.01- 85.00 seconds	3
85.01- 89.00 seconds	2
More than 89.01 seconds	1

Distribution of Weight Between Bags (5 Points):

Contestants should know how to distribute groceries among sacks so that all sacks are approximately equal in weight.

To calculate the score, weigh each bag and record the weight. Take the heaviest bag weight, minus the lightest bag weight, and subtract the difference from total points possible.

Proper Bag Building Technique (10 Points):

Contestants should be able to arrange groceries correctly within a reusable bag.

Principles of bagging: solid foundation, manageable for customer, product represented well, and overall appearance of bagging knowledge.

Points will be deducted for improper bagging, damaged products, and missed items. Packing should involve these steps:

- Placing heavy cans on the bottom of the bag.
- Framing boxed items around the bag's walls to create a "cushion" for other items.
- Placing crushable items, such as produce and eggs on the top.
- Slipping small items, like packs of gum, in the spaces in the bag.

Style, Attitude, and Appearance (5 Points):

All contestants should present a neat appearance, be polite, and convey a customer-oriented attitude.

Contestants will be judged in part on their composure and self-confidence.