

Rocco's Pizzeria: Official Rules for The Annual Brooklyn Pizza Eating Contest®

1. Eligibility: This annual contest is open to all U.S. residents 18 years old or older.
2. Entry Forms: All entry forms become the property of Rocco's Pizzeria & Restaurant, Inc.
3. Donations: All proceeds after paying expenses associated with the Annual Brooklyn Pizza Eating Contest® are donated to local charities that have a presence in the Bay Ridge community.
4. Contest Rules:
 - a. The object of this competition is to eat as many of Rocco's Pizza slices as possible within the span of 12 minutes.
 - b. The Pizza will be standard 18 inch pies and contestants must eat the complete slice, including crust. (Don't worry contestants; the pies are Rocco's delicious thin-crust creations, with minimal outer crusts.)
 - c. Contestants who eat six slices or less must donate the value of the slices eaten to the designated charity.
 - d. Dunking slices into approved liquid before eating slice is permitted.
 - e. Condiments (spices) are prohibited.
 - f. Eating more than 1(one) slice at once is prohibited. Double or triple stacking of slices to be eaten is prohibited.
 - g. Each contestant will begin the competition with a full pie. Additional slices will be provided if and when a contestant finishes an entire pie, including crust.
 - h. Contestants may eat either sitting or standing in their designated area using hands, knife, fork and/or spoon.
 - i. Each contestant will be provided with a liter or more of water during the competition (NO ALCOHOL).
 - j. Contestants must complete each slice before proceeding to the next slice.
 - Contestants must wait for starting signal to begin eating and may not touch any pizza or utensils prior to starting signal.
 - k. Contestants must stop eating at the ending signal.
 - l. Contestants may NOT put additional pizza or portions of pizza in their mouths after the ending signal, but will be allowed 15 seconds to swallow any pizza in their mouth. HOLD DOWN for 30sec. once contest is officially over. Pizza pulled out of mouth at end of contest will not be counted toward final result and will not disqualify contestant.
 - m. If a contestant vomits or regurgitates at any point during the competition, that contestant is disqualified.
 - n. Judges will be on hand to assure adherence to contest rules, tally slices eaten, monitor all rules and to disqualify any contestant who fails to adhere to rules.
 - o. Winners will be determined by counting the number of pizza slices and parts of slices eaten to the 1/4 or nearest 1/4.
5. Grounds for Disqualification:
 - a. Starting prior to the start signal
 - b. Eating after the ending signal
 - c. Failure to completely finish a slice prior to beginning another slice
 - d. Vomiting during the 12 minute event.
6. Unauthorized Sponsorship: Participants in the "Annual Brooklyn Pizza Eating Contest"® are prohibited from promoting, in any way, any commercial or charitable enterprise other than the approved sponsors. Anyone violating this rule will automatically be disqualified.
7. Final Authority: Rocco's Pizzeria & Restaurant has final authority regarding all contest-related matters.