



SOUTH DAKOTA **BEST BAGGER** COMPETITION

SATURDAY, AUG. 31ST 2024 | 11:30AM
STATE FAIR GROUNDS | HURON, SD

Join us for South Dakota Retailers Association's annual Best Bagger Competition on Saturday, August 31 in Huron. Bring your top bagger to the South Dakota State Fair to compete against fellow quick hands from our statewide grocery industry!

TO REGISTER, VISIT [SDRA.ORG/BESTBAGGER](https://sdra.org/bestbagger)

Registration deadline August 23, 2024.

For more information, contact Carrie Wheelhouse:
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SD BEST BAGGER COMPETITION INFORMATION

ELIGIBILITY

- One contestant per retail location.
- Contestants of all ages are welcome (must be legal working age).
- Contestants must spend more than 40% of work time bagging groceries.
- Managerial staff positions are not eligible.
- Previous National Champions of the National Grocers Association Best Bagger Competition are not eligible.

HOW IT WORKS

- Contestants bag identical grocery orders (*no more than 40 common items*).
- Utilize reusable shopping bags
- Contestants compete in heats, best score from all heats wins (if tie, top two contestants compete in a “bag-off”).
- The winner of the South Dakota Best Bagger Competition will be eligible for the National Grocers Association National Best Bagger Competition and will receive a \$500 cash prize.

JUDGING CRITERIA

SPEED | 10 POINTS

Contestants should bag orders significantly quicker than the average bagger.

00.00-53.00 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
Over 89.01 seconds	1

DISTRIBUTION OF WEIGHT | 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 the total points possible.

PROPER 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:

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

PRESENTATION | 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.

To register, see enclosed registration form or visit: sdra.org/bestbagger.

Deadline to register is August 23, 2024



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BEST BAGGER REGISTRATION FORM

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: AUGUST 23, 2024

NOTE: In participating, you enter an area where photography, audio, and video recording may occur. By registering and entering the fairgrounds, you consent to such recording media and its release, publication, exhibition, or reproduction.

BAGGER INFORMATION

Contestant Name: _____

Contestant Phone Number: _____

Contestant Email: _____

How long have you worked at the store? _____

What is the best part of your job? _____

Most memorable moment in bagging: _____

Shirt Size: _____

Why are you competing? _____

STORE INFORMATION

Store Contact Name: _____

Store Name: _____

Store Address: _____

Store Phone Number: _____

Store Contact Email: _____

Return completed form to:

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