**CISCO TX PIE FEST 2023**

**PIE EATING CONTEST RULES & REGULATIONS**

Do you have what it takes? Come try your eating skills at the 2023 Cisco Tx Pie Fest pie eating contest! There will be a $10 entry fee. Bring lots and lots of enthusiasm (costume, props, signs) and of course your hardy appetite and remember NO HANDS!!!!

**Rules and Regulations**

1. Contestant must be 16 or older (If under 18 must be signed by parent or guardian).

2. You may register before October 21st by mail at P.O. Box 971 Cisco, Tx. 76437. Be sure to include your $10 entry fee. You may also come the day of the Pie Fest and register at Pie Central Station before 10:30. All contestants must show up to the Pavilion 30 minutes before the event takes place at 11:30.

3. Each contestant must sign a waiver in person before the competition

4. 11:30

5. Location: Pavilion by the Conrad Hilton Center

6. The goal is to eat as much pie or finish a whole one, with water as the only beverage, within a 5 minute time period. After 5 minutes a whistle will be blown to signal the end of the round. (Water will be provided).

7. Contestants will wait for the whistle to blow before starting. He or she may not touch the pie until the whistle blows to begin. The contest will be timed with a stopwatch.

8. Any pie in the contestant’s mouth at the final whistle is counted provided it is then swallowed.

9. The use of hands or utensils is not permitted. Only your face and mouth may be used. Hold your hands behind your back so you won’t be tempted to use them. The contestant my use their hands to drink water.

10. The person who eats the most pie within the 5 minute time slot or finishes the whole pie will be declared the winner. The remaining pie will be weighed to insure exactness.

11. In the event of a tie, whoever (in the opinion of the judges) ends up wearing the most pie and the biggest pie smile, will be declared the overall winner.

12. The judges will determine the winner of the contest. All decisions are final

**Prizes:**

***1st PLACE- $200* and the 1st place trophy to be kept until next years’ Pie Fest**

**2nd PLACE- $50**

Any contestant caught breaking any of the above rules will be disqualified. A contestant may not leave the table during the contest. Any visible signs of sickness, starting before the start signal is given, putting hands in mouth or into pie or pushing food, as well as any of the above listed rules, will be disqualified.