



## **2026 Calaveras Grape Stomp Competition Rules**

Please read and agree to rules and participant waiver on the grape stomp team registration page. Waivers will also be signed in person at the registration table the day of the event.

1. Two people per team (a Stomper and a Swabber). One person, the Stomper, stands inside the barrel and stomps the grapes, and the other person, the Swabber, stands outside the barrel and catches the juice in the bucket(s) provided. The Swabber may also reach inside the barrel to assist the Stomper and ensure a free flow of juice through the screen and out the drain spout.
2. Shoes are allowed inside of the barrel. No cleats or spiked shoes.
3. The screen must completely cover the drain spout inside the barrel at all times. Any team removing the screen is subject to disqualification. Use of accessories or tools is not allowed and will result in immediate disqualification.
4. Adult Stompers may not enter the barrel until the starter begins the stomp. Children may enter the barrel prior to the beginning of the stomp. Stompers must stomp in an upright position and may not use their hands for support in any way. Stompers may use their hands only to enter and exit the barrel, and to regain balance if necessary. Teams enter the competition at their own risk.
5. Teams are judged by the amount of juice, measured by weight, which accumulates in the bucket(s). Buckets must be immediately surrendered to Calaveras Grape Stomp Staff at the conclusion of each Stomp.
6. The Calaveras Grape Stomp will consist of up to 12 qualifying heats of ten (10) teams each. Each heat will be three minutes in duration, and the barrel will contain twenty-five (25) pounds of grapes.

7. There will be two semi-final stomps. To reach the semi-finals, teams must either a) win their heat, or b) qualify as a Wild Card team. Wild Cards are determined by juice weight. The number of Wild Card teams advancing will be determined by the judges. In the case of ties, both or all teams advance.

8. Teams with the highest juice weight from the combined results of the semi-finals will advance to the Championship Stomp. The number of teams advancing to the Championship Stomp will be determined by the judges. In the case of a tie, both or all teams advance.

9. The Championship Stomp will be 5 minutes in duration and additional grapes will be added to the barrels at the judges discretion. In case of ties, both or all teams will be declared Champion.

10. All Rules are subject to change at the discretion of judges.

Questions about the competition rules can be directed to [info@calaveraswines.org](mailto:info@calaveraswines.org) or (209) 728-9467.