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World's Ice Cream Eating Championship Winner Announced at the Indiana State Fair

August 5, 2018, Indianapolis, IN- Today a crowd of enthusiastic fairgoers gathered to watch current world eating champion Joey Chestnut and other competitive eaters battle it out in an attempt to break the world record for ice cream eating. Held at the Indiana State Fair's World's Ice Cream Eating Championship in ENOUGH Plaza at 2 p.m., Geoffrey Esper won this year's contest after consuming 15.5 pints of ice cream in six minutes.

The world record was broken at last year's World's Ice Cream Eating Championship at the Indiana State Fair by Miki Sudo, a top-ranked competitive eater who retains the world record. Last year, Sudo chowed down 16.5 pints of ice cream in six minutes and received \$2,000 of the total \$4,000 Championship purse.

Joey Chestnut has a history of winning Nathan's Famous Hot Dog Eating Contests and often breaks his own records. His current record for hot dogs, which happens to be the official world record, was set with 74 hot dogs and buns, eaten in 10 minutes.

The top five championship eaters from today's Ice Cream Eating Championship are:

- 1) Geoffrey Esper, 15.5 pints
- 2) Joey Chestnut, 14.5 pints
- 3) Juan Rodriguez, 12 pints
- 4) Derek Jacobs, 11.5 pints
- 4) Brian Dudzinsky, 11.5 pints

ABOUT THE INDIANA STATE FAIR

The Indiana State Fair is the state's largest multi-day event celebrating Hoosiers' spirit and agricultural heritage. These 17 days celebrate Indiana agriculture and promote it to hundreds of thousands of people across Indiana, and beyond. Nationally recognized for offering great entertainment, showcasing youth, interactive agriculture education programs, premier facilities and a variety of unique, fun foods, the Indiana State Fair has been an annual attraction for generations of Hoosiers since 1852. The 2018 Indiana State Fair will be held August 3-19. The 2018 theme pays homage to Indiana's rich circus heritage by offering a world-class Big Top Circus presented by Bee Window. The new family-friendly Big Top Circus is FREE with paid State Fair admission and features acrobats, clowns, trapeze artists and more! For more information, visit www.indianastatefair.com.

ABOUT MAJOR LEAGUE EATING

Major League Eating (MLE), the World governing body of all stomach centric sports, conducts more than 80 events annually, including the Nathan's Famous Fourth of July International Hot Dog-Eating Contest in Coney Island, N.Y. The competitive eating community, which numbers more than 8,000 veteran and rookie athletes, travels the World in search of top titles and the glory that they provide. For more information, visit www.majorleagueeating.com.

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