

# Applebee's® Teams Up with Pepsi™ and ESPN's "Mike & Mike" for "All-in Burger® Debate"

## Grand prize winner becomes Mike & Mike producer for a day; instant text-to-win prizes awarded every five minutes\*

GLENDALE, Calif., Feb. 7, 2017 /PRNewswire/ -- Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar® has partnered with Pepsi and Mike Golic and Mike Greenberg of ESPN's sports-talk radio and television show "Mike & Mike" inviting Americans to join the "All-in Burger® Debate" for a chance to win great prizes, including becoming a producer for a day on the "Mike & Mike" show.

For a limited time only, burger lovers and sports fans alike are invited to enjoy the Applebee's All-in Burger Meal Deal – one of four featured burgers, fries and a Pepsi for only \$9.99 – for lunch at their local Applebee's.† While dining on a delicious burger, guests can join the "All-in Burger Debate" in a few ways\*, including by:

- Posting a picture of their favorite All-in Burger on Instagram or Twitter with the hashtag #allintowinsweepstakes. The grand prize winner will be treated to an all-inclusive two-day trip for two to New York City and transportation to ESPN in Bristol, Conn. where they will go behind the scenes of the "Mike & Mike" show, get a private tour of ESPN's headquarters and be producer for the day.
- Texting a special code found in their local Applebee's to win instant prizes like free burger lunch combos and more, with prizes being awarded every five minutes.



"A great burger is a bar and grill classic. As America's neighborhood grill and bar, Applebee's is excited to team up with Pepsi and Mike and Mike to bring you the All-in Burger Debate," said Mindee Plugues, vice president, marketing, Applebee's. "We invite guests to come in and pick their favorite All-in Burger and enter our contests for a chance to win free burger lunch combos and other big prizes."

"There are few things that pair better than a refreshing Pepsi and a delicious burger, so we couldn't be happier to team up with Applebee's to offer consumers the All-in Burger Meal Deal," said Eric Whitehouse, sr. director, PepsiCo Foodservice. "Layering on the All-in Burger Debate and text-to-win promotion enables us to truly engage with sports fans and give them a chance to connect with our friends and theirs – Golic and Greeny."

"Sports is our passion, and burgers are ... well, they're delicious ... so, we were all-in to be part of the 'All-in Burger Debate,'" said Golic. Greenberg added, "People can get very passionate about sports and the way they like their burgers, so we're looking forward to hosting the 'All-in Burger Debate' grand prize winner in Bristol and seeing some of that passion come to bear when they

become our producer for the day."

Applebee's All-in Burgers each feature a unique combination of ingredients seared into ground beef, then piled high with delicious toppings. The burger line-up includes:

- **The American Standard:** Pickles, bacon and onions seared into an all-beef patty and topped with American cheese and signature sauce.
- **The All-Day Brunch:** Bacon and onions seared into an all-beef patty and topped with fried egg, crispy hash browns, American cheese and ketchup.
- **The Blazin' Texan:** Onions and jalapeños seared into an all-beef patty and topped with shredded BBQ brisket, fresh jalapeños, Cheddar and signature grill sauce.
- **The Triple Bacon:** Bacon seared into an all-beef patty and topped with bacon, Cheddar and BBQ bacon ranch.

For complete rules and how to enter, fans can visit [AllInToWinSweeps.com](http://AllInToWinSweeps.com). Applebee's encourages guests to call their local Applebee's or visit [www.applebees.com](http://www.applebees.com) as dining hours and specials may vary by location.

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† Price, hours, and participation may vary.

## About Applebee's®

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