

Cardboard Boat Regatta Rules

- **HAVING FUN IS MANDATORY!**
 - Crew costumes are highly encouraged.
- **Safety – The safety of the participants, spectators, staff, and competitions is the number one priority and should be treated as such for all races. It is mandatory for all competitors to wear a PFD (personal flotation device) while racing.**
- **Competition - Competitors must be seated while paddling once a race has started until crossing over the finish line.**

THE BOAT

- All boats must be registered and waivers signed on or before race day-11:00 AM- Saturday, August 10th
- Each boat must display a name written in permanent marker.
- Boats may not exceed 8 feet in length or 4 feet in width.
- **All parts of Boats must be made PRIOR TO THE RACE.**
- The ENTIRE hull, super structure and seating of all boats must be made entirely of corrugated cardboard and sealed with duct tape, caulk, glue, latex paint, or varnish. NO reinforced cardboard tubes, only broken-down cardboard boxes. Only corrugated cardboard is allowed, any thickness is permitted. Paper towels rolls, etc. are not corrugated, but may be used for decoration.
 - **The 'hull' is the portion of your boat that rides both in and on top of the water. The boat hull does not include any masts, sails, rigging.**
- If any illegal items used in construction are discovered during the pre- or post- race inspection, the boat will be disqualified.
- Boats must be propelled by paddles or hands.
- Only seams may be taped- duct tape only- colorful duct tape is allowed.
- The hull may not be wrapped in any plastic duct tape, shrink wrap or anything else.
- Your boat must be free of anything sharp or pointy objects.
- The boat's passenger area must not be enclosed above the occupant's shoulders so as to interfere with escape should the vessel begin to sink
- Boats must be completely enclosed or permit the crew to remain fully on top of the vessel (You are not permitted to have dangling extremities)
- **Boat design is left to the builders. Let your imagination take over; make your boat look like a race car, flying saucer, dragon, etc. as long as the decoration does not aid in the floatation.**
- Boats will be inspected before races begin.
- You are RESPONSIBLE for removal of your boat- no matter how soggy it is!
- **Each person in the boat must wear a PFD (personal flotation device. Anyone who is behaving inappropriately or is thought could harm others will be disqualified and removed from the water. And no interference with other boats is allowed!**

Divisions

- Teams (Multiple people ages 8+)
- Family (At least one adult + kids under age 12)
- Individual Youth (Ages 8-13 single person)
- Individual Adult (Ages 14+, single person)

The Race

- We suggest Team and Family boats have 2-4 people. If you have more- no more than 4 may paddle.
- Boats will paddle out and around a buoy and back to the shore. Approximately 100-yards
- Boats must be propelled by a paddle or hands. One paddle per person.
- To qualify as a finisher, participants must be in their boat- not towing it- and the boat must be on top of the water- not under it.
- If your boat sinks, you must exit the water quickly, without interfering with other boats.

Race Day Schedule (tentative- may change based on # of boats)

- Boat Check-in begins at 11am
- Division 1: Individual Youth 11:30 am
- Division 2: Individual Adults 11:45 am
- Division 3: Teams 12pm
- Division 4: Family 12:15pm All division winners will be based on best time

Prizes

- Division Champs- Fastest Time
- Best Boat Name
- Best Boat Design
- Clipper Cup- Fastest of the Day
- Old Settler's Spirit Cup- Best Costumes, Team Theme
- Titanic Award- Most Spectacular Sinking- If you're going down, do it with style!



Please Make Copies and have Each Participant Sign and Return to Us by Race time!

Release and indemnity

I hereby, for my child, myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, forever release, discharge and hold harmless, the City of Halstead, members of the Cardboard Boat Regatta Committee and all other interested parties, from any and all rights, claims, demand, liabilities, and actions whatsoever that may accrue to my child, me, or any person sponsored by me, as a result of any and all injuries or death sustained by my child/or loss or damage of the equipment or property during the Cardboard Regatta to be held Aug 10, 2024 at or near Halstead, KS.

Child's/ Participant name (print) _____

Parent's/Guardian's Name(print)_____

Parent's/Guardian's Signature_____

Witness_____

Date_____