

Amsler Park Aquatic Center Annual Cardboard Boat Regatta

Rules & Event Guidelines

Competitor Rules:

1. HAVING FUN IS MANDATORY!

2. **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 wear a PFD (personal flotation device) while racing.** Please bring your own PFD.

3. Boat Design –

- A. Boats and paddles must be made **PRIOR TO THE RACE.**
- B. Boats must be made **ONLY** of cardboard, duct tape, packing tape, hot glue, rope and string.
- C. Boats may be painted with water-based paint and sealers must be dry before the board enters the water.
- D. NO fiberglass or sona-tubes.
- E. Cardboard cannot be sealed with any sealants, wax, resin, vinyl coating, silicon, caulking compounds.
- F. If any illegal items used in construction are discovered during the pre- or post- race inspection, the boat will be disqualified.
- G. Boats may be a maximum width of 3' wide and maximum length of 7'.
- H. Boats must be propelled by the use of cardboard paddles. Paddles must meet the same construction requirements as the boats.
- I. Boats must have completely enclosed side walls so that no part of the lower body is outside the boat.
- J. 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.
- K. 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.
- L. Teams are not allowed to patch or alter their boat between races.
- M. Race must begin and end with 1 or 2-person crew intact.

4. **Conduct** - It is the competitor's responsibility to act in a sportsman like fashion, avoid collisions at all times and obey the rules and safety guidelines.

- a. Overly aggressive contact and/or un-sportsmen like conduct will not be tolerated and will result in disqualification as the sole discretion of event organizers. Examples include but are not limited to:
 - i. Purposely obstructing or interfering with another competitor
 - ii. Causing damage or bodily harm to another competitor
 - iii. Use of profane language toward any persons or competitor



Event Guidelines:

1. Races will run in heats and begins at approximately 10:00 a.m. Boats must be inspected prior to racing. Sign in / registration will begin at 9:00am and end by 9:45am.
2. Teams:
 - a. Teams must be a minimum of one person in the boat, but no more than 2 in a boat; and
 - b. Up to two (2) additional people are allowed at the start line to assist with boat launch.
 - c. Proper swim attire is required.
 - d. United States Coast Guard (USCG) Personal Flotation Device (PFD) is required. (Life Jacket)
3. Age Requirements:
 - A. 6 years old or older- must be able to swim.
 - B. No dogs
4. Race organizers will determine the winners of the following categories:
 - A. Fastest Boats (Fastest Time)
 - B. Most Dramatic Sinking- Titanic Award
 - C. Most Creative Design
 - D. Best Costume
 - E. Best Team Name
5. Entry Fees & Categories:
 - A. **\$15** – Advance registration (preferred)
 - a. *1 man and 2 man crewed boats*
 - B. **\$20** – Day of registration
 - a. *1 man and 2 man crewed boats*
 - C. **\$30** – *Challenge Category*
 - a. *Friendly Competitors Challenge- challenge someone to a private boat race and pay for your entry fee and that of the business/ entity/ person you have challenged.*
6. Prizes
 - A. First Place- Free Entry in next years race, Family 4 pack of season passes to the Amsler Park Aquatic Center & Bragging Rights – Valued at \$115
 - B. Second Place- 2 season passes to the Amsler Park Aquatic Center – Valued at \$80
7. Race Type
 - A. The race will be one length of the pool. (North to South)
 - B. Teams will be put into a **single-elimination** bracket upon registration (teams may get a bye in the first round depending on the numbers of teams that register). Everyone is guaranteed one race.
 - C. The event will be made up of rounds with up to four (4) teams racing each other at a time. Depending on the number of registrations.
 - D. Events may be divided into adult and youth categories depending upon the number of registered teams.

REGISTRATION AND WAIVER & RELEASE OF LIABILITY

In consideration of my own or my child's participation in the Amsler Park Aquatic Center (hereinafter referred to as "APAC") program, we hereby release the APAC, its officials, employees, representatives, and agents from any and all accidents, injuries, damages, or losses received by my child or myself through the APAC program that have not been caused by negligence attributable to the APAC. I also agree and acknowledge that the City is not responsible for any intentional or reckless actions of the City's officials, employees, representatives, and agents since those actions are the sole conduct of the responsible individual(s). I further agree and acknowledge that this release of liability is full, complete, and comprehensive, and it covers all accidents, injuries, damages, or losses, known or unknown, and any and all costs related thereto arising out of or otherwise related to my child's participation or my own participation in programs or activities, and that this release is binding upon our heirs, successors, and assigns. We certify that my child and/or myself has received a proper physical examination within the past year and that we are physically able to participate in all APAC activities. We understand that it is our obligation to timely inform APAC of any restrictions or limitations regarding our physical abilities. We also understand that it is our obligation to follow all regulations and rules set forth by APAC in the performance of the activities. We hereby release, indemnify, and hold harmless the APAC, its officials, employees, representatives, and agents from any and all claims, settlements, and judgments, including all reasonable investigative fees, attorney's fees, and court costs for any injury, damage, or loss, which is due to or arises in whole or in part due to negligent, reckless, or intentional actions taken by my child or by myself.



The event is "Participate at your own Risk".

CREW MEMBER NAME: _____ DOB: _____

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PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME IF UNDER AGE 18: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ EMAIL: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE : _____

CATEGORY

1-MAN: TEAM NAME _____

2-MAN: TEAM NAME _____

FRIENDLY COMPETITORS CHALLENGE: BUSINESS NAME _____

NAME OF THE BUSINESS YOU CHALLENGED _____