



HSU Homecoming 2023

Cardboard Boat Regatta Rules and Regulations

General Rules

All Cardboard Boat teams must register at www.imleagues.com

- Registration is due by Oct. 11th and must be submitted at www.imleagues.com
- Check-in is a 6 PM to 6:30 PM at the Duke Wells Pool. Race Begins at 7:00 PM
- Boat must be made BEFORE THE RACE
- Boats must be made of ONLY cardboard, duct tape, Elmer's wood glue, No reinforced cardboard tubes, only broken down cardboard boxes.
- No sealants may be used
- Boats may be a maximum of 5 ft wide and a maximum length of 7 ft and a maximum height of 6 ft.
- You cannot wrap the entire boat with duct tape. At least 50 % of the boat cannot be covered in duct tape. Judges discretion on this topic.
- Boats may not exceed more than 1 inch of cardboard thickness
- Boat must be completely enclosed, or permit the crew to remain fully on top or in of the vessel.
- Boats must be propelled by the use of a handmade cardboard paddle or your actual hands. (Paddles must meet the same construction requirements as the boats)
- If any illegal items are used in the construction are discovered during the pre- or post- race inspection, the boat will be disqualified. Judges reserve the right to tear apart and inspect any boat

Allowed Supplies

- Corrugated cardboard
- Elmer's wood glue
- Duct tape (any color)
- Water Based Paint for Decoration

Forbidden Materials

- Cardboard manufactured for shipping (waxed, weather sealed, rolled, pressed, reinforced, etc.) is not allowed
- Fiberglass resins and plastic epoxies
- Metal
- Plastic
- Foam core boards or Styrofoam
- Pasteboard or chipboard types of cardboard
- Non-corrugated cardboard
- Cardboard that has been factory coated with wax
- Metal foils

Race Format

- Boats will need to be designed to carry 2 individuals.
- PFD (life jacket) will be provided to those who would like to have one.
- Teams will consist of 5 individuals.
- Teams will start at one end of the pool and teams will navigate the course returning to the starting position, at which point they will change out crew members (2 new crew members) who will then navigate the course again finishing at the original starting point.
- Teammates who are not in the boat may help push the boat away from the pool deck both at the beginning of the race and during the midway switch.
- The race must begin and end with the two – person crew intact. If the boat disassembles you may hold on to it and swim the remainder, but will be deducted points.
- Boats/teams may not intentionally interfere with any other team or boat. (Failure to comply with this will result in immediate disqualification).
- Competitors must remain in the intact boat to complete the event.
- All teams will completely dispose of their boats after the event in the outside waste container provided.
- Time recording will consist of 3 or 4 boats at a time.
- Each boat will have to make 2 laps down and back.
- Time from the individual heats will be used to determine scoring.

Boat Judging

Boats will be judged on their creativity as part of the pre- race activities.

Boats will also be judged on Creativity, Tape Quality, Structure, Determination, Most Reddie Spirit, & Time.

Teams should be prepared to “Show – Off” their work upon the start of the judging at 6:30 PM.