

Cardboard Boat Race

Trussville Parks & Recreation Department

Rules, Regulations and Guidelines

All Ages are encouraged to participate as long as they can swim.

Weak swimmers must wear a lifejacket.

The building of the boats will begin, in the pool parking lot, at 9:00 a.m.
Please pre-register by 3:00pm the Friday before the event. (Not required by helpful to staff.) We must have a minimum of 8 entries to have the race.

All participants riding in the boat must be able to swim and must fill out and sign a registration/waiver form.

All boats must be assembled on site!

Any boats or parts assembled before the horn/buzzer sounds will not be allowed to be used during the race.

Each team will be assigned an area to build in. All boats will be completely assembled on site with a set time limit of 30 minutes. A horn/buzzer will sound to alert participants when to start and stop.

A maximum of 4 team members are allowed to build the boat at a time. Teams will be allowed to tag in and out with other team members wanting to participate.

Only 4 team members are allowed in the build area at a time.

When the word is given to step away from their boat everyone will stop, no adding or taking away anything from their boats (teams will be disqualified if this rule is broken).

No one will be allowed back into the build area, until the officials ask someone from their team to move their boat when it is their turn to race.

Only the two people who will race will then be allowed to go in the area to get their boat and take it to the start line at the pool side. (If the boat is too large or heavy to carry, they may ask other team members for assistance.) Participants will wait to be directed as to when their boats will be put in the water.

Only two (no more, no less) participants from each team will be allowed to enter the race by riding the boat. You will be allowed to have as many boat entries as you want.

You may use your hands and/or homemade (cardboard) paddles to help paddle your boat.

Anyone using their legs or feet to paddle will be disqualified!

The heats will be set up at the draw of a hat. The race will begin at the sound of the horn/buzzer.

Every boat in the race will be timed and the team with the fastest time after all heats are run will be declared the winner. Your boat must make it from one end of the pool to the other.

Give your boat a creative name. ex: Termigator, Fast & Furious, Jaws etc.

Supplies you are allowed to use on your boats.

Use as much or as little cardboard as you like.

Cardboard tubes will be allowed. (non-waxed)

No more than 2 rolls of standard size duct tape may be used per boat.

No more than 2 Styrofoam noodles per boat.

No pre-made paddles or oars, (all must be constructed at build site)

No wax coated or hand painted boxes.

Permanent markers, crayons, stickers & company logos can be used for decoration.

All participants please do not leave!

You must remain on the pool deck for awards immediately following the race.

Winning Categories

Fastest Finish Time

Most Creative Design

Floats the Best

(These categories 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place winners)

Titanic (most dramatic sink)

(1st Place winner only)