

## CARDINAL HILL BOAT RACE RULES

1. All *boaters* must be 10 years of age and Cardinal Hill members. There must be **two** crew members in each boat.
2. Crew must build a completely new boat each year to be eligible for prizes. However, boats from previous years can race unofficially.
3. Boat must pass technical judging
4. One single-bladed paddle per crewmember. No double-sided paddles. Participants shall supply their own paddles, which do not need to be made of cardboard. Oars/Paddles may be home-made, but purchased plastic, metal or wooden oars/paddles are acceptable.
5. **NO** using appendages to paddle
6. **NO** touching, bumping into or making contact with other boats before or during the race (incidental contact is expected and not penalized, but if there is intent – violators will be sunken, disqualified and sent to bed without supper)
7. Boaters launch at the sound of the horn – START PADDLING!!! Boat must go from one end of the pool to the other in ONE PIECE.
8. If your boat sinks, you must swim back and tow your boat. NO SHIPWRECKS ALLOWED!!
9. Once the race begins, teammates alone are allowed to help their crew member in and out of the water
10. Teams are responsible for disposing of their own boat (or what's left of it). Our dumpster is not large enough for all of the boats, so you must cart your boat home and dispose of it. We cannot leave trash next to dumpsters at the pool; trucks will only pick up what is in the dumpster.
11. If no boat makes it to the opposite end in one piece, there will be a random drawing for the "Fastest Boat" Award.

## BOAT BUILDING RULES

TECHNICALS: (Our Technical judges will be walking around before the race)

1. Boats shall not exceed 8 feet in length and 4 feet in width. Boats exceeding the length and width restriction will be subject to elimination.
2. You may use:
  - Corrugated cardboard (boxes or sheets)
  - Cardboard tubes
  - Tape – clear (Scotch-type), packing, duct, gaffer or masking only. **Only seams or joints may be taped**, not the entire boat or entire bottom of boat!
  - Glue – water-based/white glue
  - Paint – latex paint only, and spray is acceptable – but it must be dry! Decoration and historic boat replication are encouraged!
  - Rope or string
  - Plastic zip ties
  - Cloth (for sails only)
3. You May **NOT** Use:
  - Solid cardboard
  - Staples or nails
  - Metal
  - Wood
  - Rubber
  - Styrofoam, or rigid floating foam of any kind
  - Any inflatable devices, such as inner tubes, blow up vinyl animals, etc.
  - Plastic sheeting or shrink wrap
  - Plastic or plastic structures of any kind (pvc pipe, etc.)
  - Screws or metal fastening devices
  - Two-part paint, epoxies, glues or fiberglass
  - Metal oarlocks
  - Oil-based sealants or paints
  - Lacquer, caulk or wax
  - Tar-based substances such as roof sealants
  - Motors of any kind

AESTHETICS (Our Aesthetics judges will be walking around before the race)

Creativity counts! Teams or individuals should visibly mark their team name on the boat. The decoration must not aid in the buoyancy of the boat. Remember – the more creative, the better! There are big prizes on the line here for the Swag and Pride of the Pool Awards!

Judges are looking in these categories:

1. Use of Color
2. Originality
3. Creativity
4. Humor
5. Historical Accuracy OR Theme Accuracy
6. Best use of corrugated cardboard
7. Costumes worn by boat crew

\*All decisions of the boat committee and judges are final.

\*Boats are to be judged on design, appearance, apparent sea-worthiness and originality.

\*Prizes will be awarded for the following categories: Fastest Boat, Swag, Pride of the Pool, Best Dressed Team, and Titanic