



# COFFIN RACE

## Rules & Regulations

2021

**CONTEST DATE: Sunday, October 10**

**RACE PREPARATION:** Each participating team shall provide a Coffin conforming to attached "Coffin Specifications". Race officials will inspect all Coffins before the race. Coffins that do not pass inspection may not race. Any questions or disagreements will be forwarded to an event official. (Event Officials reserve the right to deem whether or not a coffin may compete due to safety and fairness). Coffins will be immediately disqualified if any interior motors/propelling engines/steering devices/mechanics are found during inspection!

Each racing team consists of three-to-five members: two-to-four runners (or "Pushers") to propel the Coffin and one driver (or "Rider") to sit inside the Coffin. All members of the racing team, including "Rider", must be 16 or older. All Riders and Pushers are encouraged to wear protective gear. The Chillicothe Halloween Festival is NOT responsible for any injuries that may result in failure to control coffin and/or "wreck."

Every entrant and participant shall conduct themselves according to the highest standards of behavior and sportsmanship. Event Officials reserve the right to deem behavior that qualifies as "inappropriate" and/or "unsportsmanship." **ALL** Team members (Pushers and Rider) must be present and checked in at the Information Tent area 1 hour prior to the start of the race, to ensure that your team will be given the opportunity to participate in the race. Coffins may be stationed at this area, for inspection by officials.

### **RACING RULES:**

Each racing team consists of three-to-five members: two-to-four runners (or "Pushers") to propel the Coffin and one driver (or "Rider") to sit inside the Coffin. Any Coffin that has less than three Pushers in direct contact with the Coffin during the race will be deemed "out of control" and will be disqualified. Pushers must hold onto the Coffin until it has crossed the finish line and stopped. Changing Pushers or Riders during heat is prohibited. In case of injury, a race official shall have the authority to allow a substitute. Coffins will be immediately disqualified if any interior motors/propelling engines/steering devices/mechanics are found during inspection!

Pushers will keep their Coffin in their own lane. Pushers and Coffins may touch the yellow, but not cross over it. Coffins that cross the yellow line, resulting in damage to the competitor's coffin or injury will be disqualified. Pushers and/or Coffins interfering with the other team as a result of leaving their lane will be disqualified. Protests can only be made by the race competitors. Protests must be directed to a race official, and must be logical, reasonable, and based on sound evidence. Decisions by race officials are final. Each heat will pit two Coffin teams against each other. The Coffin with the fastest time will be the winner of that heat. In the event of a tie, Event Officials will explain the rules and specifications of the "tie breaker" round.

## **AWARDS:**

Cash Prizes and Trophies are awarded to the Top 3 Teams based on the scores of our judges. The winning teams will be announced after all races have been completed, and scores have been tallied. Protests to score results must be directed to an Event Official; however, ALL Event Official decisions are final! In an effort to keep this event in the spirit of fun, Scores / Times will NOT be shared with contestants or made “public knowledge” during and/or after the event. Contestants will not be permitted to view scoresheets, as this may lead to “inappropriate” conduct.

In the effort of maintaining the spirit of fun for this event, ALL contestants agree to the decisions of the judges as Final, and non-contesting in regards to the scores/results of each race. Protesting judges results and/or Officials decisions may result in disqualification of your team.

**1st Place Winner will receive \$200 & Trophy**

**2nd Place Winner will receive \$100 & Trophy**

**3rd Place Winner will receive \$50 & Trophy**

## **COFFIN SPECIFICATIONS**

All coffins must meet the following specifications. Coffins will be inspected prior to the race. Coffins not meeting specifications will be disqualified at time of inspection.

**COFFIN SIZE:** The coffin (measured at the widest point, including wheel base and/or handles and push bars), must be between 2’ and 3’ 10” wide. Length must be between 5’ and 8’ long, including handles and push bars. There are no height restrictions for coffins.

**PROPELLMENT:** Four handles must be securely attached to coffin. Push bar on the front or back of the coffin is optional and may be added instead of 2 of the four handles. Ropes are not permitted. Motors / Engines or any mechanisms that assist in the movement of the coffin other than pushing/pulling is prohibited. Functional steering mechanisms are prohibited.

**WHEELS:** Each coffin must have four firmly attached wheels, attached in such a manner that coffin will roll on all 4 wheels when propelled down the race course. Wheels may not exceed 8.25” in diameter, including tires. Wheels must be within the overall dimensions of the coffin. Casters may be used. For safety and steering ability, wheels or casters may rotate or swivel.

**DECORATIONS:** Decorations may extend UP without limitations. Decorative projections that exceed the maximum width and length of the coffin specifications are not permitted. Decorations or attachments to any coffin that extends further frontward than approved length (mentioned within these specifications) will either be removed or the coffin/team will be disqualified.

**CONSTRUCTION:** Coffins may consist of wood and plastic. Metal coffins are prohibited! The only metal that is allowed attached to the coffin is the pushing bars and wheels. Safety is #1 priority for contestants and spectators, and Event Officials reserve the right to reject any coffin they deem “unsafe” from competition.

**Festival/Event Officials reserve the right to reject any coffin/team that are in violation of these rules. Officials decisions are final.**

By signing below, you are agreeing to the rules and regulations that are clearly defined in this Rules & Regulations Agreement for the Chillicothe Halloween Festival Coffin Races Event. Your signature also clearly indicates that you will be held accountable to the rules and regulations herein, and that

you understand immediate disqualification from the races may result in any violation of these rules. You also agree that any damage and/or injury that potentially result from failure to control your coffin, or "accidental wreck," during the event is **NOT** the responsibility of the Chillicothe Halloween Festival, and the Chillicothe Halloween Festival is **NOT** responsible for any damages that could occur. You waive your right to arbitration and/or financial restitution for any damages that may occur during this event.

By signing below, you are stating in written format that you and the members of your team, will abide by the rules and regulations that have been set forth in this document. **You understand all decisions of the Event Officials are final.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date : \_\_\_\_\_

Event Official's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

***Signatures Required to Compete.***

