

EMMA CRAWFORD COFFIN RACE

OFFICIAL RULES & FACTS | OCT. 27TH, 2018

TIMELINE

9 AM	Check-in – PLEASE BE ON TIME
10 – 11:30 AM	Tech Inspection and Pre-Judging
NOON sharp!	Coffin Parade Begins & Final Judging from the stage
immediately followed by...	
~12:30 PM	Coffin Races
~1:30 PM	Awards Ceremony at Bud Ford Pavilion at Soda Springs Park.

RACE PREPARATION

Each participating team shall provide a Coffin conforming to attached "Coffin Specifications". Race officials 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.

Each racing team consists of five members: four runners (or "Pushers") to propel the Coffin and one driver (or "Emma") to sit inside the Coffin.

All members of the racing team, including Emma, must be 18 or older. Entourage and parade participants may be all ages.

All Emmas must wear helmets during the race. Pushers are also encouraged to wear protective gear.

Every entrant and participant shall conduct themselves according to the highest standards of behavior and sportsmanship.

All Pushers and Emmas must sign a "Hold Harmless Agreement" (an agreement which holds the Chamber of Commerce and the City of Manitou Springs harmless for any accidents or injuries) on the day of the race. Each team will receive the Hold Harmless Agreement at check-in on race day.

All Coffins, Pushers, and Emmas must be registered and in the staging area by 11:30. If you are NOT registered by 11:30 you will be considered a "No Show" and your spot will be given to a wait list team.

JUDGING and PARADE LINE UP INFO

Coffin teams, Entourages, and Emmas will be judged during line-up in the staging area and from the stage during the parade. Arrive early to prepare your Coffin for the parade and judging. Participants are responsible for transporting their Coffins to and from the race.

One member of your race team is required to attend the "driver's meeting". The driver's meeting will be immediately following judging and line-up, but before the parade starts. Rules, regulations and parade procedures will be reviewed. Teams will be notified of time and place of the driver's meeting.

The parade begins at 12 noon SHARP.

RACE RULES

The race begins when the parade is over and racers have returned to the line-up (Coffin order #1 through #70).

The race course is approximately 585 feet (195 yards).

Each racing team consists of five members: four runners (or "Pushers") to propel the Coffin and one driver (or "Emma") to sit inside the Coffin.

Three of the four Pushers must keep their "hands on" the Coffin at all time. 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 Emmas during the heat is prohibited. In case of injury, a race official shall have the authority to allow a substitute.

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 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 within 10 minutes of the completion of the heat in question. Protests 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.

To keep the parade moving along, we recommend limiting Coffin Entourages to twelve people.

All Coffin Racers must participate in the Parade of Coffins. Line up will be in the following order: 1) Media and Sponsor Teams 2) Hearses 3) Coffin teams in reverse order of their registration numbers, ie Coffins #70, #69, #68, #67, etc. After the parade, all Coffins circle back to the race staging area and remain in parade order so that teams at the end of the parade (Coffins #1, #2, #3 etc) are now first to race.

In an effort to maintain a safe race course for all racers, parade participants and racers may not distribute anything to the crowd during the parade. Any team distributing parade swag will be disqualified.

AWARDS CEREMONY

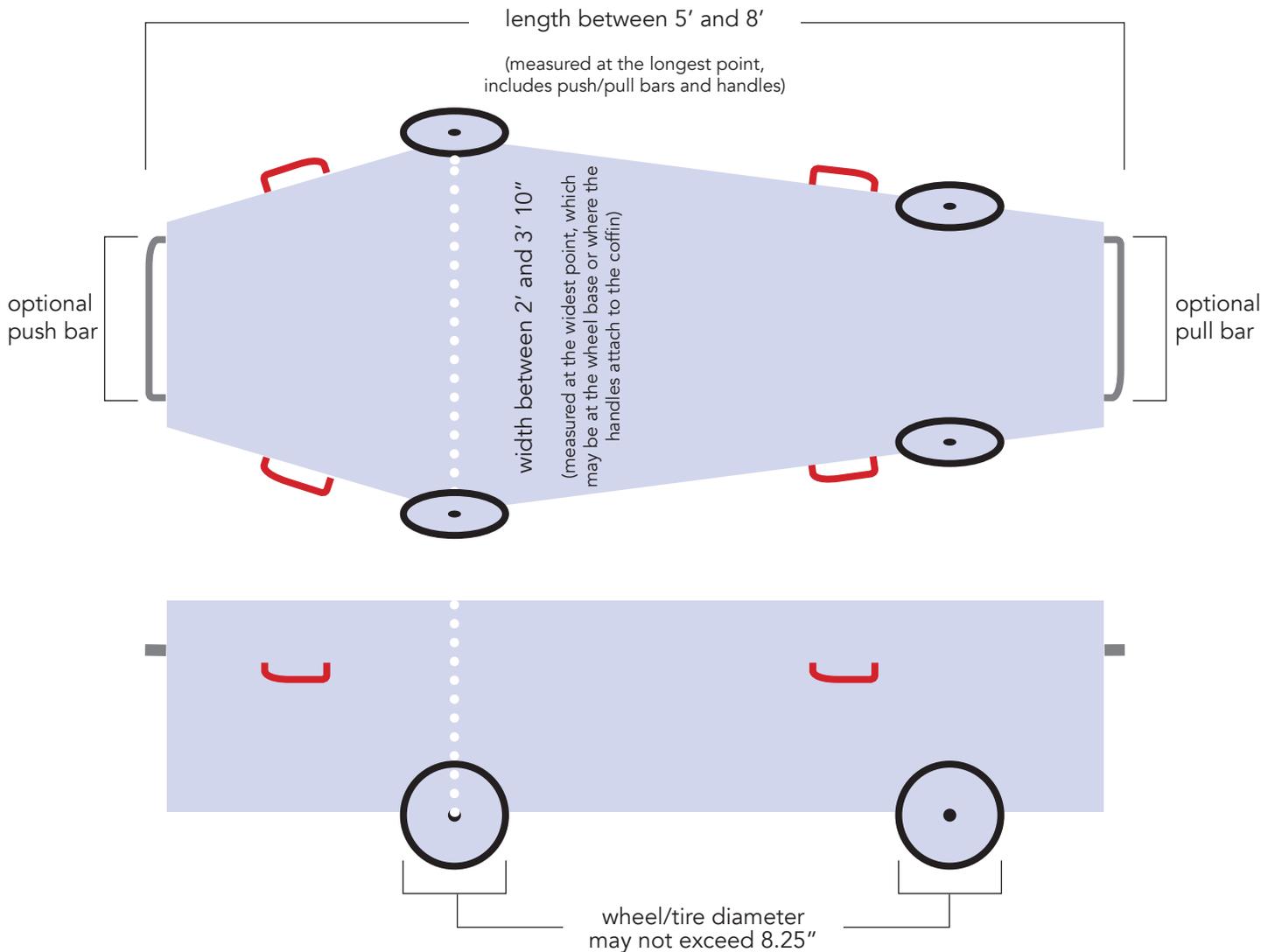
The awards ceremony will be at the Bud Ford Pavilion at Soda Springs Park immediately after the last race. Awards are presented for the three fastest race times, Best Entourage, Best Coffin, and Best Emma. Emma will be crowned by the previous year's Emma.

THE COFFIN CUP

On the race application, each team indicates whether or not they would like to race for the "Coffin Cup" at Frozen Dead Guys Days in Nederland, CO. Of those teams, the one with the fastest time will represent Manitou Springs and Emma Crawford Coffin Race at the Tuff Shed Coffin Race in Nederland, CO in March 2019.

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.



1. The coffin measured at the widest point, including wheelbase and/or handles and push bars, must be between 2' and 3' 10" wide. Length must be between 5' and 8', including handles and push bars. There are no height restrictions for coffins.

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. Functional steering mechanisms are prohibited.

5. Decorations may extend UP without limitations. Decorative projections that exceed the maximum width and length of the coffin specifications are not permitted.

6. Registration number must be visible on the front of your coffin.

8. SAFETY IS IMPERATIVE! Race officials may disqualify any coffin if they feel it is dangerous.