

LakeFest 2021 Cardboard Boat Race Rules

1. **Boat design and construction**

- a. Boats must be made BEFORE THE RACE
- b. Boats must be made ONLY of cardboard and duct tape. A maximum of 5 reinforced cardboard tubes allowed.
- c. Cardboard cannot be sealed with any sealants i.e. flex seal, boats may be painted with spray paint only. No sealants or brush painting allowed.
- d. Boats may be a maximum width of 60" (5 ft.) and a maximum length of 84" (7ft).
- e. There is not maximum height requirement
- f. Boats must be completely enclosed, or permit the crew to remain fully on top of the vessel (You are not permitted to have dangling extremities)
- g. Boats must be propelled by the use of paddle and/or hands
- h. No artificial paddles are allowed
- i. Paddles must meet the same construction requirements as the boats (cardboard and duct tape only)
- j. If any illegal items used in construction are discovered during the pre – or post –race inspection, the boat will be disqualified

2. **Race Format**

- a. Boats will need to be designed to carry two individuals.
- b. Each person will be equipped with a PFD (Personal Flotation Device)
- c. Teams will start at the lake edge in the location designated, teams will navigate the course returning to the starting location.
- e. Once the horn blows signifying the beginning of the race the two team members must put the boat in the water and board it. They will then proceed to and around a marked buoy and return to their starting location
- f. The race must begin and end with the two – person crew intact arriving at the shore line and removing the boat and placing it back where they started from
- g. Swimming and/or pulling the boat, or the use of other boats will result in disqualification.
- h. Heats races will consist of, at most, 4 boats at a time.
- j. Time from heats will determine placement for finals. The fastest 4 times from heats will race for the Lakefest Cardboard Boat Champion and the fastest of these three will take home a Trophy.

3. **Boat Judging**

- a. Boats will be judged on their creativity as part of the pre – race activities.
- b. Teams should be prepared to “show – off” their work upon the start of the judging @ 11AM

4. **Prizes**

- a. 1st Place
- b. 2nd Place
- c. 3rd Place
- d. Best in Show