

October 24th, 2009

EMMA CRAWFORD COFFIN RACE OFFICIAL RULES & FACTS

- 1. Each participating team shall provide a coffin conforming to specifications which are attached.** Race officials will inspect all coffins before race time. Coffins not passing inspection will not be allowed to race. Any questions or disagreements will be forwarded to a race official.
- 2. All participants must be age 18 or older, including Emma.**
- 3. Each participating team will provide four runners (pushers) to propel the coffin.** At least three of the four runners must be in direct contact with the coffin at all times during the race until the coffin has come to a complete stop after crossing the finish line. Any coffin that has less than three runners in direct contact with the coffin during the race will be deemed "out of control" and will be immediately disqualified. Changing runners or drivers during or between a heat, including Winners' Heat, is prohibited. In case of injury, a race official shall be the authority to allow a substitute.
- 4. During the race runners will keep their coffin in their own lane.** Runners and/or coffins interfering with another runner and/or coffin as a result of leaving their own lane will be immediately disqualified. There is a yellow line in each lane with a center cobblestone style center meridian for most of the course. ANY coffins that cross over the yellow line are automatically disqualified. You may touch the yellow line with your feet or coffin but your coffin **CAN NOT** cross over the yellow line!
- 5. Each participating Team shall provide one "Emma" to ride in their coffin. All Emmas must wear a helmet during the Coffin Race. All runners are encouraged to wear protective gear as well.**
6. Each participant (runners 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. **Forms will be available during check-in.**
- 7. All coffins, runners and Emmas must be in the staging area by 11:30 to compete.** Coffins, your entourage and Emmas will be judged from the stage during the parade. However, judges will be reviewing your team prior to the races in the staging area. It may be necessary to arrive earlier in order to prepare your coffin for the parade and judging. Participants are responsible for transporting their coffins to and from the race.
- 8. A Driver's Meeting will be held for all Contestants immediately following the judging. Attendance is Mandatory for at least one member from each team.** The rules, regulations and parade procedures will be reviewed.
- 9. All participants must take part in the Parade of Coffins. The Parade starts with the procession of Hearses, followed by the Manitou Springs Chamber of Commerce Pace Coffin. You must line up behind the pace coffin in the order of your registration number. You must not begin the parade until the Pace Coffin starts.**
- 10. 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 of the race officials will be final!**
- 11. Each heat will be run with two coffins.** The coffin crossing the finish line with the fastest time will be designated the winner of that heat.
- 12. The coffins with the 4 fastest times from the qualifying heats will run in 2 final heats to determine the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners. The 3rd and 4th fastest teams and 1st and 2nd fastest team will race against each other in these final races.**
13. Every entrant and participant shall conduct themselves according to the highest standards of behavior and sportsmanship.
- 14 The race is approximately 585 feet (195 yards).

SPECIAL NOTE: Nothing is to be distributed to the crowd by any participant in the parade. Doing so can create safety hazards for the racers and will result in disqualification. The parade will flow more smoothly if you will keep your entourage to under twelve people.

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Registration Form

October 24th, 2009

Date: _____

Organization or Group Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Names of four runners plus one alternate: _____

Name of Emma _____

DROP OFF, MAIL OR FAX YOUR COMPLETED FORM TO:

Manitou Springs Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau

354 Manitou Avenue

Manitou Springs, CO 80829

Telephone: 719-685-5089 Fax: 719-685-0355

REGISTRATION FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2009 - 5 pm

NO EXCEPTIONS

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11:00 Check In - PLEASE BE ON TIME

11:00 - 12:00 Tech Inspection and pre judging

12:15 - - - - - Coffin Parade Begins & Final Judging from the stage

1:00 - - - - - Coffin Races Begin

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. Coffin specifications: Size - minimum 2 feet wide by 5 feet long
Size - maximum: 3 feet, 10 inches wide (46 inches), INCLUDING HANDLES, by 8 feet long
There is no minimum or maximum height specification for the coffin or handles.
2. Each coffin must have 4 firmly attached wheels, attached in such a manner so that coffin will roll on all 4 wheels when propelled down the race course. Wheels are not to exceed 8" in diameter, including tires. Wheels must be within the dimensions of the coffin. Casters may be used. For safety and steering ability wheels or casters may rotate or swivel!
3. Ropes used for pulling coffins will not be permitted. Four handles must be securely attached to coffin. A Push bar on rear of the coffin instead of 2 handles will be permitted.
4. Functional steering mechanisms are prohibited.
5. Decorative projections will be allowed, not to exceed the maximum width and length of the Coffin. Decorations may extend up without limitations .
6. All Emmas (coffin riders) must wear a helmet during the race. Protective gear for runners is recommended but not required.
7. The registration number must be visible on the front and the back of the coffin.

SAFETY IS IMPERATIVE!

Coffin race officials may disqualify any coffin if they feel it is dangerous.

If you have any questions, please call the Manitou Springs Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau at 719- 685-5089 or 800-642-2567.