

# Cardboard Boat Regatta Race Rules

## The Boat

The following are the only approved materials for building the boats:

- Cardboard
- Duct Tape
- String or Rope
- Paint (decorating is encouraged)

Do not paint before the event starts. Waterproofing the cardboard is prohibited.

The following items are strictly prohibited:

- Styrofoam, in any shape or form
- Wood (can be used for paddles only)
- Metal
- Rubber
- Staples

## Propulsion

- Paddles, for the exclusive use of rowing, must be constructed of materials from the above approved materials list with the exception of the long, handle portion of the paddle which may be made from wood (contestants must supply themselves).
- Poling / Punting (as in using long poles to push your boat) is strictly prohibited.

## Building

- Girls only are allowed to build the boat. Adults cannot help with boat building. Daisy and Brownie troop parents may cut cardboard and tear duct tape. They cannot assist with placing cardboard or duct tape. Junior and up parents cannot assist with the boat building process.

## The Crew

- The Crew may consist of 2-4 crew members
- The Land Crew (adults) can consist of 2 adults to assist in getting the boat to the water and the girls in to boat. Push offs are not allowed.

## Safety

- Life jackets or PFDs must be worn by all participants and will be supplied by the organizers. These must be returned immediately following each heat.
- All those entering the water must wear footwear.
- There will be lifeguards and council staff at the event and it is important that all participants give them their full cooperation.

## Race Procedures

- The race format will be determined by the number of entries received. Heats will be divided by Girl Scout level.
- There will be a separate heat for two categories – Adults (leaders, council staff, parents, etc) and non-Girl Scouts (siblings, friends, etc).
- Boats will be lowered into the water by the crew and will wait at the starting line until the start signal is given.
- At the end of the races, each crew must dispose of its boat and any pieces that have broken off in the water.

## Judging

- All decisions of the Boat Committee and Judges are Final.
- Boats are to be judged on design, appearance, apparent sea-worthiness, and originality. The appearance category can include consideration for costumes worn by the crew.

## Prizes

- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place will be awarded for each level bracket (Daisy/Brownie, Junior, Cadette, Senior/Ambassador) as well as 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall for Engineering Design and Creative Design.