Tarnsfield Swim Club's Inaugural Cardboard Regatta Rules and Registration



Registration

- 1. All participants must be members of the Tarnsfield Swim Club.
- 2. Teams of up to four members can register to compete by August 30^a.

Boat Design and Construction

- 1. Boats must be pre-made and can be fine-tuned on site before the event.
- 2. Boats must be made of <u>ONLY</u> corrugated cardboard and duct tape.
- 3. No reinforced cardboard tubes, only broken-down cardboard boxes.
- 4. Cardboard cannot be sealed with any paint or sealants. Absolutely <u>NO</u> use of sealants, paint, tar, varnishes, fiberglass resin, epoxy glue, etc. Duct tape may be of varying colors for creativity but must have come manufactured in said color.
- 5. Use of crayons and markers to color your boat is permitted.
- 6. Boats may be a maximum width of 48" (4ft.) and a maximum length of 84" (7 ft.)
- 7. Boat design is up to the builder. Let your imagination come to life.
- 8. The boat's passenger area must not be enclosed above the occupant's shoulders so as not to interfere with escape should the vessel begin to sink.
- 9. Boats must be built to allow passengers to remain fully seated or positioned on top of the vessel. No dangling or use of legs allowed.
- Boats must be propelled by the use of the cardboard paddles. Paddles may be one or twosided. Paddles must meet the same construction requirements as the boats - cardboard and duct tape only.
- 10. The race must begin and end with the same one or two-person crew intact. Any use of lane lines or sides of the pool for pushing or pulling your boat will result in a disqualification.
- 11. All boats are subject to technical inspection for compliance with rules. All boats must pass inspection to be eligible to enter the water.

Teams and Race Format

- 1. Teams may consist of two (2) to four (4) members. A maximum of two (2) team members will be permitted in the boat.
- 2. Participants may only compete with one team and boat.
- 3. Teams may consist of all ages. If we have a large turnout for the event, we may break the competition into age groups. Please check off team members' age groups when registering to help us plan this. We will group teams according to the oldest member's age, if needed.
- 4. Teams are encouraged to dress in the theme of their boat for bonus points.
- 5. Boats will race 1 length of the main pool and end with the two-person crew intact.
- 6. Prizes will be given in categories such as:
 - Regatta Star Best overall boat
 - Speed Boat Award Fastest boat
 - Design Star Award Best design and theme (including boat and crew)
 - Titanic Award Most spectacular sinking ship