



KARDBOARD BOAT RACES

Saturday, August 18, 2024 at Lake Hastings

Registration/Display: 12:00 PM

First Heats at 2:00 PM

THANK YOU for your interest in the annual Kool-Aid Kardboard Boat Races!

Although the overall goal is to have a lot of fun, the Kardboard Boat Races involve floating vehicles, which are likely to sink. For the safety of the participants, the observers, the lifeguards, and the lake, entrants must observe the following rules. Also, in order to achieve a fair competition, we have included rules regarding materials and adhesives used in boat construction. Please respect these rules and the judges who are charged with enforcing them. The decisions of the judges are final, and are not subject to appeal. Again, the goal is to have FUN.

Construction Rules

ALL BOATS MUST BE BUILT NEW FOR THE 2024 COMPETITION.

- Boats are intended to be inexpensive and biodegradable. All boats must be made of normal, regular, ordinary, everyday corrugated cardboard. NO waxed, weather sealed, rolled, pressed or reinforced cardboard is allowed.
- Any one-part glue is allowed. Two-part or epoxy glues are NOT permitted.
- Any paintable “one part” substance may be used as waterproofing and decoration. NO oil based paints, fiberglass resins, or other “two part” finishes may be used. NO urethane based products or tar substance is allowed.
- Joints and seams may be glued and/or taped. Duct tape, contact cement, rubber cement or construction adhesive may be used. No nails, metal, wood fasteners, or staples may be used in the final construction of the boat.
- Wood, metal, Styrofoam, rubber inflatable devices or other materials that would provide buoyancy and/or other materials that would aid in flotation or make the hull rigid ARE PROHIBITED. This applies to the keel, transom, ribs, hull, etc.
- No sandbags or similar materials may be used for ballast.
- Decorations are allowed and encouraged provided that they are not used as structural or flotation elements. Decorations do not have to be strictly cardboard, but they cannot be used to strengthen or help float the boat. Your boat must be free of sharp edges, pointy objects or anything else that could cause injuries.
- The boat’s passenger area must not be permanently enclosed above the occupants’ shoulders. Each person must be visible while the boat is in the water.
- All boats will be inspected prior to the race and are subject to disqualification for any violation of these rules. Participants will be given the opportunity to correct violations prior to disqualification.
- Participants will need to provide their own paddling devices, including oars and paddles. Boats must be powered by the crew members.
- Although entrants are encouraged to wear costumes and provide additional decorations with the display of their boat on shore, in order to qualify for the "Most Original Design" and/or "Best Kool-Aid Days Theme" awards, at least 75% of the displayed boat must go in the water and the raced craft must substantially retain the design and decoration of the displayed boat in the opinion of the judges.
- You can find cardboard at recycling centers, appliance stores, department stores, discount clubs, electronic stores, etc.

For other ideas and suggestions check these web sites: www.jflis.com/leisure/canoeing/canoeing.htm, <http://www.capecoralregatta.com/boat-building-101.html>, <http://www.usps.org/d33/Regaton/buildAboat.pdf>. If you have any questions during construction about what is allowed, please contact Brian Hoffman, race coordinator, at hoffman.b@gmail.com.

Race Day Rules & Procedures

- Minimum age of any participant is 7 years old.
- No one under age 18 is allowed to participate unless his/her parent or legal guardian has signed the release and race forms.
- Age on the day of the race determines eligibility. The age of the oldest paddling crew member determines which division the boat may enter.
- All crew members are required to sign a liability release/registration form on race day. Parent or guardian signatures are also required on the registration forms for anyone under age 18. Boats will not be allowed to race without a signed form for each crewmember.
- Every race participant and crew member must wear a Coast Guard-approved and properly fitted personal flotation device (PFD) while in or on the water. Do not put an adult PFD on a child or vice versa. **You must provide your own PFDs.**
- By city ordinance alcoholic beverages are NOT permitted at Lake Hastings at any time.
- Check-in and complete registration at the main tent before unloading your boat. Boats that have not pre-registered must arrive by 1 PM. All participants must have completed registration by 1:45PM.
- Registration is complete when all crew members are present, all paperwork, including liability releases, is submitted and you have been assigned a number. Crews will receive two copies of their number, which must be attached to each side of the boat, towards the front. (Adhesive will be supplied.)
- There will be no changing of crewmembers after registration. Regardless of who has registered, the SAME people must crew the boat each time it is placed in the water, no exceptions.
- Boats will be raced two at a time around a 150-yard course. A heat may include boats from different categories or divisions. A boat's finishing time is only compared to other boats in its category and division to determine winners.
- A boat must have been raced the entire length of the course in order to qualify as a "finisher." The boat (or some portion of it) must be maneuvered and propelled by at least one paddling crew member around all buoys marking the course.
- Crew members who fall into the water should give a "thumbs up" to the rescue team to signal that they are okay; otherwise, it will be assumed that a rescue is required/desired.
- Each crew must dispose of their own cardboard, decorations and boat related materials from the water and grounds in the on-site "Kardboard Boat Graveyard."

Awards & Trophies

- Medals will be awarded to the fastest boats in each division.
- Best Kool-Aid® Days Theme is awarded to the entry that best reflects this year's Kool-Aid Days theme – Wild, Wild Watermelon.
- Most Spectacular Sinking is awarded to the crew who, in the opinion of the judges, most entertainingly goes down with their sinking ship. Boats must pass the first buoy marker in order to qualify for the trophy. (Note: as long as some portion of a boat is propelled by at least one paddling crew member, the boat may continue along the course to the finish line.)
- The Kool-Aid® Cup: First place winners in each category and division are invited to compete for The Kool-Aid® Cup. This race will be run in two or more heats in order to ensure safe racing conditions. The Kool-Aid® Cup is awarded to the boat with the fastest finishing time in this race. Finishing times in the initial races do not count.
- The boat receiving the most "votes" (tickets deposited in marked containers) cast by the spectators throughout Kool-Aid days weekend receives the People's Choice Trophy.



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- Please Print Clearly.
- Please use a separate form for each boat entry.
- Pre-Registration forms and payment must be received by July 26, 2024.
- On-site registrations will be charged an additional \$5 per boat (see chart).

Name: _____ Business Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone (for day of the race): _____

Email: _____

Entering as:	Division:	Individual: (Registered by 7/26/2024)	Team: (Registered by 7/26/2024)	Individual or Team: (Day of Race)
	Youth (Ages 7-12)	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$25.00
	Junior (Ages 13-17)	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$25.00
	Youth (Ages 18+)	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$25.00

Teams will be assigned to a division according to the oldest member of the team on race day.
There will only be 2 team divisions: Youth (ages 7 - 12) and Adult (age 13+)

Make checks payable to: Kool-Aid Days
Mail registration forms and payment to:
Kool-Aid Kardboard Boat Races
947 S. Baltimore Ave
Hastings, NE 68901

Please Note: Per the attached rules, on Race Day you must complete your registration and have EVERY crew member sign the Liability Form BEFORE 2pm. Absolutely no new registrations will be accepted after 1pm and crew members without a signed Liability Form will not be allowed in the boat.

Participant Signature

Printed Name

Parent /Guardian Signature

Printed Name

RELEASE OF LIABILITY

This Release is executed on the _____ day of _____, 20_____, by

(Type or Print Name of Kool-Aid Days Kardboard Boat Entrant Organization or Company)

of _____
(Type or Print Address of Entrant)

who is herein referred to as "Releasor."

In consideration of being permitted to participate in the Kool-Aid Days Kardboard Boat Race conducted by Adams County Agricultural Society, Releasor, for him or her, his or her legal representatives, heirs and assigns, hereby releases, waives and discharges Adams County Agricultural Society, and the City of Hastings, Nebraska, related or cooperating agencies or associations, their officers, agents, members, promoters, sponsors, advertisers, owners and lessees of the premises where said event is located, and each of them, their officers and employees, here referred to as Releasees, from all liability to the Releasor, his or her legal representatives, employees, agents, associates, heirs and assigns, for any and all loss or damage, and any claim or damages resulting therefrom, on account of any accident or injury to Releasor's person or property, even injury resulting in death of the Releasor, whether caused by the negligence of Releasees, members of the public, or otherwise while the Releasor is participating in said event.

Releasor agrees to indemnify the Releasees and each of them from any loss, liability, damage or cost they may incur due to the presence of Releasor, its agents, employees, officer or other personnel in or upon the venue in which the event will occur. Releasor hereby assumes full responsibility for the risk of bodily injury, death or property damage due to the negligence of Releasor, its agents, employees, officers or other personnel while in or upon the event location and while participating in said event.

Releasor expressly agrees that this release, waiver, and indemnity agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the laws of the State of Nebraska, and that if any portion thereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.

Media Release: Releasor authorizes the use of any photographs, video pictures or other material related to the event for publicity, promotion or news purposes.

In witness whereof, Releasor has executed this release at _____ the
day and year first above written. (Place Where Signed)

RELEASOR:

(Signature)

Parent or Guardian signing for a minor

Type or Print Name of Entrant