



DRAFT Bed Race Competition Rules

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This is a preliminary rules document subject to change. The formal rules will be finalized and publicized closer to the actual event. These rules should be considered directional only in terms of the general intent of the event organizers. Questions pertaining to these rules can be addressed via email to Together@BlairstownBEC.com.

Pushers and Rider

1. Racing Teams must consist of a maximum of 4 members: 3 pushers and 1 rider.
2. All team members must be at least 18 years of age or have written, signed parental/guardian consent and a hold harmless waiver.
3. Pusher and Rider substitutions will be allowed in the event of injury/sickness at the discretion of the judges.
4. All Racers will attend a pre-race meeting the day of
5. Pushers and Rider will wear closed toe shoes. Helmets required. Additional safety equipment such mouth guards and knee pads are recommended. No safety equipment will be provided by the race organizers.

Bed Design

1. The entries should look like beds! The bed must be at least 3 ft wide x 6 ft long and no more than 5 ft wide x 8 ft long (excluding push bars) and **include at least one twin or full size mattress** that lays flat in the frame (no sleeping pads, air mattresses, bunk beds, water mattresses).
2. Bed frames may be constructed from raw materials (wood, metal, etc) as long as they are sturdy and are in the spirit of the competition. .
3. The top of the mattress may be no more than 48" from the ground
4. Beds must have four functional 4" wheels making contact with the road surface at all times. Wheels shall rotate freely from decorations and riders. No motors or mechanical assistance is allowed. Wheels may be swivel or fixed and there are no requirements on wheel size.
5. Beds may have push bars that extend no further than 24" on either side of the bed.
6. Teams are encouraged to decorate the bed and dress in any theme appropriate for family audiences.
7. All beds will be inspected for safety and compliance with the rules. Beds that do not pass inspection will have an opportunity for correction. If a correction cannot be made, the team will be disqualified for the race but may participate in the parade exhibition competition.



Racing and Judging

1. **All judges' decisions are final** during the safety inspection, race, and awards. Teams may be disqualified if they are not racing in a safe manner or posing a danger to spectators. Sportsmanship and cooperation is encouraged among teams.
2. Races will be held in single timed runs. Depending on the number of entrants, teams will be allowed more than one race with the best time used.
3. Trophies (**1st, 2nd, 3rd**) will be given for the fastest beds. Additional recognition will be given for **People's Choice, Mayor's Choice**, and "**Team Spirit Award.**" Parade division will include awards for "**Best in Show.**"
4. If repairs or modifications are required between races, teams shall notify judges for inspection.
5. The Rider may switch with a Pusher before but not during a race.
6. Beds will be pushed behind or on the side of the bed. No racers can be pulling or in front of the bed.
7. There will be three pushers and one rider. The rider must be sitting or lying the entire race. No standing or kneeling.
8. The race is approximately 300 feet on Main Street which includes the speed hump.
9. The time begins at the signal and ends when the entire team and bed has crossed the finish line.