



General Rules

1. Only corrugated cardboard may be used. It can be of any thickness but must not be bonded to any other material such as vinyl. Non-corrugated material may not be used, especially the kind of resin or wax-type coating found in packing cases. No solid cardboard and no carpet roll tubes may be used.
2. Wood, metal, Styrofoam or other materials that would aid in flotation or make the hull rigid are prohibited. This restriction applies to the keel, transom, ribs, hull, etc.
3. No material such as Styrofoam or rubber inflation devices may be used to provide "buoyancy" or maintain floatation. No sandbags or similar materials may be used for ballast.
4. Hulls may be painted with any "one-part" paint. No epoxy glues, fiberglass resins or "multi-part" varnishes or paints may be used. Hulls may not be "wrapped" in plastic, duct tape or anything else. Tar based substances like roof coatings are not permitted.
5. Joints and seams may be glued and/or taped. Duct tape, contact cement, rubber cement or construction adhesive may be used. No nails or metal or wood fasteners or staples may be used in the construction of the boat (small amounts may be used for **removable** decoration only).
6. Design is builder's choice. Let your imagination reign supreme! A minimum of 50% of the boat's volume must remain as part of the boat when raced. Failure to meet this rule will result in a 20 second penalty in each race entered.
7. Decorations may be made from any material but may not be used to reinforce the actual structure of the boat.
8. **No boat will be allowed to leave the starting gate unless all persons on board are wearing a Personal Flotation Device (PFD) and shoes. Participants will provide their own PFD's and paddles.**
9. Boats are subject to inspection and disqualification for each violation of the above General Rules (with the exception of rule #6 which results in a 20 second time penalty).
10. All entrants must ensure that their portion of the pit area has been cleared and cleaned prior to departure on Regatta day. All boats must be removed from the park or cut apart and placed in appropriate trash containers following the final race and no later than sundown of the last day of races.
11. Prior to the races, boats can be judged in the following categories: **Best Original Design, Best Construction or Construction Technique, Best Decorated, Best Team Effort, and People's Choice.** Note: Corporate/Club teams and Family/Individual teams will be judged separately.
12. During the races, each event will be timed and awards will be given to the fastest times in each event. There may also be awards for the **longest and shortest boats to get around the race course and for the Most Spectacular Sinking.**

Note: Rules are subject to change. Promoter's decision on rule changes is final.

Proceeds to benefit the MetroParks' of Butler County VOA Playground Fund.

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