

# 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY RUNNING OF THE EMMA CRAWFORD COFFIN RACE | OCT. 26<sup>TH</sup> 2019 OFFICIAL RULES & FACTS

## RACE PREP

**1) Build a coffin.** Each team will procure a coffin conforming to attached Coffin Specifications. Race officials inspect all Coffins before the race. Coffins that do not pass inspection may march in the parade, but not race. Any questions or disagreements will be forwarded to an event official.

**2) Prizes.** Awards are presented for the three fastest race times (1st, 2nd & 3rd), Best Entourage, Best Coffin, and Best Emma and the Coffin Cup (details below). Awards are presented immediately following the last race in Soda Springs Park at the Bud Ford Pavilion.

**3) A major award.** The Coffin Cup is the face-off between the two fastest teams from Colorado's only coffin races...The Emma Crawford Coffin Races of Manitou Springs and the Frozen Dead Guy Days Coffin Race of Nederland. After all other races have finished, the first place Emma team will race against the 2019 FDGD champion for possession of the Coffin Cup. Win or lose, the fastest Emma team will travel to Nederland to compete in the 2020 FDGD races. (details on the race entry form)

**4) Select your possé.** Each race team needs four pushers and one Emma. All racers must be 18 or older. Entourage and parade participants may be all ages, we recommend limiting entourages to twelve people.

**5) Protect your people.** All racers are encouraged to wear protective gear, knee guards, helmets, etc. Emma is required to wear a helmet during the race.

**6) Be on time.** All coffins, pushers, and Emmas must be registered and in the parade line up area by 11:30. If you are NOT registered by 11:30 you will be considered a no show and your spot will be given to a wait list team.

**7) Racers must sign.** All pushers and Emmas must sign a Hold Harmless Agreement on race day.

## RACE-DAY TIMELINE

9 AM	team start arriving, begin tech inspect & check-in
10 AM	start parade line up and pre-judging begins
11 AM	all teams must be checked in
11:30 AM	line up and pre-judging complete
11:30 AM	driver meeting, send one member from your racing team
NOON	parade starts & final judging from the stage
1:00 PM	coffin race starts
~2 PM	Race for the Coffin Cup
2:30 PM	award ceremony at Soda Springs Park

## ON RACE DAY

**1) Be judged.** Coffin teams, entourages, and Emmas will be judged during line-up and from the stage during the parade.

**2) Attend driver meeting.** One racer from each team must attend the driver meeting to review rules, regulations and parade procedures. Teams will be notified of time and place of the driver meeting during check-in.

**3) Gather your possé.** Racers and entourage must stay in line, parade starts at noon sharp.

## RACE RULES

**1) No alcohol or drugs.** Public consumption of alcohol or marijuana is illegal and will be cause for disqualification and/or possible ticketing.

**2) How to line up.** All Coffin Racers must participate in the parade. Line up will be in the following order: 1) media and sponsor teams 2) hearses 3) coffin teams in reverse order of their registration

**3) Don't throw parade swag.** In an effort to maintain a safe race course, parade participants and racers may not distribute anything to the crowd during the parade. Any team distributing parade swag will be disqualified.

**4) Ready to race.** The race begins when the parade is over and racers have returned to the line-up, in registration order starting with coffin #1.

**5) How the race goes.** The race course is approximately 585 feet (195 yards) heading west on Manitou Ave. Racing times of each team are recorded as two teams race each other. At the end of the day, the coffin with the fastest overall recorded time is the winner.

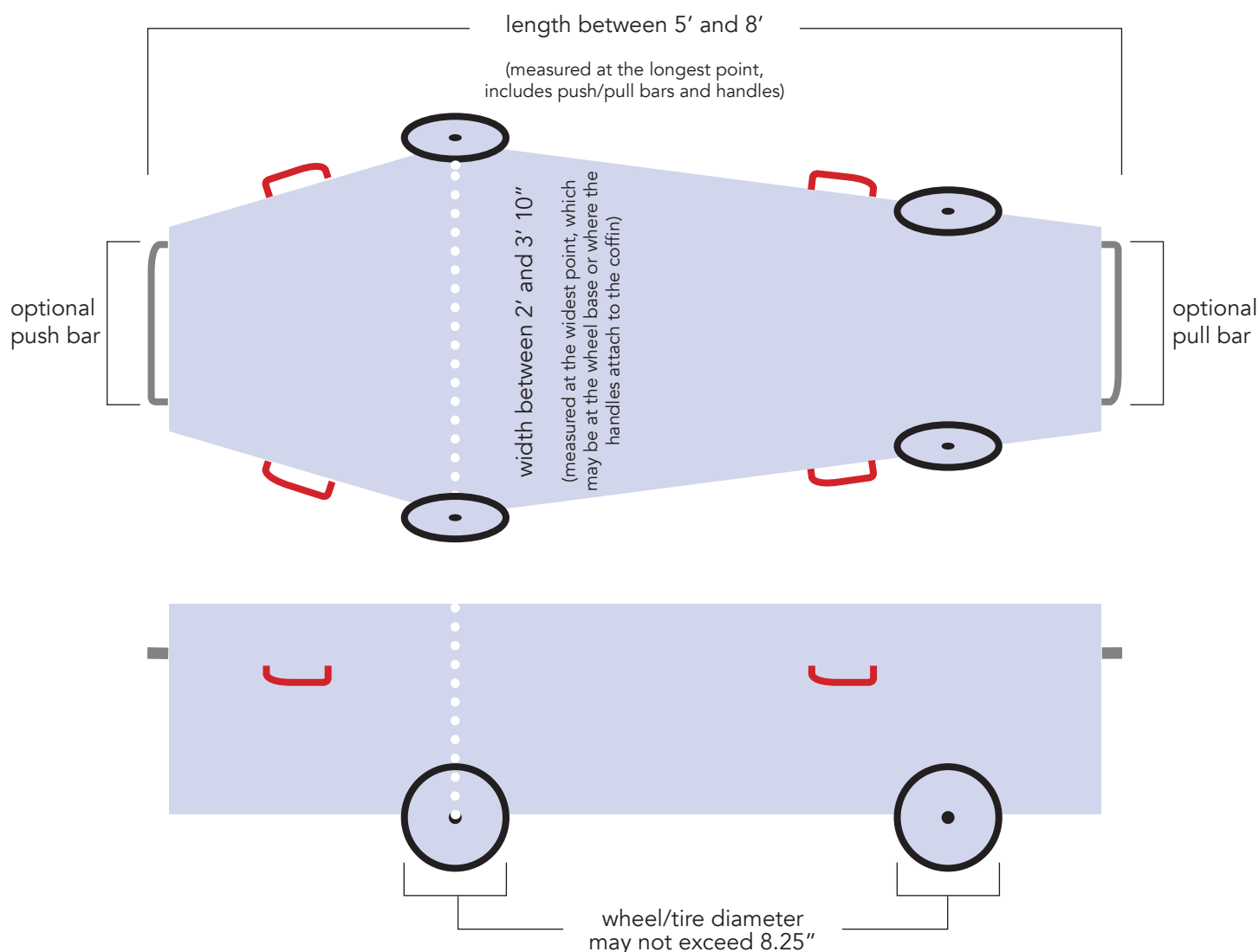
**6) Hands on the coffin.** Three of the four pushers must keep their hands on the coffin until the coffin has crossed the finish line and stopped completely. Any coffin that has less than three pushers in direct contact with the coffin during the race will be deemed "out of control" and will be disqualified. Changing pushers or Emmas after check in is prohibited. In case of injury, race officials shall have the authority to allow a substitute.

**7) Stay in your lane.** Pushers must keep coffins in their lane. Pushers and coffins may touch the yellow line, but not cross over it. Coffins crossing the yellow line will be disqualified. Pushers and/or coffins interfering with the other team will be disqualified.

**8) Disputes.** Protests may only be made by race competitors and directed to a race official within 10 min. of the completion of the heat in question. Protests must be logical, reasonable, and based on sound evidence. Decisions by race officials are final.

# COFFIN SPECIFICATIONS

All coffins must meet the following specifications. Coffins will be inspected prior to the race during "tech inspect". Coffins not meeting specifications will be disqualified at time of inspection.



1. The coffin measured at the widest point, including wheelbase and/or handles and push bars, must be between 2' and 3' 10" wide. Length must be between 5' and 8', including handles and push bars. There are no height restrictions for coffins, but decorations over 10 feet tall must be removable. Decorative projections that exceed the maximum width and length of the coffin specifications are not permitted.

2. Four handles must be securely attached to coffin. Push bar on the front or back of the coffin is optional and may be added instead of 2 of the four handles. Ropes are not permitted.

3. Each coffin must have four firmly attached wheels, attached in such a manner that coffin will roll on all 4 wheels when propelled down the race course. Wheels may not exceed 8.25" in diameter, including tires. Wheels must be within the overall dimensions of the coffin. Casters may be used. For safety and steering ability, wheels or casters may rotate or swivel.

4. Functional steering mechanisms are prohibited.

5. Registration number must be visible on the front of your coffin & the back of Emma.

6. SAFETY IS IMPERATIVE! Race officials may disqualify any coffin they feel is dangerous.