

# OFFICIAL RULES & FACTS | 31ST ANNUAL EMMA CRAWFORD COFFIN RACES | OCTOBER 25TH, 2025

## RACE PREP

- 1. Build a Coffin.** Each team will procure a coffin conforming to attached Coffin Specifications (see third page). 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 place), Best Entourage, Best Coffin, and Best Emma. 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 Estes Park. After all other races have finished, the first place Emma team will race against the 2025 Frozen Dead Guys Days champion for possession of the Coffin Cup. Win or lose, the fastest Emma team will travel to Estes Park to compete in the 2026 FDGD races (details TBD from FDGD).
- 4. Select your Posse.** Each race team needs four pushers and one Emma. All racers, including Emma, must be 18+ or older. Entourage and parade participants may be all ages but should be limited to twelve people at a time. Entourage must leave racecourse area at conclusion of parade. Extra party members or pets must be pre-approved by the event coordinator via her email [events@manitouchamber.com](mailto:events@manitouchamber.com). Amateur racers only, **NO professional athletes.**
- 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. Please no hard hats!
- 6. Be on Time.** All coffins, pushers, and Emma's must be registered and in the parade line up area by 11:00 a.m. If you are NOT registered by that time, you will be considered a no show, and your spot will be given to the next team on the wait list. There will be no exceptions to this rule.
- 7. Racers Must Sign.** All pushers and Emma's must sign a Hold Harmless Agreement on race day. Everyone is required to sign, no exceptions.

## RACE DAY TIMELINE

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| <b>8:00 a.m.</b>  | Events begin with teams arriving, followed by check in and safety tech inspections for all coffins. |
| <b>10:00 a.m.</b> | Judging at parade staging /lineup area  |
| <b>11:00 a.m.</b> | Line up and tech inspection complete.   |
| <b>11:30 a.m.</b> | Driver meeting, must send a member from each team. <b>819 Manitou Ave.</b>                          |
| <b>12:00 p.m.</b> | Parade starts and final judging complete for all categories.  |
| <b>~1:00 p.m.</b> | Coffin Races Begin!   |
| <b>~2:00 p.m.</b> | Race for the Coffin Cup Begins!   |
| <b>~5:00 p.m.</b> | Award Ceremony will happen at Soda Springs Park.  |

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## ON RACE DAY

- 1. Be Judged.** Coffin teams, entourages, and Emma's 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 Posse.** Racers and entourage must stay in line; parade starts at noon sharp.

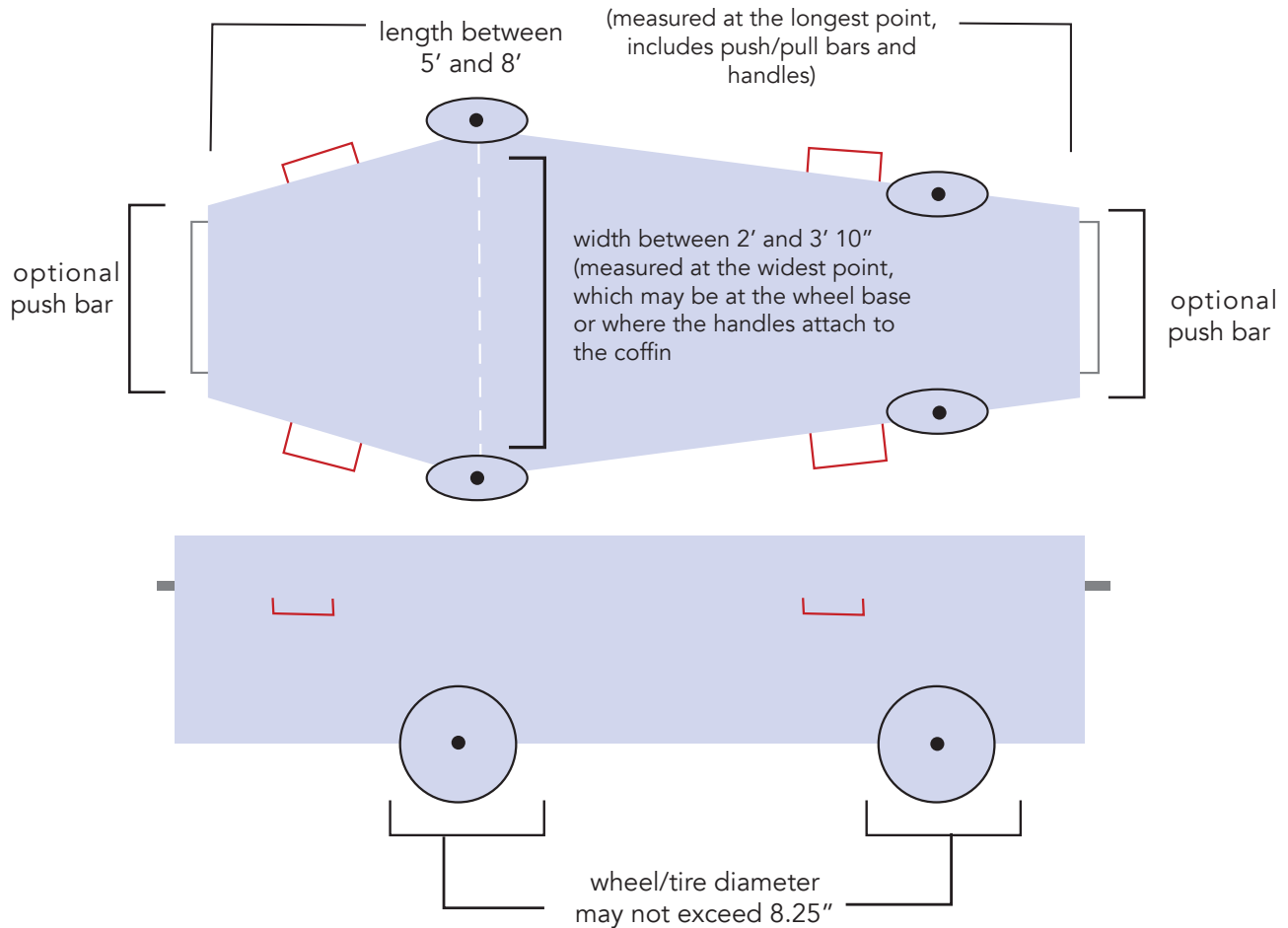
## RACE RULES

- 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. Lineup will be in reverse order of their registration number.
- 3. Don't Throw Parade Swag.** To maintain a safe racecourse, parade participants and racers may not toss anything to the crowd during the parade. Any team that violates this will be disqualified.
- 4. Ready to Race.** The race begins when the parade is over and racers have returned to the lineup, in registration number order starting with coffin #1.
- 5. How the Race Goes.** The racecourse is approximately 585 feet (195 yards) heading west on Manitou Ave. Racing times of each team are recorded as two teams race each other. After the completion of the race, 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 Emma's after checking 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. Pushers and 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 once decided.

**The next page will go over the Coffin Building Specifications: Please review and build accordingly.**

# 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/or 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 removeable. Decorative projections that exceed the maximum width and length of the coffin specifications are not permitted.
2. Four handles or two handles and push bar must be securely attached to coffin. Push bar on back of the coffin is optional and may be added instead of two 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 four wheels when propelled down the racecourse. 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.