

Addison Parks & Recreation presents:

## Cardboard Regatta Rules

**Age:** All participants must be 12 years of age or older to compete in the Regatta. If participants are younger, they need to get approval from Addison staff.

**Registration:** All teams must register in advance of the event. Registration includes providing team name, contact information for team captain, and any additional team members.

### **Craft Construction:**

Cardboard, duct tape, Styrofoam, pool noodles, and rope are permitted materials for constructing the boats. No other materials are allowed. All cardboard used must be standard, corrugated cardboard. No reinforced or treated cardboard is permitted. Adhesives other than duct tape (e.g., glue, epoxy) are not allowed. Boats must be constructed prior to the event and brought to the designated staging area at the specified time. An oar is allowed.

### **Design Guidelines:**

The boat design should be creative and original, but safety should be the top priority. Each boat must be capable of supporting at least one participant safely. The design must not include any motors, propulsion systems, or mechanisms powered by electricity or other external energy sources.

### **Boat Inspection:**

Prior to the start of the regatta, all boats will undergo a safety inspection conducted by Addison Parks & Recreation employees. Any boats deemed unsafe or not meeting the specified guidelines will not be permitted to compete.

### **Race Format:**

Races will be conducted in heats, with multiple heats if necessary, depending on the number of participating teams. Each heat will consist of a designated distance race within the indoor pool.

The first boat to touch the other end of the pool will be declared the winner of that heat.

**Fair Play:**

Unsportsmanlike conduct, including intentional interference with other boats or participants, will not be tolerated. All participants are expected to always show respect for fellow competitors and event officials.

**Event Officials:**

Event officials have the final authority in all matters related to the regatta, including safety, rules enforcement, and race outcomes.

**Event Disqualification:**

Any team found to be in violation of the rules may be subject to disqualification from the event at the discretion of the event officials.

These rules are designed to ensure the safety and fairness of the Indoor Pool Cardboard Regatta while promoting creativity and teamwork among participants.