COFFIN RACE RULES

The following are the rules that govern this Main Street Gardnerville (MSG) event, and all Race Coffins and/or participants must meet these regulations.

Race Coffins and/or participants are subject to inspection prior and post-race or at any time during the event.

Race Coffins and/or participants not meeting the rules or not having fun are subject to receiving **"special recognition" and/or disqualification**.

RACE COFFIN SPECIFICATIONS:

1. SIZE OF RACE COFFIN. Race Coffin must be a minimum size of 1 foot wide by 5 feet long and a maximum of 4 feet wide by 8 feet long. Overall width includes handle bars for pushing. Race coffins with an overall width beyond 4 feet wide will be disqualified to race.)

2. WHEEL SPECIFICATION. Each Race Coffin must have a minimum of 4 wheels/tires that must be in constant contact with the road surface. 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.

3. STEERING. Steering mechanisms operated from inside or outside of the Race Coffin are prohibited. Ropes for pulling coffins are also prohibited.

4. DESIGN. Race Coffins are encouraged to have a logo, company, personal names, or other types of decorations on sides, top or inside; however they may not exceed the maximum width and/or length of the Race Coffin. We encourage you to provide a memorable name for your Race Coffin.

5. RACE NUMBER. All Race Coffins must carry the Main Street Gardnerville Logo, which will be provided by MSG at the time of registration. These logos will also incorporate an area for the Race Coffin number and must be visible from the front and both right and left sides of the race coffin. (Size is 8 ½" high x 11" wide).

CLASSES:

1. There may be multiple classes to enter your Race Coffin. A single coffin may run in multiple classes.

2. Classes determined are based on entries received.

CREW:

1. The race crew consists of 5 members, four runners and the coffin rider. It is encouraged to have at least one alternate. All crewmembers must be a minimum of 18 years old and must be wearing event wristband given at registration.

2. All Race Coffin **riders** must wear a helmet during the race. Any additional protective gear is highly recommended for your runners.

3. At least three of the four runners must be in direct and constant contact with the Race Coffin until it has come to a complete and safe stop after crossing the finish line.

4. Any Race Coffin that has less than three runners in direct contact during the race will be deemed "out of control" and will be disqualified. Changing participants during or between heats, including the final heat which will determine the winners is prohibited. In case of injury, a race official shall be the authority to allow the alternate to step in.

RACING RULES:

1. All Race Coffins and their participants must be in the staging area at Heritage Park for check-in **8:30 A.M.-9:30 A.M.** Entries will be qualified to race if they meet all regulations. Please make sure to review the Race Coffin Specifications for details.

2. Each participant, including their support staff, must sign an "Event Indemnification and Release of Liability" (an agreement which holds Main street Gardnerville, the Town of Gardnerville any sponsors and volunteers harmless for any accidents or injuries) on the day of the race. Forms will be available during check-in. Each participant will be given an event wristband, including your two alternates.

3. A race crew meeting will be held at **9:30 AM**. One runner and the coffin rider from each team must attend. The rules, regulations, and Presentation of Race Coffins procedures will be reviewed.

4. All participants must take part in the Presentation of Race Coffins. The Event Director will begin the Presentation of Race Coffins at **10:00** AM. Race Coffins and your support team will be judged.

Please provide a bio on your team for the announcer to recognize your support staff and sponsors. There will also be a People's Choice award, so this will be a great time to show off your best and rally up the crowd.

5. Race Coffins must be pushed and/or pulled by human power only, no ropes used for pulling are allowed.

6. Race Coffins must be kept in designated area while not racing.

7. At the starting line, no portion of the race coffin may extend over the line. It will be the Race Official's determination as to a restart.

8. No items that create a safety hazard are to be distributed by any participant during the timed events. This can result in disqualification; however, entrants are encouraged to provide items to the other attendees during the non-timed portions of this event.

9. Race Coffin teams must maintain control of their coffins at all times.

10. Each qualifying heat will be run with two Race Coffins. The coffin crossing the finish line with the fastest time will be designated the winner of that heat.

11. If a Race Coffin crosses into a competitor's lane and, in the opinion of the judges, interferes with that Coffin's ability to race, the offending Coffin will be disqualified for that heat.

12. The Race Coffins with the 4 fastest times in each class from the qualifying heats will run in 2 final heats to determine the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners. The 3rd and 4th fastest teams and 1st and 2nd fastest team will race against each other in these final races. (Number of heats subject to change.)

13. Every entrant and participant shall conduct themselves according to the highest standards of behavior and sportsmanship. This is a family-friendly event.

14. The qualifier racecourse is approximately 250 feet. The final heat racecourse will be approximately 225 feet. This is subject to change depending upon the number of entries and classes.

15. In case of a tie or photo finish, the race will be rerun as determined by the Race Official.

MOST IMPORTANT: Above all else, have fun!!!