

## 2023 Cardboard Boat Race Rules

Event held at Roosevelt Pool, E Central Ave, Minot

Event time: Thursday, July 6th 6:30-8:30 pm

### TEAMS & RACING FORMAT:

- Teams consist of 2 to 4 members; however only 1-2 members can be in the boat for the race.
- Team members in the boat must wear a life jacket.
- Lineup and Inspections will begin at approximately 6:30 pm. Race will begin at approximately 7:00 pm.
- Race must begin and end with the 2-person crew intact.
- Swimming and/or pulling the boat will result in disqualification.
- Judges reserve the right to divide entrants into heats, depending on the number of vessels.
- Awards will be presented in each category: speed, and best in show, and most dramatic sinking.
- We will have 3 categories this year. 4<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> grade, 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade, and an adult 18 and up category.
- 50- meter race for grade 4th - 7th grade and 100-meter races for all other classes will be timed to determine winner with fastest speed.

### BOAT DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION:

- Boats must be made **ONLY** of cardboard and duct tape. **NO** reinforced cardboard tubes, no liners, tarps or coated cardboard.
- Cardboard cannot be sealed with any paints or sealants.
- Boats must be made **BEFORE THE RACE** and will be inspected by judges.
- Team members must provide both the duct tape and cardboard boxes for their boats.
- Boats may be a maximum width of 60" (5ft) and a maximum length of 84" (7ft).
- The Hull of the boats must be completely enclosed, or permit the crew to remain fully on top of the vessel (no legs & feet can be used to propel your boat). No raft or surfboard styles.
- Boats must be propelled using arms or cardboard paddles.
- Paddles must meet the same construction requirements as the boat (cardboard and duct tape only). No electrical power to propel the boat will be permitted.
- The boat's passenger area must not be enclosed above the occupant's shoulders, so not to interfere with escape should the vessel begin to sink.
- Boat design is left to the builder's imagination.
- Decorations are allowed and encouraged provided they are not used as structural or floatation elements.
- Crew costumes are encouraged
- Teams are not allowed to reinforce or adjust their boat in any way after the event has begun.
- There will be a pre-race inspection, if any illegal items are discovered, the boat will be disqualified

**\*\*ANY RULE NOT SPECIFICALLY COVERED ABOVE WILL BE LEFT TO THE DISCRETION OF THE JUDGES\*\***