

GREAT KNARESBOROUGH BED RACE

RULES 2012



The team

1. To qualify for entry on the day of the race each team **MUST** provide the name and contact details of an adult marshal by April 1st 2012. It is a requirement of entry on the day that each team provides to the Lions safety marshal on bed race day an adult marshal. Failure to do so will lead to disqualification.
2. The bed and runners must be decorated to the published theme of the year. Failure to do so leads to disqualification.
3. The bed and team will take part in the parade and must follow the requests at all times of the marshals and race officials.
4. The **running** [both adult and junior] team will be made up of either:
 - 6 males
 - 6 females
 - Mixed team of 3 male and 3 female.
 - Plus one passenger.
5. A junior team must be in years **8** to **11** inclusive of the school year to qualify for entry.
6. The **passenger** must be no younger than Year 6 to qualify as a passenger. The passenger **must** wear protective headgear throughout the race.
7. No substitutions will be allowed during the race.
8. Riding on the bed except for the passenger is forbidden.
9. **All** competitors must be able to swim.
10. During the race all beds must keep to the left unless overtaking or at request of race officials.
11. The throwing of objects/liquids is extremely dangerous and is strictly forbidden. Failure to comply leads to disqualification.
12. No alcohol to be consumed by the team runners until after the race has ended. Any team found to be under the influence of alcohol will be disqualified and banned from future races.
13. The team must be able to complete the course within 30 minutes. Please ensure you are able to do so before the race on the day.
14. Bed race is a family event, all members of the team and parade must conduct themselves appropriately at all times i.e. no swearing, no inappropriate gestures. The organisers reserve the right to withdraw a team at any point.
15. Each team must have a named Captain who takes responsibility for ensuring the safety of the team during the race and the parade.
16. To enter for the Fastest New Team, no team member must have completed in a previous bed race.

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The Bed

1. Each team **MUST** provide:
 - A bed decorated in the theme for the year.
 - An audible air horn/hooter.
 - A helmet for the passenger.
2. A decorated bed **MUST NOT** exceed 2 metres in width, 4 metres in length and 3 metres in height.
3. Decorations **MUST** be removed from the bed before the start of the race.
4. The bed must have no means of mechanical propulsion.
5. Each bed **MUST** be examined and passed by the scrutineers prior to the race starting.
6. 3 race numbers **MUST** be displayed on the front and sides of the bed; it is the responsibility of the team to ensure they stay attached at all times.
7. Each bed **MUST** have a built in buoyancy aid capable of supporting the bed and the passenger for not less than 5 minutes, and have an aperture large enough to allow the passenger to escape quickly if required.
8. Each bed **MUST**
9. Have 2 ropes, each not more than 3.75 metres long attached to the rear of the bed [to slow down the bed when necessary], a maximum of 2 additional ropes, not more than 3.75 metres long. may also be attached to the bed.
10. Have 4 wheels of not more than 0.25m in diameter[to include tyres]
11. Allow a gauge of 0.15m by 0.45m wide to pass under the bed in the direction of travel.
12. Allow a gauge of 0.15m by 1.25m long to pass under the bed in the direction of travel.
13. Have a minimum length of 1.75 m and a minimum width of 0.75m.
14. Have a maximum length of 3.0m and a maximum width of 1.35m.