

# FOLSOM HANDCAR DERBY

## QUADRIPEDE RACE OFFICIAL RULES

1. **DISTANCE.** THE FOLSOM HANDCAR DERBY QUADRIPEDE WILL BE CONDUCTED ON A COURSE MEASURING 750 FEET.
2. **TEAM SIZE.** A QUADRIPEDE TEAM IS COMPRISED OF TWO TEAM MEMBERS.
3. **DIVISIONS.** COMPETITION WILL BE HELD IN THREE (3) DIVISIONS:
  - MEN:** TWO MEN.
  - WOMEN:** TWO WOMEN.
  - CO-ED:** ONE WOMAN AND ONE MAN.
4. **AGE.** ALL COMPETITORS MUST BE 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER AS OF PRACTICE DAY.
5. **WAIVER SIGNATURE.** EACH TEAM MEMBER MUST READ AND SIGN AN INDIVIDUAL WAIVER STATEMENT PRIOR TO PRACTICE OR COMPETITION. THE TEAM CAPTAIN WILL NOT BE ISSUED ITS REQUIRED COMPETITOR NUMBER UNTIL ALL TEAM MEMBERS HAVE SIGNED THE WAIVER STATEMENT AND COMPLETED A SAFETY ORIENTATION. A TEAM CANNOT MAKE A SUBSTITUTION WITHOUT THE SUBSTITUTE COMPETITOR HAVING READ AND SIGNED THE WAIVER STATEMENT.
6. **COMPETITOR NUMBERS.** DURING COMPETITION, EACH TEAM MUST PLACE THEIR OFFICIAL QUADRIPEDE COMPETITOR NUMBER ON THE FRONT OF THEIR QUADRIPEDE.
7. **TEAM CAPTAINS.** THE TEAM CAPTAINS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR TEAMS UNDERSTANDING AND COMPLYING WITH THE OFFICIAL RULES OF THE FOLSOM HANDCAR DERBY QUADRIPEDE RACE. THE TEAM CAPTAIN IS THE ONLY TEAM MEMBER WHO MAY REPRESENT THE TEAM IN A RULE INTERPRETATION DISCUSSION WITH A RACE OFFICIAL. TEAM CAPTAINS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING THAT THEIR ENTIRE TEAM IS PRESENT AND READY TO RACE AT THE BOARDING CALL.
8. **QUADRIPEDE INSTRUCTIONS.** BEFORE A TEAM WILL BE PERMITTED ON THE OFFICIAL RACE QUADRIPEDE, THEY MUST REPORT TO THE INSTRUCTION OFFICIAL FOR A SAFETY ORIENTATION. THIS WILL ALLOW EACH TEAM TO BECOME MORE FAMILIAR WITH THE SAFE OPERATION OF THE QUADRIPEDE AND LEARN THE BASIC TECHNIQUE FOR RECORDING A FAST TIME.

9. **ATTIRE.** ALL COMPETITORS MUST WEAR SHIRTS, ALTHOUGH WEARING THE EVENT T-SHIRT IS NOT A REQUIREMENT. IN FACT, TEAMS ARE ENCOURAGED TO DESIGN AND WEAR THEIR OWN SHIRTS DISPLAYING THEIR TEAM AND SPONSOR NAME. DURING COMPETITION, LOOSE FLOWING GARMENTS SUCH AS PERIOD DRESS, OVERCOATS OR COSTUMES ARE NOT PERMITTED, NOR IS ANY FORM OF ATTIRE THAT WOULD POSE A SAFETY RISK TO A COMPETITOR.
10. **EYE GLASSES.** ANY COMPETITOR WEARING EYE GLASSES MUST WEAR A SAFETY STRAP TO HOLD THEM IN PLACE WHILE COMPETING.
11. **FOOTWEAR.** BOTH COMPETITORS MUST WEAR SHOES, WHICH MUST BE OF THE NON-SKID STYLE DESIGNED FOR RACQUET SPORTS, BASKETBALL OR RUNNING. SHOES WITH HARD SOLES, HIGH HEELS OR EQUIPPED WITH CLEATS OR SPIKES WILL NOT BE PERMITTED. NOR WILL ANY FORM OF FOOTWEAR BE ALLOWED (SUCH AS COWBOY BOOTS) WHICH MAY CREATE A SAFETY RISK TO A COMPETITOR.
12. **HAND WEAR.** PUMPERS MAY WEAR GLOVES OR MAY APPLY ROSIN OR CHALK TO THEIR HANDS. STICKY SUBSTANCES, HOWEVER, SUCH AS PINE TAR OR "FIRM GRIP" ARE NOT PERMITTED. STRAPS OR WEIGHTS ARE ALSO NOT PERMITTED.
13. **HEAD WEAR.** BICYCLE HELMETS WILL BE PROVIDED AND MUST BE WORN BY ALL COMPETITORS WHILE ON THE QUADRIPEDE. YOU MAY WEAR YOUR PERSONAL HEAD WEAR IF APPROVED BY THE EVENT DIRECTOR.
14. **TIMES.** THE RECORD TIME FOR EACH DIVISION MAY BE ESTABLISHED IN EITHER A QUALIFYING HEAT OR IN THE FINALS.
15. **RAIN OR SHINE.** THE FOLSOM HANDCAR DERBY WILL RUN REGARDLESS OF THE WEATHER.
16. **INTOXICANTS.** NO COMPETITOR WILL BE ALLOWED TO OPERATE A QUADRIPEDE WHO IS DEEMED BY RACE OFFICIALS TO BE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICANTS. THE DECISION OF THE EVENT DIRECTOR IS FINAL. A TEAM MAY SUBSTITUTE FOR A DISQUALIFIED TEAM MEMBER.
17. **QUADRIPEDE OR TIMING MALFUNCTION.** IF, IN THE OPINION OF THE EVENT DIRECTOR, QUADRIPEDE OR TIMING MALFUNCTION OCCURS DURING A HEAT, THE HEAT WILL BE RESTARTED.
18. **FALSE START.** A TEAM WILL BE PERMITTED ONLY ONE FALSE START FOR THE ENTIRE COMPETITION. A SECOND FALSE START BY A TEAM WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION. THE DECISION OF THE RACE STARTER IS FINAL.

19. **TIMING AND SCORING.** ALL DECISIONS OF THE TIMING AND SCORING OFFICIALS WILL BE FINAL.
20. **AWARDS.** AN INDIVIDUAL TEAM MEMBER MEDALS WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE FASTEST 2 TEAMS IN EACH DIVISION.
21. **SAFETY.** THE FOLLOWING SAFETY PRECAUTIONS MUST BE FOLLOWED.
  - A) EACH TEAM MEMBER MUST COMPLETE A SAFETY ORIENTATION AND PRACTICE ON THE DESIGNATED PRACTICE DAY.
  - B) BOTH FEET MUST REMAIN ON THE PEDALS WHILE ON THE QUADRIPEDE.
  - C) BOTH HANDS MUST REMAIN ON THE HANDLE WHILE THE CAR IS IN MOTION. EXCEPTION: WHILE BRAKING, ONE HAND MAY BE MOVED TO THE BRAKE HANDLE WITH THE OTHER REMAINING ON THE HANDLE.
  - D) COMPETITORS MUST REMAIN ON THE QUADRIPEDE WHILE IT IS MOVING.
22. **DIVISIONS:** RACE OFFICIALS RESERVE THE RIGHT TO ADD OR REMOVE RACING DIVISIONS DUE TO THE NUMBER OF TEAMS SIGNED UP BY RACE DAY.