



Sunday
Dec. 6 2009
1:00pm

RULES AND GUIDELINES

- A team consists of 5 members...1 rider and 4 pushers. A rider must remain in the bed at all times. All members of the team must be at least 18 years old. No exceptions.
- The rider must dress in a night cap and nightgown/night shirt. Pushers must dress in costumes. Pushers are encouraged to "decorate" themselves in their chosen theme, which should reflect the festival, holidays or Dickens characters.
- Your safety is important to us. Please wear good running shoes. Accidents may occur such as falls, scrapes, bruises, tripping, collisions, etc. Safety gear to avoid such hazards is strongly recommended.
- Consumption of alcohol will not be permitted.
- Teams are encouraged to find supporting sponsors to assist with entry fees and other costs.
- Teams will compete, in the qualifying round, in timed heats which will determine which teams will advance to the final round. Timed scores from the qualifying round will be erased. Teams advancing to the final round will compete, against the clock, for the fastest times.
- Teams will begin at 21st and Mechanic Street and race westward to the intersection of 22nd and Mechanic. In the intersection, teams will need to come to a complete stop within the marked area, and perform a "Chinese Fire Drill", with every team member circling the bed once. Then one of the pushers will need to don the night cap and gown, without assistance, and change places with the previous rider, who becomes a pusher. Once the new rider is on the bed, the team will continue to the finish line at 23rd and Mechanic. The entire distance is approximately 700 linear feet.
- Beds will need to be delivered to the festival grounds by 9 a.m. on Saturday, December 5th for judging and patron viewing/voting. The judging/display area will be on 22nd street between Market and Mechanic. Teams will have access for delivery at 22nd and Market Street. Judges will inspect the beds beginning at 9:15 a.m. to

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determine if all specifications and guidelines have been followed. Judges will also determine, at this time, if any of the decorations on the beds will need to be removed for safety reasons. If the judges deem any of the regulations have not been followed, teams will have until 5 p.m. on Saturday to make corrections. Judges will inspect those beds again and if by their decision any beds are not in compliance, the entry will be eliminated from the competition. Any decorations deemed unsafe will need to be removed prior to race time on Sunday. All judge's rulings are FINAL. GHF and the race judges reserve the right to disqualify any beds or teams, at any time, for rule or guideline violations.

- Following the final round, the presentation of awards will take place at the display area south of Mechanic on 22nd Street.
- Awards:
 - Fastest time: 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners
 - Best Decorated - Voted on by race judges
 - People's Choice Award - For \$1, patrons to the festival may cast their vote for their favorite bed. Half of the proceeds will benefit the Galveston Historical Foundation and the other half will be donated to the charity chosen by the first place winners.
- All winning entries above are to participate in the 3 p.m. Queen's Parade to tout their winning beds and teams! The winning entries will be moved to the parade line-up and winning team members are to gather at 25th and Santa Fe Place by 2:30 p.m. to participate in the parade.
- All beds will need to be removed no later than 6 p.m. on Sunday.

IMPORTANT

GHF must have a minimum of 6 entries for the race to take place. If, by November 15th, the minimum number of entries has not been received the race will be cancelled, all teams notified and registration fees will be refunded.

On the day of the race, if severely inclement weather occurs, the race may be cancelled for the safety of all.

**PLEASE RETURN ENTRY FORM AND
PAYMENT BY 11/27/2009 TO:**

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