



Rules (there aren't too many but they're important)

1. Each team must consist of 5 people (18 years or older) consisting of 4 runners and 1 rider. Participants can be employees, neighbors, friends, relatives or deadbeats; please limit your "pit crew" to 5 or less to assist the team pre/post-race (in case "some assembly, or reassembly" is required)
2. Each race will consist of two beds racing side by side on Park Row - down the race course (approximately 150'), reverse direction (both bed and team) and return to and completely cross the finish line; each team will be timed to determine placement/advancement to finals
3. Teams **may** be given the chance to run a 2nd heat to improve their finish time to qualify for finals but not guaranteed
4. All beds must be decorated somehow so GET CREATIVE (Prize for the Most Creative bed)
5. Use of themed costumes or pajamas for all team members is highly encouraged (appropriate attire please); prize for Most Team Spirit
6. One person must ride (stay) on the bed at all times during the timed races; losing your rider is not recommended and results in disqualification
7. All beds must report for inspection no later than 10:30 am; failure to report for inspection or failure to meet the rules & regulations set forth could result in disqualification and forfeiture of entry fee.
8. Teams must not interfere with opponents in any way during the event and must conduct themselves according to the highest standards of sportsmanship (although showboating is encouraged)
9. Audience safety must be taken into consideration-no throwing of any items from the beds (candy, trinkets, etc.); be aware of surroundings and respond accordingly
10. The use of helmets and other protective gear is strongly encouraged for all team members; sturdy footwear is highly recommended. All team members must cross the finish line with their bed. Any bed that collapses, loses a wheel or member of the team may be disqualified (please retrieve lost pieces, or teammates)
11. All decisions made by Race Officials are final
12. All teams must be prepared for and enter the parade by 10:59 am
13. All bed and team costs are borne by entrants, this includes entry fee

Bed Construction Regulations

- Beds do not need to be made from actual bed frames but must mimic a real bed; overall dimensions must be a maximum of 66" wide and 90" long and a maximum height of 66" (including all attachments, wheels, decorations, etc.)
- Beds must have a mattress of typical material; air mattresses are allowed but must be the same size as the bed and fully inflated; futon-style or casket linings are acceptable
- Push bars are allowed but must not extend more than 12" beyond the width of the bed (but not to exceed 66" overall width). All push bars are to be designed for safety with no sharp or jagged edges allowed, padding is recommended.
- Beds must have all wheels in contact with the ground and can be of any size or design; at least two of the wheels should be rotating or swivel wheels for better control and turning; 3 wheeled beds are not acceptable.
- Steering mechanisms can be used but must be kept in full control at all times
- No bed may have any motorized or mechanical means of motion; pushing only (no pulling)
- Safety is a must-ensure all parts of the bed including all decorations are securely attached; no glass please
- All beds must pass inspection by the officials prior to the race (inspections held by 10:30am)

The most important Rule

- Come to have fun, entice others to create a bed and also have fun, and tell your friends and neighbors to come cheer for their favorite team and have fun!