



## *Official Pumpkin Derby Race Rules*

The Official Pumpkin Derby Rules have been established to inspire good old-fashioned American ingenuity, promote fair play, and ensure that all participants have a good time. All Pumpkin Derby racers must design and race their pumpkin racers according to these rules to ensure that the race is fun and fair for everyone.

- 1.** Pumpkin Derby racers must be crafted using a single, whole pumpkin. (While it may be hollowed out, it must retain its overall pumpkin shape.)
- 2.** Pumpkin Derby racers must have a minimum of two independent axles inserted through the pumpkin. (Single axle Racers will not be permitted.)
- 3.** Pumpkin Derby racers shall not attach pumpkins onto a pre-fabricated chassis of any kind (skateboard, stroller, Tonka truck, etc.)
- 4.** The total weight of a Pumpkin Derby racer (pumpkin, decorations, wheels, etc.) cannot exceed 20 pounds.
- 5.** For the Youth and Teen Divisions, parents and guardians may assist the youth/teen in making the racer (attaching axles, wheels), but shall not provide assistance to designing and decorating the Derby racer.
- 6.** NO EXPLOSIVES or PYROTECHNICS will be allowed.
- 7.** Cheating will not be tolerated. Feel great about being honest and fair. Don't be tempted to be a cheater Derby racer. Use the honor system and obey the spirit of these rules.

## TIPS FROM PUMPKIN DERBY PROS

- Be sure to read and follow the *Instructions for Building a Parallel Axle Derby racer*.
- A bigger or heavier Pumpkin Racer is not necessarily faster. Rarely will the biggest win.
- The best way to build a fast racer is to make sure its axles are *parallel* so it will roll straight down the track.
- Make sure all of your wheels spin freely.
- Be sure your racer has enough ground clearance. The race takes place on a track with an uneven surface that may have gravel on the course. Your racer must be high enough to avoid obstacles to win.
- Have fun making your racer! Pick a theme and be creative. Often, the crowd favorites are the most creative ones. If you can't win the race, you could still win the Derby Racer Design contest.



***Have fun and good luck!***

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