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**LAUREL STREET  
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# RACE OVERVIEW

The Graveyard Grand Prix Coffin Races celebrate creativity, friendly competition, and plenty of Halloween fun! This year, teams can choose between two divisions: the Competitive Racing Division or the Spirit Division. Whether you're racing for the championship or just looking for a fun way to show off your team's creativity, there's a place for everyone.

## Competitive Racing Division

The Competitive Racing Division is limited to 16 teams and features a double-elimination tournament. Teams will race head-to-head throughout the day, with every team guaranteed at least two races before elimination. At the end of the tournament, one team will earn the title of Coffin Race Champion.

## Spirit Division

The Spirit Division is perfect for teams that want to join the fun without competing in the tournament. Spirit teams will receive two featured Showcase Runs throughout the day and are encouraged to go all out with themed costumes, creative coffin designs, decorated pit areas, and crowd-pleasing performances. This division is all about creativity, Halloween spirit, and making the event even more fun for spectators.

## Entry Fee

The entry fee is \$75 per team and includes participation in either the Competitive or Spirit Division, a designated team pit area, eligibility for all applicable event awards, and participation in all scheduled race activities.



# TEAM & COFFIN REQUIREMENTS

## Team Requirements

Each team consists of five participants: one rider, known as "The Ghost," and four pushers. All participants must be at least 16 years old, and every team member must complete a participant waiver during registration.

The Ghost's job is simple - hang on and enjoy the ride! Riders must remain inside the coffin for the entire race and may not assist with pushing or steering. The four pushers are responsible for powering and controlling the coffin from the starting line to the finish.

## Coffin Design & Construction

Whether your coffin is spooky, silly, or creepy, we encourage teams to have fun with their designs. All coffins must be human-powered - no motors, engines, pedals, or mechanical propulsion systems. Teams may build their coffin from scratch or start with an existing platform such as a wagon, cart, dolly, or similar device. However you build it, the finished product should clearly look like a coffin, be safe to operate, and meet all requirements. Each coffin must have four wheels and provide a secure place for the Ghost to ride. The rider must remain seated inside the coffin throughout the race. Decorations, props, and other design elements are encouraged, but everything should be securely attached and safe for participants, officials, and spectators.

## Coffin Size Requirements

To help keep the race safe and moving smoothly, coffins may not exceed the following dimensions:

- Maximum Length: 8 feet
- Maximum Width: 4 feet

Be sure your design leaves enough room for both the Ghost and your pushers to safely operate the coffin. Pushers should be able to maintain a comfortable grip and safely guide the coffin throughout the course.



# RACE RULES & SAFETY

## Steering & Control

Your coffin must be easy to guide and stay under control throughout the course. A traditional steering system isn't required - your team can steer using the handles, frame, or whatever design works best, as long as the coffin can be safely controlled.

## Safety

Safety comes first! Riders are required to wear a helmet, and helmets are strongly encouraged for pushers. Coffins should be built with participants and spectators in mind. Open flames, explosives, or other hazardous materials are not permitted.

## Race Day Expectations

Keep those hands on the coffin! All four pushers must maintain contact with the coffin from the start of the race until it crosses the finish line. Race hard, but race fair. Intentional interference, reckless behavior, or anything that creates an unsafe or unfair advantage may result in penalties or disqualification.

## Pre-Race Inspection

Every coffin must pass a quick inspection on race morning before hitting the course. We'll check that your coffin meets the basic size, construction, and safety requirements and can be safely controlled during the race. If we spot a minor issue, we'll do our best to work with you to get it corrected before race time.



# RACE DAY INFO

## Team Pit Areas

Each participating team will be assigned a designated pit area in the parking lot. This space will serve as the team's home base throughout the event, allowing them to display their coffin, prepare for upcoming races, and interact with spectators. The pit area gives attendees an opportunity to walk through the team displays, admire the creativity of each coffin, and vote on their favorite.

## Staging

To keep the event running smoothly, Scarborough Alley will continue to serve as the official staging area. To help reduce congestion, teams will only be called to staging shortly before their scheduled race or Showcase Run.

## Awards

Awards recognize both speed and creativity, giving every team a chance to leave with bragging rights!

### Competitive Racing Awards

- Coffin Race Champion (1st Place) - Cash Prize
- Runner-Up (2nd Place) - Cash Prize

### Creative Awards (Open to All Teams)

- Best Coffin Design - Cash Prize
- Best Team Theme - Cash Prize
- Creepiest Coffin - Plaque

### People's Choice Award (Open to All Teams)

Voted on by event attendees, this award recognizes the overall fan favorite



# FINAL DETAILS

## Mandatory Team Meeting

Before race day, we'll hold a mandatory team meeting for all participating teams. At least one representative from each team must attend. We'll cover everything you need to know before race day, including the event schedule, race procedures, staging, safety guidelines, and answer any last-minute questions. Our goal is to make sure every team arrives on race day ready to have fun and knowing exactly what to expect.

## Penalties & Rules Enforcement

The Coffin Races are all about friendly competition, creativity, and having fun. To keep things safe and fair for everyone, race officials will monitor each race and enforce the event rules. Minor rule violations may result in a warning or an opportunity to correct the issue. More serious violations - such as intentionally interfering with another team, unsafe conduct, or repeated rule violations, will result in disqualification. Race officials and the Race Director have the final say on all rule interpretations, penalties, and race results.

## Team Photo Submission

Each team must submit at least one photo of their completed coffin no later than one week before race day. We'll use these photos to help promote the event on social media and in other marketing materials. They also give us a chance to identify any potential safety concerns before race day so there are no surprises during inspection.