

COLOMA LIONS CLUB

2022 Great Pumpkin Derby Rules

THE PUMPKIN DERBY RACER RULES

Building a qualified Pumpkin Racer is simple IF you follow the rules for the class of Racer you want to run. There will be three (3) classes of Pumpkin Racers:

STOCK

OPEN STOCK

UNLIMITED

Remember, you are working with a pumpkin, a product of nature that will not be perfect in terms of weight distribution or dimensions. Despite your best efforts, it may not go straight down the track. We know that it can be challenging to get the axles on parallel, and it is precisely that fact that makes the race fun. On race day, pumpkins will zig and zag down the track. Some may end up who knows where! Some will zoom through the finish leaving everyone else in the dust. One thing is certain---this is a truly unique event and one not to be missed. Here are the rules

STOCK CLASS- Use Lion's Club Wheel and Axle Kits which are on sale for \$15 at:

Edward Jones Investments, Badt Drive, Coloma.

Watervliet Fruit Exchange, Red Arrow Highway, Watervliet

Centsible Heating, Paw Paw Lake Rd, Coloma

Coloma City Hall, Downtown Coloma

The total weight of the STOCK CLASS Racer, including axles, wheels and any decorations cannot exceed 20 pounds. The width cannot exceed 20 inches. The axles to which the wheels are attached must penetrate the pumpkin and support it. A solid base with affixed wheels is not permitted. Axles cannot be attached to each other.

OPEN STOCK CLASS- Use your own set of wheels and axles.

The total weight of the OPEN STOCK CLASS Racer, including axles, wheels and any decorations cannot exceed 20 pounds. The width cannot exceed 20 inches. The axles to which the wheels are attached must penetrate the pumpkin and support it. A solid base with affixed wheels is not permitted. Axles cannot be attached to each other.

UNLIMITED CLASS- Pumpkins can weigh 20-50 pounds. Make it crazy and wild! The width of the wheel base cannot exceed 20 inches due to the limitations of the track. Otherwise, there are no real restrictions except to make it safe and fun!

ALL CLASSES—There will be a WEIGH-IN before the race. Pumpkins may be hollowed out or not. Pumpkins may be decorated as much as you want, but the decorations shall be included in the weight. Use a single pumpkin. No explosives or pyrotechnics allowed for safety reasons. If you pumpkin is over-weight you will be allowed to work on it and attempt to make the proper weight. Remember fair play is the Golden Rule. Cheaters will be disallowed.

THE RACE RULES

There will be three (3) Race Classes as noted in building your Pumpkin Racer. Races will be run in these three classes.

The Race will consist of the Racers running in HEATS down a ramp in separate lanes onto the street or parking lot for approximately 30 feet.

The winner will advance to the next HEAT.

HEATS will continue in the classes until all racers have run and final winners and runners-up will have been determined for that class.

There is NO Entry Fee. Fill out a registration form below and present it with your Racer to the Officials who will weigh it and determine if it meets the class rules. Lions Club Officials have final rules determinations.

PRIZES--- Cash Prizes or Trophies for each class:

1st Prize \$30.00

2nd Prize \$20.00

3rd Prize \$10.00

Best Decorated Pumpkin Overall regardless of class: \$20.00

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Coloma Lions Club Pumpkin Race Registration Form

Participants Name (PRINT) _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

Race Class: (CIRCLE ONE) Stock Open Unlimited

This Info also is on www.colomalions.com and Facebook at Coloma Lions Club or Contact:

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