



Cardboard Boat Race Frequently Asked Questions

Please see the guidelines for complete contest rules and regulations.

What should my team bring to the race?

Please ensure that your team comes prepared with...

1. Two copies of their Boat Design sketch
2. Swimsuits and towels
3. Tools and decorations: cutting devices, measuring tapes or rulers, paintbrushes, pencils and pens, straight edges and decorations
4. *Optional:* Snacks, pool shoes swimsuit for teacher/advisor, camera etc.

What is 'declared weight'?

During the construction phase all team members will be weighed by the judging team. At this time, teams must decide which team members are going to participate in the first phase of the weight challenge. The combined weight of the team members that begin the weight challenge are considered "the declared weight."

How many team members can participate in the weight challenge?

The declared weights can range from one team member to all four team members. After holding the declared weight for 90 seconds, teams can ask their teacher/advisory and/or students from other teams to participate in their weight challenge. More weight can be added in any denomination (i.e. anywhere from 1 to 100 additional people).

Will my personal weight be shared with others? All team members will be weighed by the judging team or Skills Canada – Ontario staff. While efforts are made to be discreet with team member's personal weights, given the nature of the weight challenge this isn't always possible. Team members should be prepared to share their weight within their team.

After seeing how the boat performs in the race challenge can my team adjust the declared weight?

No. Declared weights must be decided during the construction phase.

How many team members can participate in the Race?

One or two team members can be used to race the boat. It is at the team member's discretion.

Can teachers (advisors) participate?

During the construction and race periods teachers should be hands-off. We request that teachers advise their team(s) about safety concerns only. Teachers can participate in the weight challenge at the team member's discretion. When there is space available, teachers will be given the opportunity to form their own team to compete in the competition as exhibition competitors.



What are judges looking for during the construction phase?

While observing the teams and examining the submitted design sketch the judges will be asking themselves a number of things, for example...

Category	Examples of Criteria *
Planning and Design	Are the drawings laid out in more than one point of view?
	Are the proportions of the drawings correct?
	Did the team include any enlargements or detailed sections of boat construction?
Quality of Construction	Does the boat being built match the team's design drawings?
	Are team members using materials provided adequately and/or resourcefully to strengthen the boat?
	Are cuts and bends in cardboard neat and clean?
	Does the finished boat meet all rules and regulations of construction?
Teamwork and Team Spirit	Are team members communicating to each other regarding the progress of construction?
	Are all team members fully engaged in the construction of the boat?
	Are team members cheering their team/school, each other?
Safety and Cleanliness	Do team members communicate each other's movements to ensure safety?
	Are team members using cutting tools properly and safely?
	Is the team continually cleaning up waste products as construction occurs?
Visual Appeal	Does the boat stand out from the crowd?
	Are the decorations on the boat fun, original and/or appropriate?

*Please note this is a partial list only.

Hey...Why is that team allowed to...?

Judges make every effort to ensure that all rules and regulations are followed and applied evenly. However, sometimes judges must make judgment calls (for example when interpreting when a boat has 'sunk'). All judges rulings are considered final. **For safety reasons race rules are always subject to change depending on requests made by lifeguards.**

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Emily Waldron, *Cardboard Boat Race Coordinator at emilyw@skillscanada.com.*