

WILD WAGONS SHOWDOWN

RACE RULES

Details

1. Race track environment

- a. Races will be run in heats. Heats will occur on 1920 street in Fort Edmonton Park, using both sides of the street, separated by the train tracks. The train will not be running. There will be no parked cars, etc. to worry about – proud to be obstacle-free!
- b. Street is compressed dirt/gravel but there is a chance that there may be snow/ice because of time of year.
- c. Track is on the flat and straight ahead, no hills or deviations – full steam ahead!
- d. Only two wagons will race at one time – at the conclusion of the heats, winners of each heat will be posted at race gates and they will then participate in the final heats. Don't worry, we're setting up consolation heats, too.

2. Wagon decorations and western dress

- a. Sample photos for decorating your wagon are provided on the site page. You can choose to decorate in a way that best suits and represents your organization. Get creative!
- b. Dress western! Your team and anyone else attending the event with you should wear their best western attire to help celebrate Rodeo Week and Farmfair International which kicks off on Wednesday, November 11 at Northlands. (Except for footwear – you will need proper footwear – see below for more on this!)

3. Award Categories

- a. Awards will be presented in the following categories:
 - Most Creative Chuckwagon/Team
 - Best Team Spirit
 - 1st, 2nd and 3rd place (timed races)

* Award presentation will commence in the Blatchford Hangar at 3:30 P.M.

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1. Runners/Wagon Pullers and Driver

- a. All wagon pullers/drivers/outriders are required to wear CSA approved helmets, elbow and knee pads and must sign a waiver. Waivers must be presented on race day at the registration table with one piece of picture ID.
 - i. **Two Wagon Pullers** – they will be the muscle on your team. Running on either side of your wagon, pushing a dowelling attached to the handle, they will whisk the team to victory. Got any short-distance sprinters in your group?
 - ii. **One Driver** – Mainly for show, the driver will sit in the wagon and encourage the team to the finish line. Might want to pick someone in the lightweight category for this job.
 - iii. **Two Outriders** – equipped with stick horses (complete with the authentic sounds of a horse – just press the ear!), these two will need to ride alongside or behind your wagon, just like in a real chuckwagon races! They may not interfere with the wagon and must cross the finish line before the clock will be stopped for your time. No time for smelling the flowers or for horses to stop and graze along the way! Pick people who have some giddy-up and go!
- b. Proper footwear is required
 - i. **Running shoes or boots with grip are considered proper shoes.**
Although they are authentic western garb, you won't get anywhere in those non-grip, non-stick cowboy boots!
- c. You may have more than five team members on your roster, to have back-up in case of injury. You may enter a minimum of five team members to a maximum of eight. Just remember, everyone on the roster must present valid photo ID and their waiver at the registration desk on race day!

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2. Wagon

- a. Wagon kits must be purchased from United Way. The kit prices will be set at a maximum of \$550.00 and are cost recovery only, United Way will not receive a profit from the Wagon Kit sales. Only the approved kit will be accepted as entry, no substitutions are allowed, kits contain:
 - i. A heavy duty utility cart
 - ii. Dowelling and duct tape
 - iii. Two out-rider stick horses
 - iv. 4' × 8' sheet of coroplast
 - v. United Way roll banner
 - vi. Three noisemaker cowbells to help cheer on your team
 - vii. Registration package
- b. Decorations are at the discretion of the registered participants but must not interfere with the safety/wheel system of wagon.
- c. Wagons may not be modified from original purchase state except to affix decorations and the required dowelling to the handle. Dowel and duct tape are provided in the Wild Wagons kit. The structural integrity of the wagon must remain intact and assembled as per the assembly instructions that come with the wagon kit (as purchased).

3. Wagon Safety

- a. It's extremely important for two people to stabilize the cart while the driver gets in and out.
- b. The driver of the cart is advised to:
 - i. Enter the cart from the back
 - ii. Sit as far forward in the cart as possible
 - iii. Hold onto the front of the cart with both hands