

Coupeville's PUMPKIN RACE

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2015. 2:00 to 5:00 pm.
Alexander between Coveland and Front Street**

What is Coupeville's Pumpkin Race?

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IT'S FREE. IT'S FUN!

REGISTRATION:

INDIVIDUAL OR TEAM NAME: _____

TEAM CAPTAIN: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____

WAIVER: I assume all risks associated with participating in this event, including but not limited to, travel to and from the event, tripping and falling, contact with other participants, spectators or objects on or near the course path, the effects of weather, including temperature and humidity, vehicle and pedestrian traffic, and all such risks known and appreciated by me.

Having read this waiver and knowing the facts and consideration of acceptance of my entry, I, for myself and anyone entitled to act on my behalf, and my team, waive and release Coupeville Historic Waterfront Association, The Town of Coupeville, race officials, volunteers, their representatives and successors from all claims or liabilities of any kind arising out of my and the teams participation in this event.

I understand and agree to the waiver and release:

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Parent/Signature (if under 18) _____

ALL TEAM MEMBERS WILL BE ASKED TO SIGN THE WAIVER AND RELEASE BEFORE PARTICIPATING.
FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT EVENT CHECK-IN.

Contact CHWA at coupevillehistoricwaterfrontassociation@hotmail.com or 360.222.3696 for additional information or questions

Mail signed registration to: CHWA, PO Box 121, Coupeville, WA 98239.



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OFFICIAL RACE RULES

The Official Pumpkin Race Rules have been established to promote fair play and inspire good old-fashioned American Ingenuity.

All Pumpkin Racers must design and race their Pumpkin Racers according to these few important rules to ensure that the Pumpkin Race is fun and fair for everyone.

RULE #1 Craft your Pumpkin RaceCar using a single pumpkin or squash.

RULE #2 Insert two independent axles through your pumpkin and attach wheels to the axels. Spice up your racers with style.

RULE #3 You may NOT attach your pumpkin onto a pre-fabricated chassis of any kind. (skateboard, stroller, Tonka truck, etc....)

RULE #4 NO EXPLOSIVES or PYROTECHNICS.

RULE #5 No pushing or "helping" your Pumpkin RaceCar on the starting line. Our Race Officials will make sure there is no shoving, hidden thumb flick, early release, remote controls....

RULE #6 NO CHEATING. Feel great about being honest and fair. Don't be tempted to be a Cheater Pumpkin. Use the honor system and obey the spirit of these rules. Our Race Officials have a keen eye and the Mallet-O-Justice ready to bring a cheater pumpkin down.

WITH YOUR RIGHT HAND ON YOUR MOUSE REPEAT THE SOLEMN PUMPKIN RACER PLEDGE:

"I pledge to always do my very best and play by the rules because Cheater Pumpkins never prosper."

This is the Pumpkin Race Pledge.



WELCOME RACE FANS:

WHAT'S COUPEVILLE'S PUMPKIN RACE? - Handcrafted Pumpkin Racecars racing side-by-side in unpredictable and dramatic style! Families and friends race for fun and the coveted Championship Trophy. Prizes are awarded for Best of Show, Best Team Spirit, and Best Crash.

It's fun! It's easy! It's free to enter! Compete in a single elimination. Open qualifying runs from 2:00 to 5:00. Award ceremonies right after the finals!

MAKE YOUR OWN PUMPKIN RACECAR? Make your own Pumpkin Racecar according to the [Official Rules of the Coupeville Pumpkin Race](#). **READY, SET, GO!** Gather your family and friends and get your little pumpkins to the 2nd Annual Coupeville Pumpkin Race Festival. Enjoy Alexander Street transformed into **Pumpkinrace Land**, where creativity runs wild and cheaters never prosper. Dress in colorful costumes, enjoy the activities, make your own Pumpkin RaceCar and feel the thrill of competing in the fun-spirited Pumpkin Race. Free and fun for the whole family thanks to the generosity of Coupeville Historic Waterfront Association, Coupeville Chamber of Commerce, Iverson Insurance, Front Street Realty, The Honey Bear and Shermans Pioneer Farm.

JOIN THE RACE - It's fun! It's easy! It's free to enter! Compete in single elimination Open Qualifying from 2:00 – 4:00 for your chance to race in the **COUPEVILLE PUMPKIN RACE FINAL** - Handcrafted Pumpkin Racecars racing side-by-side in unpredictable and dramatic style! Families and friends race for fun and the coveted Championship Trophy. Prizes are awarded for Best of Show, Best Team Spirit, and Best Crash.

Championship rounds start when all pumpkins have raced and we get down to the top two fastest. Come at 2:00 and enjoy the event.

FESTIVAL TIPS

Wear a costume
Bring the whole family
Get your Pumpkin Racecar ready and enter the Pumpkin Race!

TIPS FROM THE PUMPKIN RACE PROS

- Be sure to read the [Official Rules](#) to understand how to build a "legal" Pumpkin Racecar. There are only a few simple rules to follow, so let your imagination run wild.
- A bigger or heavier Pumpkin RaceCar is not a faster Pumpkin RaceCar. Rarely does the biggest win.
- The best way to build a fast RaceCar is to make sure the axles are *parallel* so it will roll straight down the track. Many racers are eliminated because their racer veers into the side wall before it crosses the finish line. Check to make sure they are parallel before every race.
- Make sure all of your wheels spin freely!
- Be sure your RaceCar has enough ground clearance! The race takes place on a track with bumps and dips. Be sure your RaceCar is high enough to clear them.
- *Have fun* making your RaceCar! Pick a theme and be creative. Often, the crowd favorites are the most fun and creative ones. If you can't win, then lose with style!

🏁 What is this Race? 🏁

What is the race format?

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What are Pumpkin RaceCars?

Pumpkin RaceCars are made to conform (more or less) to the Official Pumpkin Race Rules. The Official Rules state in part that a Pumpkin RaceCar must be made from a pumpkin or squash with two independent axels with wheels attached. Pumpkin RaceCars come in all different shapes, sizes and speeds. Some are elaborately decorated and ready to race. Others appear as if they can't make it down the race track at all. A well-crafted Pumpkin RaceCar can easily cross the finish line first, or it can catch an unfortunate break and come up short. One never knows. There are always a few mighty Pumpkin RaceCar underdogs who somehow manage to come up with a victory over a seemingly superior opponent. Despite their different appearances, all Pumpkin RaceCars (except Cheaters!) are given an equal opportunity to participate and advance toward victory.

Does anyone ever cheat?

In a word - Yes. However, our vigilant Race Officials make sure everyone plays by the rules - fair and square. If a Race Official determines that a Pumpkin Racecar is in violation the Official World Famous Pumpkin Race Rules it is immediately declared a cheater! The penalty for racing a cheater Pumpkin RaceCar is instant destruction by a large wooden mallet administered by the Head Race Official.

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