



OFISHULL ROOLS

- 1) Outhouse Racing Machines (ORMs), also known as a Mobile Excrement Storage System (MESS) will be people-powered only; no sails, electric motors, magnets, fans, steam power, hot air, turbines, internal combustion engines, anti-gravity devices, used space shuttle rockets or thermonuclear piles will be allowed. MESS must be named and that name must be the same as the name used at registration time. Three person teams – one driver and two pushers (no pullers, no peddlers, no spirits – although praying is allowed, no carriers or levitation devices). An optional pit crew of three persons is allowed so that substitutions can be made with the drivers/pushers (once a heat has begun, no substitutions will be allowed, and only three members of each team will be allowed on the race course – the ones actually racing). Competitors must be between the ages of 8 and 99 yrs. old. Those between 8 and 16 yrs. old must have a family member who is a competitor. Those over 99 may compete with a parent as part of the team.
- 2) ORM/MESS specifications:
 - A) Must resemble an "OUTHOUSE," including the typical "moon" decoration somewhere on the structure.
 - B) Must weigh a minimum of 150 lbs.
 - C) Brakes are optional.
 - D) May have mechanical steering controlled by the driver –or– it may be constructed with 360-degree castering wheels on the front or on the rear, or on the front and rear.
 - E) At least three of any size wheel/caster may be used.
 - F) No ropes may be used for steering, pulling, or braking (this is inclusive of any type of non-rigid material, such as rope, cable, string, chain, spaghetti, etc.).
 - G) Pushers' bar must be rigidly attached to the MESS and may not extend more than 18 inches beyond the sides of the outhouse structure. The pushers must be able to see over or around the machine.
 - H) The "OUTHOUSE" portion must be constructed of wood, fiberglass or similar rigid material. No cardboard or foam may be used except for decorative effect. May be a "one holer" or a "two holer". If any sheet metal is used, it MUST have all edges covered or rolled so that no sharp edges are exposed that might harm a contestant or observer. It must have 3 walls, a roof, a base of 9 sq. ft. and, if utilized, a door that must be fastened open during the competition. It must be between 4 ft. and 6 ft. tall from the ground to the highest point (excluding any flags, banners, signs, etc.), nor can the MESS be more than 9 ft. long, with a wheelbase between 5 ft. & 8 ft. Wheels must not extend beyond the width of the push bar.
- 3) Driver must be COMPLETELY seated ON a firmly ATTACHED toilet seat (or reasonable facsimile thereof).

- 4) Driver must wear some type of head gear, must wear an attached seatbelt (may be rope, chain, cable, spaghetti, etc.) and have a roll of toilet paper (or a corn cob) readily available.
- 5) Any team or MESS that intentionally collides with, restricts, inhibits or in any way causes any other team to not be able to finish the competition will be eliminated from the competition. Any MESS that is changed in any way after the initial technical inspection MUST be re-inspected prior to competing. If any MESS fails to meet the requirements and the team refuses to bring it into compliance, that entry will be disqualified with no refund of entry fee. If a team cannot compete due to circumstances beyond their control, the entry fee may be refunded at the discretion of technical committee.

Registration, inspection, judging, and casting envious eyes will be held well in advance of the actual race start, so that those not initially coming into compliance with the rules will have ample time to make adjustments and corrections.

The People's Choice Award will be selected by voting; votes are 25 cents each and "STUFFING" the ballot box is ENCOURAGED, with all the proceeds to be used to offset the costs of a cadre of firefighters that will be traveling to Ellijay, Georgia in concert with New York Says Thank You, on a "rebuild effort" to pay forward as so many did here in Mena after our devastating tornado of April 2009. Place your ballots in the OFISHULL ballot boxes – one for each team.