

The Official Grand Privy Race Handbook
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1. The first consideration is safety to the racers as well as to the public.
2. Actual dimensional specifications are left to the individual teams as long as they fall within these requirements: 3-5 ft. width, 5-7 ft. height, 3-5 ft. length, excluding pushing mechanisms. This allows more originality and creativity in design; racers need to resemble a Classic Privy.
3. Weight not to exceed 350 lbs. per entry with a 100 lb. minimum. All racers will be weighed prior to the race.
4. The preferred building material is, of course, wood. New wood, barn board, and rough sawn are all excellent. Plywood and fiberglass (though less attractive) are also allowed. Material must come within 6 in. of the ground on both sides and back. Sheet metal and glass are prohibited both in the main structure as well as the roof. All edges, joints, and corners- especially overhanging roof-should be blunted, rounded, or otherwise made to be less dangerous in case of overturn. Doors are not permitted, to give the public full viewing pleasure of the Kings or Queens on their thrones.
5. The unit may have an operable brake mechanism, but this is optional. The unit may have a steerable front axle but this, too, is optional. Through past experiences this has proven to be less desirable.
6. The wheel assembly should achieve a relatively low center of gravity. The wheels may be carriage wheels, bicycle wheels, or any other appropriate type. Full circle casters are prohibited although a front wheel that will pivot 15 degrees is permitted. Wagons or other horse-drawn conveyances are prohibited.
7. Decoration should attempt to authenticate the real thing. Cut out half-moons, roller with paper, corn cobs, Sears's catalogs, etc., are welcome. It is further recommended that these decorations be highly visible. Advertisement is permitted.
8. All privy's and teams are to be assembled at the McKnight lot by 10:00 a.m. for Pre-Race Meeting with Race Officials on the morning of the race. Each team is responsible for the security of their privy.
9. A 25.00 entry fee is required along with the signed attached form. Check can be made payable to TISEC and sent to:
Town of Independence Special Events Committee
P.O. Box 323
Independence, Va. 24348

Along with the following entrance form:

Liability: Entrants will participate at their own risk. Sponsors assume no responsibility for loss or damage.

Name of Team or Sponsor: _____

Phone number: _____

Team Captain: _____

Phone number: _____

Crew:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

Your signature here denotes acceptance of liability conditions:
