

# Westmont Caskets on Cass Race Entry Form



## October 21, 2023

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, we want to enter the Westmont Casket Race      \_\_\_\_\_ Entry fee of \$25 is attached  
\_\_\_\_\_ We will use our own casket      \_\_\_\_\_ We will use a loaner casket

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Organization or Team Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Names of four runners plus one alternate

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate \_\_\_\_\_

Name of 'Ghost' (casket rider) \_\_\_\_\_

\*If you don't have all your team members yet, you may just enter TBD.

Drop off, mail or fax your completed form to

Westmont Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Bureau  
1 South Cass Avenue  
Westmont, IL 60559  
Phone: 630-960-5553 Fax: 630-960-5554  
Email: [wctb@westmontchamber.com](mailto:wctb@westmontchamber.com)

Registration form and fee must be received by Friday, October 13, 2022. Please make checks payable to Westmont Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Bureau.

Cancellations must be received one week prior to the race if you wish to have your entry fee refunded. No refunds will be given after this date or for 'no shows' the day of the race.

# Westmont Caskets on Cass Race Rules

- 1. Each participating team shall use a loaner casket or provide a casket conforming to the specifications.** Race officials will inspect all caskets before race time. It will be up to discretion of race officials to determine the safety of all caskets and if any potential deviation from specifications will disqualify the casket from entering the race, or whether penalties will automatically be added to the team's race time. Any questions or disagreements will be forwarded to an event official. **If a casket is not provided, one can be made available to race at no cost.**
- 2. All participants must be 18 years of age or older, including the rider.**
- 3. Each participating team shall provide four runners to propel the casket.** At least 3 of the four runners must be in direct contact with the casket at all times during the race until the casket has come to a complete stop. Any casket that has less than three runners in direct contact with the casket during the race will be deemed 'out of control' and will be immediately disqualified. Changing runners or drivers during or between a heat is prohibited. In case of injury, a race official shall be the authority to allow a substitute.
- 4. During the race, runners will keep their casket in their own lane.** Runners and/or caskets interfering with another runner and/or casket as a result of leaving their lane (crossing the yellow line) will be immediately disqualified. You may touch the yellow line with your feet or casket but your casket can not cross over the yellow line.
- 5. Each participating team shall have one 'Ghost' to ride in their casket. All 'Ghosts' must wear a helmet during the race.** Runners are encouraged to wear protective gear as well.
- 6. Each participant (runners and 'Ghost') shall sign a Hold Harmless agreement (an agreement that holds the Westmont Chamber of Commerce and Village of Westmont harmless for any accidents or injuries) on the day of the race.** Forms will be available during registration.
- 7. All caskets, runners and 'Ghosts' must be in the staging area at 39 North Cass Avenue by Noon to compete.** Judging of caskets, runners and 'Ghosts' will take place 30 minutes prior to the first race. The first race begins at 12:30 PM.
- 8. A driver's meeting will be held for all contestants immediately following the judging. Attendance is mandatory for at least one runner from each team.**
- 9. Protests can only be made by the race competitors.** Protests must be directed to a race official within 5 minutes of the completion of the heat in question. Protests must be logical, reasonable and based on sound evidence. **Decisions of the race officials will be final.**
- 10. Each heat will be run with two caskets.** The casket crossing the finish line first will be designated the winner of that heat. (Race format subject to change.)
- 11. The caskets with the four fastest times from the qualifying heats will run 2 final heats to determine the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners.** The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> fastest teams and the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> fastest teams will race against each other in the final races. (Race format subject to change depending on participation levels).
- 12. Every entrant and participant must conduct themselves according to the highest standards of behavior and sportsmanship. No outside alcohol will be allowed.**
- 13. Each race is approximately 300 feet (100 yards).**

# Casket Race Information



- **Caskets on Cass** caskets Check-in is at the parking lot at 39 N. Cass Avenue
  - **12:00 PM** – Casket inspection and Final Judging
  - **12:30 PM** – Casket races begin
  - **Caskets on Cass Race** starts near Irving and Cass Avenue
- \*\*Note: Cass Avenue will be closed to traffic by 8:00 AM and reopen by 2:30 PM.\*\***  
(Street Closure is from Burlington Ave to Chicago/Naperville Rd.)

## Casket Specifications

**All caskets must meet the following specifications. Caskets will be inspected prior to the race.  
Caskets not meeting the specifications will be disqualified at the time of inspection.**

1. Casket Specifications: Size- minimum-2 feet wide by 5 feet long  
Size-maximum- 3 feet, 10 inches wide (including handles) by 8 foot long
2. Each casket must have a bottom, 4 firmly attached wheels, attached in such a manner so that the casket will roll on all 4 wheels when propelled down the race course. Wheels are not to exceed 8" in diameter, including tires. Wheels must be within the overall dimensions of the casket. Casters may be used. For safety and steering ability, wheels or casters may rotate or swivel.
3. Ropes used for pulling caskets will not be permitted. Four handles must be securely attached to casket. A push bar on the front and rear of the casket instead of 2 handles will be permitted.
4. Functional steering mechanisms and working engines are prohibited.
5. Decorative projections will be allowed, not to exceed maximum width and length of the casket. Decorations may extend up without limitation.
6. All 'Ghosts' (casket riders) must wear a helmet during the race. Protective gear for runners is recommended but not required.
7. The registration number must be visible on the front of the casket.

### **SAFETY IS IMPERATIVE**

Casket race officials may disqualify any casket they feel is dangerous.

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**2023 Westmont Caskets on Cass**  
**WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT**

1. In consideration for participating in the 2023 Westmont Caskets on Cass and other valuable consideration, I hereby RELEASE, WAIVE, DISCHARGE AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE the Westmont Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Bureau (WCCTB), the WCCTB Board of Directors, or their officers, servants, agents, and employees as well as the Westmont Park District employees, agents or officers (hereinafter referred to as RELEASEES) from any and all liability, claims, demands, actions and causes of action whatsoever arising out of or related to any loss, damage, or injury, including death, that may be sustained by me, or to any property belonging to me, WHETHER CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES, or otherwise, while participating in such activity, or while in, on or upon the premises where the activity is being conducted or in transportation to and from said premises.

2. To the best of my knowledge, I can fully participate in this activity. I am fully aware of risks and hazards connected with the activity, including but not limited to the risks as noted herein, and I hereby elect to voluntarily participate in said activity, and to enter the above-named premises and engage in such activity knowing that the activity may be hazardous to me and my property. I VOLUNTARILY ASSUME FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY RISKS OF LOSS, PROPERTY DAMAGE OR PERSONAL INJURY, INCLUDING DEATH, that may be sustained by me, or any loss or damage to property owned by me, as a result of being engaged in such an activity, WHETHER CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF RELEASEES or otherwise.

3. I further hereby AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS THE RELEASEES from any loss, liability, damage or costs, including court costs and attorney's fees, that may incur due to my participation in said activity, WHETHER CAUSED BY NEGLIGENCE OF RELEASEES or otherwise.

4. It is my express intent that this Release and Hold Harmless Agreement shall bind the members of my family and spouse (if any), if I am alive, and my heirs, assigns and personal representative, if I am not alive, shall be deemed as a RELEASE, WAIVER, DISCHARGE AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE the above named RELEASEES. I hereby further agree that this Waiver of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois.

5. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE WCCTB nor the Village of Westmont WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY MEDICAL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH AN INJURY I MAY SUSTAIN.

6. I also understand that I should and am urged by WCCTB and the Village of Westmont to obtain adequate health and accident insurance to cover any personal injury to myself which may be sustained during the activity or the transportation to and from said activity.

7. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT I AM RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY DAMAGE I CAUSE TO THE FACILITIES.

IN SIGNING THIS RELEASE, I ACKNOWLEDGE AND REPRESENT THAT I have read the foregoing Waiver of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement, understand it and sign it voluntarily as my own free act and deed; no oral representations, statements or inducements, apart from the foregoing written agreement, have been made; I am at least eighteen (18) years of age and fully competent; and I execute this Release for full, adequate and complete consideration fully intending to be bound by same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Participant