



New Haven Bed Race

July 1, 2017

Dear Friends,

The New Haven Bed Race will be held Sunday, September 17, 2017 at the New Haven Green. This is your chance to build teamwork, cultivate your creative spirit, and foster some good old fashioned, competitive fun!

The following items summarize information concerning this year's race:

1. Enclosed with this letter are: a registration form, bed racing specifications, rules & regulations, and a team roster sheet.
2. The entry fee for the 2017 New Haven Bed Race is **\$250** per team. We ask for a minimum deposit of \$125 to confirm your entry. There is an EARLY BIRD SAVINGS- Return your registration form and entry fee before August 15, 2017 and save \$25.
3. Each team consists of eight (8) members. Team member names must be submitted on the team roster.
4. All team members are invited to the "Pajama Party" where post positions will be drawn. The party will be held on Thursday, September 14, 2017. Attendance of at least 1 member is mandatory for participation on Sunday.
5. Entry fees must be paid in full before September 5, 2017 for teams to be entered into the post drawing.

Mark your calendar NOW! Start organizing your team and begin designing your entry for the Bed Race Parade. Please do not delay. September will be here soon!

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions at NHVbedrace@gmail.com .

This event can help build company and team spirit, as well as gain favorable exposure for your company or group. The Bed Race is also one of the oldest New Haven traditions which brings people to downtown New Haven. We can't wait to see you there!

Sincerely,

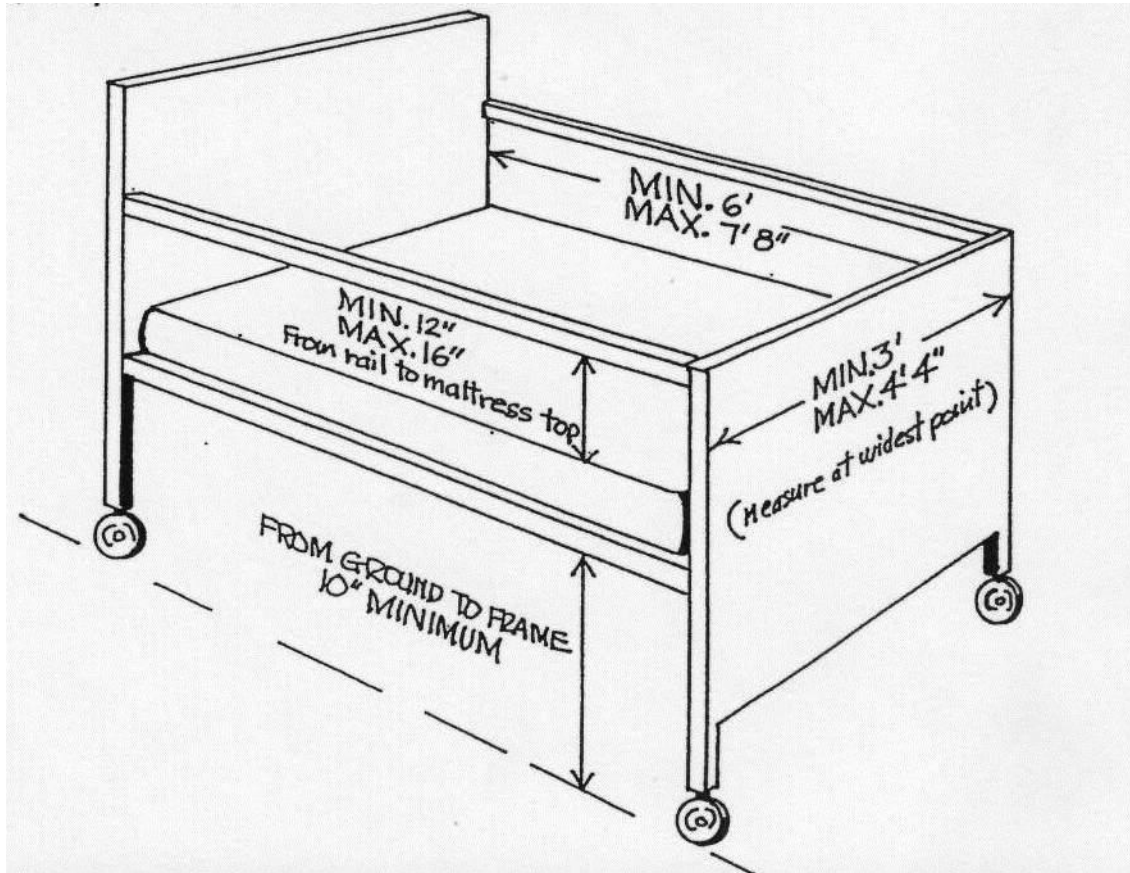
Fiona M. Stewart

2017 NHSPD Bed Race Chair

St. Patrick's Day Parade
GREATER NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

RACING BED SPECIFICATIONS

Almost any bed can be converted into a racing bed. Be sure it has a sturdy frame and add wheels. YOU can find used beds at secondhand stores, Salvations Army Stores, Goodwill Stores, Hospitals, or Hotels.



1. OVERALL DIMENSIONS: Minimum of 3' wide x 6' long, maximum of 4'4" wide and 7'8" long. Standard spring or frame supporting mattress at least 10" from the ground
2. PERIMETER SAFETY RAILS: **REQUIRED.** Minimum of 12" Maximum of 16" above level of mattress. Webbing between safety rails and frame is recommended.
3. WHEELS: 4 wheels are required, no more, no less. Maximum diameter of wheels including tire is 6 inches.
4. FUNCTIONAL STEERING MECHANISM IS PROHIBITED
5. MATTRESS REQUIRED: Air Mattress is acceptable.
6. DECORATION: Parade Decorations may be removed prior to racing.
7. NAME and/or LOGO : Must be securely fixed to bed
8. SPECIAL BEDS: Bathtubs, etc., are allowed with permission of officials. Please email committee at NHVbedrace@gmail.com in advance. Waterbeds or water-filled mattresses are prohibited.



New Haven Bed Race

Parade Starts at 11:00 am

Race begins at 12:00 noon

1. Post positions will be drawn at the Pajama Party on Thursday, September 14, 2017. One team member must be present at Pajama Party in order to race on Sunday.
2. Format is double elimination for all teams. The top two teams will race for the championship trophy: The Fastest Bed in Town.
The winners and runner up will be given the opportunity to show their beds in the 2018 New Haven St. Patrick's Day Parade.
3. All heats will be run over a course of 50 yards on Church Street between Chapel and Elm Streets. Runners must keep their bed in the assigned lane and not interfere with competing bed. Decision of the judges will determine disqualification for interference. Two false starts will disqualify a team from the race.
4. Each team will provide a bed that conforms to the specifications for racing. (See enclosed list of specifications) Each team must complete the day of racing with the same bed it started.
5. Each bed is to be raced by four (4) people. No more, no less. Runners must stay in direct contact with their bed at all times the bed is in motion. Runners are responsible for stopping their beds and returning them to the pit area. Beds may not be pulled with ropes, chains, etc... Runners may be changed for successive heats, but cannot be changed during the heat. Random checks of rosters may be conducted at the starting line.
6. There will be a minimum of one (1) person riding in the bed during each heat. Riders can be changed for successive heats but not during a heat. Each team is allowed a maximum of eight (8) members representing both sexes. At least one female and one male must be in the actual heat itself. Team members must be over the age of 12.
7. There will be a pit area for teams to set up their bed for the parade and racing that follows. Prior to the parade, beds may be inspected to ensure conformity with the enclosed specifications.
8. All beds must be in the staging (pit) area no later than 10:00 am.

9. All protests must be reasonable, logical, and based on sound evidence. Protests arising from a particular heat must be lodged prior to the start of the next heat by the team captain.

10. Names, advertising, slogans, and logos may be, and in fact are encouraged to be part of the bed decorations. All decorations must be securely mounted to the bed so as not to interfere with safe operation of the bed. Please contact the race committee if you have questions concerning conformity.

11. No bed decoration may be over 10 feet high.

12. Please keep in mind, this event is for fun. All competitors must conduct themselves according to the highest levels of sportsmanship.



NEW HAVEN BED RACE

Sunday, September 17, 2017

COMPANY: _____

OR

SPONSOR: (if applicable) _____

ADDRESS: _____ **ZIP:** _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____ **PHONE:** _____

FINAL ENTRY DEADLINE:

September 5, 2017 - ENTRY FEE **\$250**

A deposit of \$125 with this entry is required to reserve your place in the race. Balance of \$125 payable by September 5, 2017.

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL!
PAY ENTRY FEE IN FULL BEFORE August 15 AND SAVE
\$25!!! EARLY BIRD ENTRIES PAY ONLY \$225

NOTE: Entry Fee benefits the Greater New Haven St. Patrick's Day Parade

PAYMENT: Check should be made payable to Associated Irish Societies
The Associated Irish Societies is a 501© 3 organization

RETURN TO: New Haven Bed Race
(Entry Form and Check) PO BOX 9078
New Haven, CT 06532

(A separate entry form must be completed for each bed.)

The undersigned as Releasor in consideration of being permitted to participate in the New Haven Bed Race conducted by the Associated Irish Societies (Releasee) for the benefit of the Greater New Haven St. Patrick's Day Parade, does for himself/itself and the members of his/its entry in the New Haven Bed Race and their heirs, assigns and legal representatives hereby covenant not to use, release, waive and discharge from the Releasee from all the liability to the Releasor of any of the members of its entry, their heirs, assigns and legal representatives, for all loss or damage and any claim or damage therefore, on account of injury to the person or property while the Releasor and the members of its entry are competing in the New Haven Bed Race. The Releasor and the members of its entry understand and agree that the Releasee has disclaimed and does disclaim all liability for the physical conditions of the race course and for the conduct and supervision of the race.

SIGNED: _____

TITLE: _____

DATE: _____

NEW HAVEN BED RACE TEAM ROSTER

Sunday, September 17, 2017

COMPANY: _____

OR

SPONSOR: _____
(If applicable)

BEDNAME: _____

CONTACT: _____

PHONE: _____

TEAM CAPTAIN (1):

T-Shirt Size:
(Please circle one)

(SPOKESPERSON): _____ S M L XL

PHONE: _____

RUNNERS:

T-Shirt Size:
(Please circle one)

(2) _____ S M L XL

(3) _____ S M L XL

(4) _____ S M L XL

(5) _____ S M L XL

(6) _____ S M L XL

(7) _____ S M L XL

(8) _____ S M L XL

PAJAMA PARTY: _____ will be attending
(number)

Please return this Team Roster by September 5, 2017 to:

New Haven Bed Race
PO Box 9078
New Haven, CT 06532

NOTE: Random check of Team Roster may be conducted at the line during race.