

WARNING: WHEELIE BIN DRAG RACING IS A HIGH SPEED ADRENALINE-FUELLED SPORT NOT FOR THE TIMID. THESE RULES MUST BE FOLLOWED TO PREVENT INJURY AND/OR EMBARRASSMENT.

Teams are invited to bid for a chance to enter the fourth Douglas Bins of Glory Wheelie Bin Drag Race being held as part of Douglas Carnival 2017. To enter, please see the considerable list of rules and the entry form below. Douglas Borough Council has kindly agreed to provide 20 240 litre (standard domestic) wheelie bins. These will be made available to the first 20 acceptable applicants.

The race will commence at approximately 3.00pm on Sunday, 16th July starting at the bottom of Broadway. The finish line will be somewhere on Loch Promenade – don't worry, it will be clearly marked.

Each team will comprise three members each. There must be a rider in or on the bin at all times when it is moving. The other two team members must pull or push the bin in whichever way they feel fit. The rider must not assist their team members by using any means of propulsion but may use means of encouragement such as words or whips. Team members may swap roles at any time during the race BUT the bin must be stationary when it is empty and riders must be dressed in suitable protective clothing before it starts moving again.

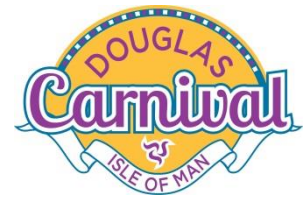
The winning team will be the first bin to cross the finish line without being caught cheating.

Prizes

In good motorsport style, the winning team will win a bottle of Champagne along with the satisfaction of being the national Isle of Man champions. The second place team will win a bottle of Cava or Prosecco or whatever we can get a good deal on along with a little bit of satisfaction. The third place team will win a bottle of the cheapest sparkling wine we can find.

Customisation

Teams will be expected to customise their bins in any way they feel is appropriate. The only stipulation is that the race-ready bin is not dangerous or obscene. Team members should also be costumed, again the only stipulation is that they are not dangerous or obscene. There will be a prize for the best customised bin and team.[We don't know what this will be yet]. In order to enter, teams will need to send details on the back of an envelope to Douglas Town Centre Management at the address below. Please make sure you put your contact details inside the envelope. Any entries not following these strict entry requirements will be disqualified immediately – unless we get too many disqualifications in which case we might be more lenient.



Wheels

All bins entering the race must still have their original factory fitted wheels and these wheels must remain in contact with the silky-smooth asphalt of the Promenade at all times during the race. Teams may fit additional wheels to their bin. Spoked wheels will not be allowed unless all team members are wearing gloves or can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the scrutineer that they are already fingerless. Additional wheels may leave the ground during the race.

Engines

All bins must be powered by human power alone. This can include any legitimate means of human propulsion including pushing, pulling, will-power and pedals.

Bins powered in any of the following ways will be disqualified;

- Internal Combustion engine
- Electric Motor
- Gas engine including biogas (but please see wind power below)
- Steam engine
- Hydrogen engine
- Jet Engine
- Rocket power
- Clockwork
- Friction motor
- Flywheels
- Rubberbands or bungees
- Wind power (other than from human source)

Brakes

In the interests of safety, all teams must consider installing brakes on their bin. The presence of a brake is not mandatory, only that it has been considered. Teams must be able to prove they have considered brakes.

Streamlining

All drag bins must be operated in a streamlined fashion in order to minimise wind resistance and keep potential fall distances to a minimum. We have calculated the optimum angle of attack as being below 32.7° when measured between the perfectly level surface of the Promenade and a line taken from the axle of the factory fitted wheels to the centre of the bin handles. Any teams attempting to operate their bins at higher angles will be disqualified. Scrutineers will be provided with massive protractors in order to measure this angle.



Drink Driving

Whilst a small amount of alcohol may be beneficial, any team member who is considered by a scrutineer (or referee or umpire or anyone else who thinks they're in charge) to have been drinking excessively and is likely to be unfit to race will be disqualified prior to the start.

Protective Clothing

All riders must wear a helmet on their head, gloves on their hands, shoes or boots on their feet and any other clothing sufficient to protect their modesty. Please remember that although team members are permitted to swap roles mid-race, anyone riding in or on the bin must be wearing a helmet, gloves and shoes or boots.

Speed Limits

This is a high speed race, there are no speed limits. Well, actually it's 30 mph but you'll do well to exceed that.

Age Limit

All team members must be 18 or over. All participants will be required to sign some sort of disclaimer that makes it clear that any injuries are entirely your own fault.

Contact

Wheelie Bin Drag Racing is a non-contact sport. Any team seen to make deliberate contact with any other team's bin or team members will be disqualified immediately. This includes physical contact and throwing, shooting or propelling objects (excluding non-toxic liquids) but does not include throwing dirty looks or cheeky gestures.

Scrutineering

All bins and team members will be scrutinised by highly trained drag bin racing experts prior to the race. Any customisation components which appear to be dangerous or obscene will have to be removed before the race.

Disqualification

Any team caught cheating or not complying with these rules will be disqualified.



Entry form

Please scribble your idea or design on the back of an envelope and send it to;

Douglas Wheelie Bin Drag Race
c/o Douglas Town Centre Management
13 Church Street
Douglas
IM12AG

Please fill out the difficult questions below and then put this form in the envelope before you post it.

Team Name	
Contact Name	
Contact Telephone Number	
Contact email	

Please note; Entries will be accepted on a first come – first served basis.