

Pioneer Express District Pinewood Derby Championships

Some Frequently Asked Questions.

How is the racing run?

- We use a software package called “Grand Prix Race Manager”
- Software manages the registration, scheduling, timing and recording keeping.
- The software schedules each car to run on every lane at all levels from First Elimination to the Finals.

Who decides which cars run against each other?

- Lane assignments at each racing level are made by the software.
- At each racing level a Scout’s car will run in every lane.
- To the greatest extent possible a Scout’s car races against different cars each time it runs.
- The time used to determine the results is the average of the run times in each lane.

Why are we closing the registration 2 days before the race? Why can’t I register on the day of the race?

- We want to move this activity along at a reasonable pace and avoid unnecessary waiting time.
- The racing schedule cannot be processed before all the entries have been loaded into the computer.
- “No Shows” are usually dropped at check-in or may result in a “No Time”.

What is the reason that fees are due at check-in and not allowed to be payed when making a reservation?

- We do not know what Covid-19 will do.
- The Council’s written policy is to give a partial refund to last minute cancellations.
- This Council policy may be changed because of Covid-19.
- If the Council’s policy is changed then we will change.
- This “Pay at the Door” process protects the Pack’s treasury. This way you pay only for what you get!

Can I pay the entry fee with a credit or debit card?

- To accept credit and debit card information we would need a secure internet connection.
- We do not know if an internet connection is available and if there is a connection is it secure.
- To protect you, the Pack and your credit card information we must be sure of your data’s secure.
- We will be prepared to accept your check or cash. We prefer cash.

How are you going to run this event if the “Stay at Home” or “Social Distance” orders are still in place?

- No final plan has been evolved at this moment but the conversations are in progress.
- One option being explored is to videotape the races and another is to go live on the internet.
- If the Covid-19 situation makes us change plans, the person who registered the Scouts, the Cubmaster and the Committee Chairperson from the Pack would be notified.
- Another reason to go to the “Pay at the Door” not on-line.

We Have the Trophy’s! Where are winning Scouts!