

Klamath Kinetic Challenge Race Rules

ROENTGENIUM RULE (it's heavier than gold)

Thou Shalt be Safe

ELEVEN KOMANDOMENTS

1. Thy vehicle shall be Human Powered
2. Thy vehicle shall not be inherently dangerous
3. Thou shall follow all Laws
4. All equipment used will be on board, always
5. You will Stay on the Course
6. Thou shall complete all Safety Checks
7. Thou shall not Drown
8. Thy Race Officials are Supreme
9. Pilots and pit crews shall be Human
10. Thou shall follow all Bureaucratic Rules
11. There must be Another Komandoment?

EXHORTATIONS

HUMAN POWERED

Hear Yee, Hear Yee. All Sculptures entered into the Klamath Kinetic Challenge shall be human powered. Thou shall use no other power than human. Further, by decree, the only human power available to propel a Sculpture shall come from official pilots and pit crew. None of said propulsion energy shall be stored.

[FP]*: Pit crews may push vehicles, however where this violates PEL rules the vehicle will lose PEL status. See PEL rules. No Sculpture shall be pushed until after 3:00PM on the day of the race, withstanding appropriate bribes and permits. Stored energy may be used for purposes other than propulsion, e.g. cooking.

NOT INHERENTLY DANGEROUS

No vehicles entered in the KKC will be inherently dangerous. Ad judicature of the Judges is final, although the Judges may be appealing, there is no appealing their decisions. It should be noted that this prohibits projectiles, grappling hooks, etc.

[FP]: It should be noted that the ad judicature of the Judges is final in all cases, not just to inherently dangerous rulings.

FOLLOW ALL LAWS

Well duh, we ain't got the funds to bails yous out. So, all rules of the road, and sea, will be followed. Violation of this rule will result in "End of Your Race". All laws are important. Those critical to Sculptures and the KKC include:

- They are to be road legal. They must be no wider than 8', and no more than 11' high while on road. (This 11' height is because of a bridge, crunch).
- There will be no drafting behind motor vehicles, this would be tailgating and illegal.
- No motor vehicles will follow directly behind vehicles, this likewise would be tailgating.
- No drinking alcoholic beverages while on the course. Well duh, you're operating a road legal vehicle in Oregon.
- No fighting, biting or scratching (although scratching mosquito bites is OK).
- No cursing. Public cursing is illegal and shouldn't be done.

[FP]: As to following in motor vehicle, most of the course is closed where no motor vehicles are allowed. Following vehicles on foot, bicycle or Greenspeed trike is fine. If a Greenspeed is used, you darn well better offer a ride to the Supreme Organizer.

[FP]: The race is a family friendly event. Cursing out loud will not be tolerated and be grounds for "End of Your Race". Cursing in your mind is dangerous. Psychics are present, some in high organizational positions. If any of these special people are within thought range, you could be scolded.

EQUIPMENT ON BOARD

Thou shall carry all equipment you will use on the vehicle at all times, no exceptions. This will include:

- 12" x 12" slow moving vehicle triangle prominently displayed on the rear of the Sculpture.
- US Coast Guard Life Jackets, one for each pilot. These must be worn while on the water (see Thou Shall Not Drown rule).
- Teddy Bears are tolerated; however, a stuffed bird is required. Pelicans and birds of prey are particularly encouraged.
- Working brakes. These will be integrated into the Sculpture in a way that they can stop the Sculpture (working brakes which aren't attached to the Sculpture aren't adequate).
- One potable quart of water for each pilot for drinking.
- One road flare (this to assist stray motor vehicles which typically run off the road while staring at Sculptures.)
- A LOUD horn or whistle.
- A compass, the kind for drawing pretty circles
- One toothbrush for each pilot (yes, we will have lunch).
- An identified hardened tow point.
- One copy of the current years KKC Rules in a zip lock plastic bag.
- Helmets for pilots under the age of 16. These will be worn by pilots under the age of 16 while on roads open to motor vehicles.

[FP]: Don't have a stuffed bird but have a live falcon or parrot. Maybe, contact a race Official.

[FP]: The zip lock bag for the rules doesn't have to be a "Zip Lock" bag. A cheap copy with an integrated zipper is OK. Further, your entry packet should

contain a set of rules in an approved plastic bag. If you don't receive this in your packet, complain to someone, preferable someone without the authority to change your scores and/or times.

STAY ON COURSE

The organizers, who are Supreme, have put a years worth of effort into defining the course. They have picked the best course possible. They will not take kindly to you, as a kompetitor, re-defining the course. So, staying on the course is required.

[FP]: The Judges will determine if your jaunts from prescribed routes is an intentional deviation from "The Route" or if you are just lost. If just lost they will direct you back to the course; if you've taken an intentional deviation you will be scolded before being directed back to the course.

SAFETY CHECK

Thou shall pass the Safety Check and Brake Test before starting the race. Some safety equipment, like brakes, are honestly required for safety. Non-compliance may violate the Roentgenium Rule, which is the one which really matters, resulting in "End of Your Race". Complete the Safety and Brake checks before the race starts.

[FP]: This one really matters. You must pass Safety and Brake checks to be allowed to race.

SHALL NOT DROWN

Thou shall not Drown. We can not emphasize this enough. To this end all pilots must wear US Coast Guard life jackets while on the water. Also, during the Safety Check all pilots must show they can easily exit their Sculpture in an emergency.

RACE OFFICIALS ARE SUPREME

As your mother has told you, you wouldn't be here without them. The race officials are Supreme and they will protect their volunteers. Thus any harassment of an official or volunteer may well result in "End of Your Race".

[FP]: Race organizers are Supreme. So, any decision by them is final, duh.

[FP]: This includes the officials protecting us on the water. They will ask if you are in distress and then suggest that you have sunk before telling you you have sunk. If they deem you sunk and in true need of rescue, they will rescue you, no argument, no appeal.

PILOTS AND PIT CREW SHALL BE HUMAN

Homo sapien status is required for pilots and pit crew members. If it is not clear whether or not a particular "person" is of this status, DNA testing will be required.

This rule also demands that all pilots and pit crew act human. Human here refers to the philosophical

ideal of human endeavor. Thou shall project the highest moral and ethical creatural ideals. Act like civilized bipeds.

BEAUROCRATIC RULES

Your vehicle must be identifiable. We understand that each Sculpture is amazingly unique; however, once covered with muck or sunk in the lake they may be confused. (There is nothing like a confused Sculpture). Thus it is required that you display your race number on each side of your vehicle so it knows who it is. This number, correlated to the race program, will identify you at check points and to your adoring fans.

It is not nice to hold up others. If the vehicle behind you is trying to pass, they will **honk twice**. It is required that you let them pass.

[FP]: Sculpture numbers will be assigned by race organizers and tags with that number will be supplied in your race packet. Special numbers may be requested and that request must be received two weeks before the event with your registration. Special number requests must be accompanied by a short essay, less than 168 words, justifying your request. These essays may be used during the awards ceremony.

PEL RULES

The PEL award is given to each vehicle which completes the course without violating any of the PEL rules. These rules are rigidly enforced for all Sculptures with the penalty for violation being no PEL. So, in reality, they only apply to Sculptures trying for PEL status. Oh, so that's why they're called PEL Rules.

Prior to the start of the Race, all sculptures desiring to race under PEL conditions must pass a "PEL Candidacy Test" to determine the PEL-ability of the sculpture. This inspection will take place prior to the brake test inspection. Potential PEL sculptures will be examined, pinched, poked, twisted and otherwise tormented by our select team of PEL determinators who will judge on true eligibility. The Racer must declare the intention to compete in this category on the Race Entry Application in order to be considered to try for "PEL" status.

The PEL Rules include:

- a) PEL Sculptures will be ridden through all sections of the race. No pushing by pilots or pit crew members outside legal push areas (and these are far and few between).
- b) You can't declare shoes, skis, snowshoes, a piece of cardboard, etc. part of your vehicle as you stand on it and push. Bad form. Judges, who love most antics, will frown upon these.
- c) You can't change pilots. You must ride with them that you came with.
- d) That rule above about no pushing (a) applies to water entry and exit, duh!

[FP]: The PEL Award is similar to the long established LEO and the ACE Award presented at some of the newer Kinetic Challenge races.

PARK AND CAMPING RULES

Registered Pilots and Pit Crews are allowed to camp in Veterans Park Friday and Saturday nights. This is unusual and due to the extraordinary efforts of the Supreme Organizer. Camping in City Parks is typically forbidden and to keep offering this free service the following rules must be observed:

- No Fireworks in the Park.
- No Campfires in th Park.
- No drinking alcoholic beverages in the Park.
- Campers must have a Pilot or Pit identification tag.
- No harassment of wildlife, particularly the deer, skunks and cougars.

[FP]: Use of personal propane grills is allowed in the Park but no open fires.

[FP]: Harassment of skunks and cougars can result in nasty smells and scratches on body parts.

* NOTE: [FP] refers to absolutely essential Fine Print.