



Rules of Entry

Opotiki Trolley Derby

Saturday 30th October 2010

The Gows (Tablelands) road course is a steep and challenging course which can only be run by safe and sturdy trolleys. It is expected that the best trolleys running the full course will get up to speeds of 60+ kph. Most drivers will have to use their brakes to safely negotiate the last sweeping right hand bend. Steering will be a high priority. Crash Barriers will be erected and hay bales positioned in case of accidents.

Although all necessary care has been taken trolley riding is risky and entrants participate at their own risk.

1. This year with the new course it has been decided to divide the trolleys into two categories.
 - Commercially built Trolleys
 - Home built Trolleys.

Each Trolley will be assessed by the scrutineers prior to the event to establish in which category they will run. Bluelight is about young people building trolleys and coming to race where they can compete on equal terms with other similar trolleys.

2. Each of the two Categories will then be divided into four classes Primary, Intermediate, College ages and then Adults depending on the age of the participant. The older you are, the higher up the hill you will start. Adults will be from the top.

3. All Trolleys must be certified by Mick Sauer from Opotiki College and have obtained a certificate of compliance from him.
4. Each class will be run on either a knock out or timings depending on the number of entries.
5. One entry per trolley per class please.
6. All trolleys must be run on no less than 4 Wheels. **No three wheelers**
7. **All Trolleys must have a braking system to the rear axle or rear wheels. No rope brakes will be allowed.**
8. **No rope steering will be allowed as it is too dangerous to control the trolley on the course.**
9. The only means of propulsion is gravity. If a trolley has gearing or pedals then the drive mechanism to the wheels must be removed prior to racing.
10. All riders must ride in a feet first position, lying down is permitted but no head first.
11. **Trolleys must not be longer than 3000mm or 1200mm wide at the wheels.**
12. All trolleys have to be picked up by 2 handlers at the start and finish line. Excessively weighted trolleys will not be allowed to race.
13. All riders must have an approved safety helmet (Cycle helmets sufficient). Knee and Elbow pads are recommended. **No helmet no racing.**
14. All riders must wear full length sleeves and trousers and closed in shoes and wear gloves. **No racing in shorts or short sleeves.**
15. All competitors must sign a waiver before racing

16. It is suggested that entrants come to Opotiki and look at the course prior to constructing their trolleys so they can appreciate what is required.
17. All trolleys must be in the pit area prior to the start of their class where they will be transported to the top of the hill.
18. If a trolley is assessed to be in the commercial class it cannot run in the home built class.
19. Entry fee is per driver not per trolley.
20. The judges' decision is final.

Any queries regarding the construction or specification can be addressed to Mick Sauer at Opotiki College micks@opotikicol.school.nz or (07 3154882 a/h)