

CASKET RACE RULES

OCTOBER 24, 2026

- 1. Each participating team shall provide a casket conforming to the specifications.** Race officials will inspect all caskets before race time. It will be up to discretion of race officials to determine the safety of all Caskets and if any potential deviation from specifications will disqualify the Casket from entering the race, or whether penalties will automatically be added to the team's race time. Any questions or disagreements will be forwarded to an event official.
- 2. All participants must be 18 years of age or older, including the rider.**
- 3. Each participating team shall provide four runners to propel the casket.** At least three of the four runners must be in direct contact with the casket at all times during the race until the casket has come to a complete stop. Any casket that has less than three runners in direct contact with the casket during the race will be deemed 'out of control' and will be immediately disqualified. Changing runners or drivers during or between a heat is prohibited. In case of injury, a race official shall be the authority to allow a substitute.
- 4. During the race, runners will keep their casket in their own lane.** Runners and/or caskets interfering with another runner/and or casket as a result of leaving their lane (crossing the yellow line) will be immediately disqualified. You may touch the yellow line with your feet or casket but your casket can not cross over the yellow line.
- 5. Each participating team shall have one 'Ghost' to ride in their casket. All 'Ghosts' must wear a helmet during the race.** Runners are encouraged to wear protective gear as well.
- 6. Each participant (runners and 'Ghost') shall sign a Hold Harmless agreement (an agreement that holds the Forest Park Chamber of Commerce and the Village of Forest Park harmless for any accidents or injuries)** on the day of the race. Forms will be available during registration.
- 7. All caskets, runner and 'Ghosts' must be in the staging area by 9 a.m. to compete.** Judging of caskets, runners and 'Ghosts' will take place 30 minutes prior to the first race. The first race begins at 10 a.m.
- 8. A driver's meeting will be held for all contestants immediately following the judging. Attendance is mandatory for at least one runner from each team.**
- 9. Protests can only be made by the race competitors.** Protests must be directed to a race official within 10 minutes of the completion of the heat in question. Protests must be logical, reasonable and based on sound evidence. **Decisions of the race officials will be final.**
- 10. Each heat will be run with two caskets.** The casket crossing the finish line first will be designated the winner of that heat. (Race format subject to change.)
- 11. The caskets with the four fastest times from the qualifying heats will run 2 final heats to determine the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners.** The 3rd and 4th fastest teams and the 1st and 2nd fastest teams will race against each other in the final races. (Race format subject to change.)
- 12. Every entrant and participant must conduct themselves according to the highest standards of behavior and sportsmanship. No outside alcohol will be allowed on the premises.**
- 13. Each race is approximately 585 feet (195 yards).**

**FOREST PARK FLAPPER GHOST
CASKET RACE ENTRY FORM
OCTOBER 24, 2026**

_____ **Yes, we want to enter the Forest Park Flapper Ghost Casket Races**

_____ **Our entry fee of \$40 is attached** _____ **I paid entry fee online**

_____ **We will mail the entry fee and our form (or will drop it off)**

Date: _____

Organization or Team Name _____

Contact Person _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Names of four runners plus one alternate (alt) _____

1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 4. _____

Name of 'Ghost' (*casket rider*) _____

* If you don't have all of your team members yet you may just enter TBD (to be determined)

Drop off or mail your completed form to:

Forest Park Chamber of Commerce

7331 W. Roosevelt Road • P.O. Box 617

Forest Park, IL 60130

(Corner of Roosevelt & Circle - Drive-thru at Forest Park National Bank & Trust)

Phone 708-366-2543 • Email laurie@exploreforestpark.com

Registration forms and fee must be received by Monday, October 5, 2026.

Please make checks payable to Forest Park Chamber of Commerce.

Cancellations must be received one week prior to the race if you wish to have your entry fee refunded. No refunds will be given after this date, or for 'no shows' the day of the race.

FOREST PARK FLAPPER GHOST CASKET RACE INFORMATION OCTOBER 24, 2026

8:30-9:30 a.m. Check In - Please be on time!
10 a.m. Judges will select winners of funniest & creepiest casket
10:30 a.m. Parade of Caskets
11 a.m. Casket races begin
Noon Kids/Pets Costume Parade (before the final 4 heats)
12:30-2:30 p.m. Trick or Treat on Madison Street

CASKET SPECIFICATIONS

All caskets must meet the following specifications. Caskets will be inspected prior to the race. Caskets not meeting specifications will be disqualified at the time of inspection.

1. Casket specifications:
 - Size - minimum - 2 feet wide by 5 feet long
 - Size - maximum - 3 feet, 10 inches wide (including handles) by 8 foot long
 - There is no minimum or maximum height specifications for the casket or handles
2. Each casket must have a bottom, 4 firmly attached wheels, attached in such a manner so that the casket will roll on all 4 wheels when propelled down the race course. Wheels are not to exceed 8" in diameter, including tires. Wheels must be within the overall dimensions of the casket. Casters may be used. For safety and steering ability, wheels or casters may rotate or swivel.
3. Ropes used for pulling caskets will not be permitted. Four handles must be securely attached to casket. A push bar on the front and rear of the casket instead of 2 handles will be permitted.
4. Functional steering mechanisms and working engines are prohibited.
5. Decorative projections will be allowed, not to exceed the maximum width and length of the casket. Decorations may extend up without limitation.
6. All 'Ghosts' (casket riders) must wear a helmet during the race. Protective gear for runners is recommended but not required.
7. The registration number must be visible on the front of the casket.

SAFETY IS IMPERATIVE

Casket race officials may disqualify any casket that they feel is dangerous

**If you have any questions, please call
the Forest Park Chamber of Commerce at 708-366-2543.**