

Easter Athletics Festival 2009 - Beer Drinking Competitions - Rules

Men (Teams of four)

All team members must be bona-fida competitors in the Easter Athletics Festival or have actively officiated in the event. All team members to drink one pint of beer in a relay. Upon completion of drinking the pint, the empty glass should be upturned onto the top of the head before the next drinker can start. Judges will penalise excessive spillage.

The rules below have been designed to try and make it a fair and enjoyable competition for all.

Round one:

This round will be timed - maximum of four teams per heat. Heats will be drawn at random. The fastest twelve teams - will be invited into the knockout phase regardless of finishing position in their heat - and seeded one to twelve based on their time in the first round. These form the basis of the draw for the remainder of the competition. Note seeds one and two will only meet in the final.

Round two - knockout phase:

Heat one - 1, 8, 12,
Heat two - 4, 5, 9,
Heat three - 3, 6, 10,
Heat four - 2, 7, 11,

There will be three teams per heat for the last 12. All heats will be timed - the winner in each heat plus the two fastest losers qualifies for the semi finals.

Semi finals:

Semi final one:

Winners of Heat one, winner of heat two and the second fastest losers

Semi final two:

Winners of Heat three, winner of Heat four and fastest losers

Final:

Winners of SF1 vs winners of SF2 vs fastest losers in semi final

If there are less than 12 teams, then the first round will be used to reduce the number of teams to the fastest 6 team before seeding. The last six will then compete in heats of two:

Heat one:

1 vs 4 vs 6

Heat two:

2 vs 3 vs 5

Final:

Winners of SF1 vs winners of SF2 vs fastest losers in semi final

All races will be timed and these times will be used to help the referee to determine the winner in the event of any close finishes.

The referee's decision is final!

Women (Teams of four)

All team members must be bona-fida competitors in the Easter Athletics Festival or have actively officiated in the event.

All team members to drink one pint of beer in a relay. Upon completion of drinking the pint, the empty glass should be upturned onto the top of the head before the next drinker can start. Judges will penalise excessive spillage. First round will be timed - three or four teams per heat. The fastest four teams - regardless of their position in the heat will be invited to compete in the semi finals. Teams will be seeded based on times on the first round.

SF1:

Seed 1 vs 4

SF2:

Seed 2 vs 3

All races will be timed and these times will be used to help the referee to determine the winner in the event of any close finishes.

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The entry fee is £4 per team and entries close at 8 pm on Easter Sunday evening.