



PADDLE BATTLE RULES

The “rules” as laid out before you, are guidelines for a safe and fair competition between willing adult participants, for the following purposes: 1) to entertain spectators, 2) to raise funds for Downtown Grayling programming, 3) to win a cash prize and a super sweet trophy, and 4) to earn bragging rights as the 2019 Most Excellent Paddle Battle Paddler, aka “The 2019 Master Paddler”. These rules are subject to change at the discretion of the Paddle Battle Committee and Judges, Grayling DDA/Main Street Board, and/or City of Grayling without notice.

- Competitors must be 18 years of age or older.
- All competitors must check-in at the Paddler Registration table prior to 3:30 PM on the day of the contest. July 26th, 2019
- All competitors must be on site and ready to enter the canoe when their name is announced. A projected schedule for rounds will be provided.
- A special modified 14' canoe and matching paddles will be provided.
- A measured countdown followed by the blast of a horn will signify the start of each Battle.
- If a competitor's paddle hits the water prior to the horn blast, a false start will be signaled by one of the Battle Ground judges (3 total judges) and the contest will begin again.
- If there are two false start violations by the same competitor, in the same round, that competitor will be disqualified and the opponent will be declared the winner.
- If, after 2 minutes, neither competitor has been able to pull his or her opponent to the end of the pool, the horn will sound and the competitor closest to his or her end will be declared the winner. In the event it is too close to call, the match will be reset and begin again.
- All judges’ decisions are final.
- Any Paddler without an assigned Sponsor on July 15th will be invoiced for the paddler registration fee of \$50. The Paddler will have until July 22nd to secure a sponsor or submit payment and be considered “self-sponsored.”
- Paddlers and Sponsors are paired on a first-in first-paired basis, unless otherwise requested by the Paddler or Sponsor.
- Grayling Main Street and the Paddle Battle Committee will make their best effort to obtain sponsors for all paddlers prior to July 15th.
- Additional Paddler applications, in excess of the 16 female and 16 male positions available, will be accepted and numbered in the order they were received. In the event a registered and sponsored Paddler is unable to compete or fails to check-in by the prescribed time on-site at the event, the next application received for that category (female or male) will be eligible to replace the displaced paddler. Any subsequent replacements will be substituted in sequential order.
- Paddler applications received above the required number of registrations will be notified upon receipt of the registration form, what their position in the stand-by que is, and are encouraged to be on-site and ready to compete.

I have read and understand the above rules and agree to enter the Battle Grounds as a noble and decent warrior, battling for my pride and my sponsor’s honor.

Print name _____ Signature _____

Date _____