



LUCS Cardboard Boat Race Rules - 2026

All competitors are required to agree to the rules before registering. If you want any clarification or have any questions about the Cardboard Boat Race then please contact the race coordinators at funday@lucs.org.uk.

The Rules

1. Boats **MUST** be constructed from cardboard of any kind. The only exception is the use of cardboard carpet inners which is **NOT PERMITTED**.
2. String and adhesive tape is permitted **HOWEVER** this should only be used to tie and sew the boat together.
3. The use of paints is permitted **HOWEVER** this should not act as a waterproofing treatment and should **ONLY** be used to decorate the boat. Any paint should be applied above the water line.
4. There must be **NO** waterproofing material or buoyancy materials used in the construction of your boat. e.g. Polystyrene.
5. Your boat **MUST** have 1 skipper and a **MINIMUM** of 1 crew and a **MAXIMUM** of 5 crew. *If your crew or skipper change please inform us on the day or in advance by emailing funday@lucs.org.uk.*
6. Your boat **MUST** be propelled by oars, paddles or an alternative manual method. *LUCS will provide oars and paddles on the day.*
7. The skipper and all crew **MUST** wear a buoyancy aid and hard hat. *LUCS will provide these on the day.*
8. Your team must remove your boat from the water when requested and dispose of it in the provided skip. *LUCS will assist in this.*

Other Note - You are advised to shower after the event. A shower is available on site in the Mel Gray Centre.