

OLD GEEZER CARTING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2019 RULES:

1. General:

- All the participants have got to have fun!
- To take part in the competition you should be sports minded = an honest competition and adequate respect.
- The competing pair should be a man and a woman.
- The carter is a man “geezer”, which can be on loan or your own.
- The pusher is a woman known as “the old lady”
- The competitors in front have the right of way, which means that the competitor behind has to without doubt be careful not to drive into the legs of the pusher in front. A 10 second time penalty will be added to the pairs finishing time for hitting the other competitor’s legs.
- The competitors must follow the instructions and rules the officials and judges may give during the competition.
- The competitors must follow the given orders not to pass the pusher in front in certain areas, for example when going in to the water fountain and from it.
- If the geezer on the cart helps or tries to make it easier by getting off the cart during the race inside of the marked areas (for example in the water fountain) a 20 second time penalty will be added every time to the competitors finishing time.
- If you get off the cart anywhere else than inside the marked areas you will be disqualified. If the cart tips over by accident and the geezer falls off the cart there will be no time penalty or disqualification. The judges will make the decision on whether it was intentional or accidental.
- Every competitor (youth series the competitor’s guardian) takes care of their own insurance and safety. The organizers are not responsible for the competitors insurance.
- The competitor’s unquestionable alcohol limit during the competition, for general safety reasons is Zero. The zero alcohol limit includes the carter and the pusher. The officials will give tests if needed.
- The main World Championships will take place only in one series and the winning couple is the one that completes the track the fastest taking into account time penalties.
- The competitors have to abide by the written and spoken instructions set by the organizers.
- The pusher and the carter have to be at least 18 years old and the geezer has to weigh at least 80 kg.
- Weigh in will be in the competition area known as “the meat scale” The time will be announced separately. In case the carters weight is less than 80kg, the carter will receive an army bread bag etc... which he will fill with sand from the sand heap himself until the right weight is reached. The carter will always be weighed on the way to the track.

- In the World Championship series a time trial will be used. The worst-time pair drops straight out. Based on the times and the amount of competitors, finals A-, B-, C-, and D- will be formed.
- The way to go forward is the pusher's choice; they can either pull or push the cart. The style can be changed during the race.
- If the milk cart breaks (e.g. flat tyre) during the World Championship series preliminary rounds, the competing pair will have the chance to restart. If the cart breaks during the finals, traditional or team series finals, there will be no possibility to restart.
- The competitors can check out the course on foot before the competition starts (with the cart but not a "geezer" in it).
- Written protests have to be made within 30 minutes of the last competitor from your own series passing the finish line. To make a protest a fee of 106,30 euros has to be paid.

2. Basic series:

Series:

1. 18 – xx years = The main series
2. Fancy dress / funniest couple / best attitude –series

3. Registration and participation fees:

Registration for the Old Geezer Carting competition is done on a separate internet form, which you can also print out and send via post. The forms and more information can be found on the page www.creativekaiku.fi

The participation is free, no participation fee!

Registration for all series' closes 24.6.2019.

Participation is binding. If you want to cancel your registration, you have to do it before 30.6.2019.

In the event of cancellations the organizers will also take registration for standby, if there are a lot of participants.

4. Track:

- The tracks are located in Imatra, in the city center.
- The tracks are mainly covered with asphalt or street stones. The track, where the finals are being hold, contains a water fountain. NOTICE: You will get wet in the water fountain!
- The length is about 100 meters

5. Equipment:

- Traditional two (2) wheeled milk carts will be used in all the series’.
- The wheels on a traditional cart are located in the middle and they will be protected so that no body parts of the geezer get stuck between them etc.
- Strong supportive handles are fitted to the inside of the cart (e.g. screwed down door handles) so the carter can hold on.
- The milk carts lower front part is padded.
- The event organizers have reserved 10 milk carts for the competition (+ 5 in reserve). The order of the milk carts are pulled out of the hat and the officials place the carts in starting order in the track area then bring the carts to the competitors before the race starts. In the World Championship series the first 10 carts starting order is pulled out of the hat, but after that the competitors use the carts in the order that they arrive in at the finish line.
- The old lady and the geezer should be equipped with an adequate safety helmet, which should be in accordance with safety regulations. The old lady and the geezer if they wish can also wear knee and elbow pads. In the traditional series the competitors can at their own risk take part without using helmets.
- No loose studs or metal spikes on footwear allowed.

8. Preliminary event timetable:

The competition area opens at 11.30. The participants have to be present at least one hour before their own competition starts for weighing, event organizing etc...The participants must register when entering the competition area to the competition/ event office (marked info point / infopiste). From the competition office the participants will receive their race numbers, which were in advance drawn out of a hat.

Preliminary rounds start at 13.00.

The organizers reserve the right to make changes.

7. Judges:

The panel of Judges for 2019 will be announced later.

9. Prizes:

The top three will get”trophyies” with a plaque. Actual prizes will be decided later.

In addition one couple from the fancy dress / funniest couple series will be awarded a prize.

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