

2026 Airway Heights Days Watermelon Races

RULES & REGULATIONS

Gather your pit crew and get your watermelon to the annual Airway Heights Days Watermelon Races brought to you by the Airway Heights Kiwanis Club. Enjoy the spectacle as Sunset Park is transformed into Watermelon Pit Row, where creativity runs wild and it's smash or be smashed. Build you watermelon racer and feel the thrill of competing in this fun and spirited family friendly community event.

BECOME A PART OF THIS ANNUAL TRADITION

Each summer this event brings families and business together for a fun action packed community event. Families and businesses celebrate teamwork, creativity, ingenuity, diversity and fair play, in the quest for the Championship Plaque. Businesses can issue official challenges to other businesses for the ultimate prize...bragging rights!

WHAT ARE WATERMELON RACES?

Handcrafted watermelon racers are built following official Watermelon Racer Rules (see below). Racers are placed side by side and let loose down the race ramp. First racer to the finish line wins and moves on to the next round...the loser...gets smashed with the Mallet-O-Justice by their competitor or in rare cases granted amnesty. All races are single elimination; so build a racer that can withstand multiple races.

Prizes are awarded for: Grand Champion - Resident and Corporate, Best Decorated, Most Innovative Design, Best Team Spirit and Best Crash.

THE RACER RULES

The Official Watermelon Racer Rules have been established to promote fair play and inspire good old fashioned American ingenuity. All Watermelon Racers must be built according to the following rules:

Rule #1 – Craft your racer using a single watermelon, weighing no more than 20lbs.

Rule #2 – All racers must have 1 front axle with only two wheels and one back axle with only two wheels. Prefabricated axles such as skateboard trucks, rollerblades, or roller skates may be used, given they are not attached to onto the original prefabricated chassis such as a skateboard, shoe/sole of roller-skate, stroller, or Tonka Truck.

Rule #3 – Chassis must be fabricated to “be a part of the melon”. Taping, strapping, or tying to chassis will not be permitted. Chassis may not extend more than 2” beyond the length and width of the watermelon.

Rule #4 – NO MORTORIZED RACERS OF ANY SORT. Wheels must touch the ground, and be the means of propulsion for the racer .

Rule #5 – NO EXPLOSIVES, or PYROTECHNICS.

Rule #6 – NO pushing or “helping” your racer off the starting line. Our judges have seen it all...The last-minute shove, the hidden thumb flick, the early release, the remote-control chassis. So no funny business! One false start may be granted at judges’ discretion, given the competitors watermelon can handle another race.

Rule #7 – NO CHEATING. Interpret rules at your own risk. Race officials will have keen eye out for racers not following racer rules and will bring down the Mallet-O- Justice on “Cheater Watermelons”. Feel great about being honest fair. Use the honor system and follow the spirit of the rules. Get creative and be innovative.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday August 21st, 2026 at Sunset Park

4:30PM-5:15PM Racer Check In *(All racers must be preregistered by 8/16/24)*

5:15PM Best Decorated & Most Innovative Design Judging

5:30PM Let the Races Begin!

Racers NOT checked in and on display by 5:15PM in the Pit Row may be excluded from Best Decorated and Most Innovative Design judging before the races.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

CORPORATE CUP - \$20 Corporate Division is for a year of bragging rights! Winner of the Corporate Cup will win the traveling plaque to be displayed in their business for the next year. Be sure to issue and official Challenge Sheet to another local business be pitted against each other in the first round.

RESIDENTS RACE - \$10 Residents and community members go head-to-head and race for fun in a blind draw single elimination tournament style race and a chance to take home the Championship Plaque!

All Race proceeds go to the Airway Heights Kiwanis Club.

Limited space is available for this event. (All racers must be preregistered by 8/15/25)

Pre-Register at <http://www.airwayheightsdays.org/>

Payment due at the event. Debit & credit cards now accepted.

This is a release of liability. Read it carefully before signing.

I acknowledge that I voluntarily choose to participate in this Activity which is organized, co-organized, operated or administered by the City of Airway Heights and the Airway Heights Kiwanis Club.

On behalf of myself and as the parent(s) or legal guardian of the undersigned minor participant I assume all risks and hazards incidental to participating in the Activity and do hereby waive, release, absolve, indemnify and agree to hold harmless the City of Airway Heights and the Airway Heights Kiwanis Club, their supervisors, participants and instructors for any claim arising out of any personal injury or property damage. I am fully aware of the potential dangers and risks inherent in this Activity, including physical injury, death or other consequences that may arise or result directly or indirectly from participation in this Activity.

I certify that I am of sound mind and at least 18 years of age. I have read this document in its entirety and sign this agreement freely and voluntarily, as an individual and on behalf of my heirs, executors, and agents, and agree to abide by all the provisions set forth in this document.

►► TEAM MEMBERS PARTICIPATING AS RACERS MUST COMPLETE THIS FORM; PARENT/GUARDIANS MUST BE PRESENT FOR MINOR TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COMMUNITY DIVISION.

PROVIDE ALL REGISTRATION INFORMATION, READ AND SIGN THE
RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND CERTIFY THAT ALL INFORMATION IS ACCURATE.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

☐ RESIDENTS RACE

☐ CORPORATE CUP – Business Name: _____

Team Captain:

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Address: _____ City/State _____ Zip: _____

Signature of Participant / Parent-Guardian _____ **Date** _____

Minor Participant Name: _____ **Age:** _____