

United We Ride 2026

RULES & REGULATIONS



1. All participants must be at least 18 years old.
2. Each team will consist of 4 riders. (Alternates are allowed, but only 4 riders will compete per heat.) One team member must always ride on the trike during the entire race.
3. Teams will be provided with the tricycle. The trike's length and width cannot be increased through modification. Motors, robotics, and other mechanical enhancements to the trikes are prohibited, but decorations are encouraged.
4. All trikes, costumes, themes, and related paraphernalia must be appropriate for an audience of all ages.
5. Riders must remain seated, facing forward, and always straddling the trike.
6. Riders must propel the tricycle by either pedaling with their feet or pushing off with their feet on the floor. No running starts or pushes from teammates.
7. Close-toed shoes are required as footwear at all times of the race. Failure to comply will result in immediate expulsion from the race for the entire team, and forfeiture of entry fee.
8. A helmet or protective headgear must be always worn by participants during the race. Knee and elbow pads are recommended. Failure to comply will result in immediate expulsion from the race for the entire team, and forfeiture of entry fee.
9. Only those who are riding the trikes are permitted to be on the track during the races.
10. Objects cannot be thrown or discarded from the trikes while racing. Failure to comply will result in immediate expulsion from the race for the entire team, and forfeiture of entry fee.
11. All trikes must be inspected for safety prior to the race. The event committee reserves the right to disqualify a team if their trike is deemed unsafe by the judges. Disqualified teams will forfeit their entry fee.
12. Each team is encouraged to have a repair kit for their trike.
13. There will be a minimum of two teams competing in each round. A relay will consist of the following: 2 team members will begin at one end of the course and the other 2 team members will begin at the opposite end. The first team member will ride to the opposite end, fully cross the marking, and will pass the trike to a waiting team member once the entire trike has crossed the line. This will be repeated until all 4 members of the team have completed their leg of the race. The first team to finish the race will advance to the next round. The number of rounds will be determined by the total number of teams participating in the event.
14. If a rider is unable to ride on the day of, an alternate is acceptable, or another team member is allowed to relay twice.

15. In case of a mechanical problem, tricycles can be exchanged during the race. The rider will immediately stop and freeze, and a backup trike can be provided by United Way of Southington.
 16. In the event of a tie, the winner will be determined by a run off between one member of each team racing one leg of the course.
 17. Officials will monitor to ensure all riders comply with the rules above. Violations may result in disqualification, including but not limited to: Racers not remaining seated---if a rider does not remain seated, they will have to go back and start over from their spot; pre-mature handoffs/transition---a rider will have to go back and start over from their spot.
 18. The judges' decision is final on all decisions, including race times and outcomes.
 19. The occurrence of the race will be dependent on the status of the Apple Harvest Festival. If the Apple Harvest Festival closes for inclement weather at the time of the race, the rain date is October 10, 2026, at 11:00am.
 20. Each team is responsible for the removal of their trike and any related materials, including decorations, at the end of the event.
 21. The **fundraising minimum is \$500 per team and must be raised by September 12**. All team pages must be created by August 1. Teams that raise \$1000+ by August 15 and /or \$1500+ by August 29 will receive a "head start advantage" in the first heat (if the team meets both deadlines, they will receive a double head start). The team who raises the MOST by RACE DAY October 3 at 9 AM will receive a generous head start. This is a fundraiser so we encourage teams to raise as much as they can!
 22. **Reserve your spot by creating an online team page and making a \$300 donation. This donation will cover the cost of the team's tricycle, which they can keep following the race.** Each team's fundraising page allows donations to be secured from their networks to reach the registration fee (and beyond if you'd like a head start at the race). The final registration fee is due by September 12. Spots are limited!
 23. Forms to be completed include Participation Waiver, Rules & Regulations, and Photography/Videography Release.
- Have fun!