

Ohio AWANA Grand Prix Open

General Information for Frequently Asked Questions 2012 updated

The current published Ohio AWANA Grand Prix Open rules are the final authority!
All the information is available on the Ohio website at www.ohioawana.org!

General

What is the objective of the Ohio Awana Grand Prix Open?

The objective of the Ohio AWANA Grand Prix Open is to provide your Church and Awana Club, another venue where your clubbers and their families will hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Ohio AWANA Grand Prix Open is intended to offer a safe and exciting environment of wholesome competition with clubbers from other local clubs. The Grand Prix Open also provides an opportunity for your AWANA club to enhance your ministry to families. Grand Prix racing is intended to foster cooperation and teamwork between the child and a caring adult. To this end we encourage families/adults to participate and enter a car to race.

We encourage pre-registration from Churches.

Pre-registration helps plan for the number of participants expected. It is not mandatory, but it is very helpful in coordinating the race and planning the day.

Admission & entry charges at the Ohio AWANA Grand Prix Open.

There are many expenses in putting together the Ohio GPO. The registration fee does not cover all of these expenses. The entry fee includes admission to the event for the entrant. Pre-registration \$5.00, At the door \$10:00, Spectators 18 and up \$5 Kids free. You will find the registration form at www.ohioawana.org **Note: All Minor participants must have a signed permission form by a parent or guardian to compete, (this includes High Schoolers) forms are available on the web ohioawana.org web site.**

Rules

The Ohio AWANA Grand Prix Open rules supersede the rules from Awana Headquarters that are sent out with the car kits.

There are times when Awana Headquarters makes a rule change and sends the papers out with the car kits. There can be discrepancies between what clubs have if they bought their kits at an earlier time then when the new rules come out. The rules published in Ohio are those that will be enforced at the Ohio AWANA Grand Prix Open.

“New” for Ohio AWANA Grand Prix Open. “Sparks”

Ohio AWANA Grand Prix Open will now have a Sparks, enhancing yours and our ministry to families, Providing your Church and AWANA Club opportunities to share the Gospel. **Be sure to read the Ohio Grand Prix Open Rules to see the changes.**

How much work does Ohio GPO allow adults to do on the cars?

From the very first AWANA Grand Prix, it was intended to be a joint venture between the clubber and parent or other responsible adult. The Ohio GPO rules require that the entrant participate in some way in the design and/or building of the entry. Adults may do as much or as little as they see fit. The amount of participation of all the parties involved is left for the individuals to decide.

Design categories: Vehicle Design, Novelty Design "T&T /Trek only"

The names of the categories were refined to eliminate some of the ambiguity and confusion. The definitions are more general and at the same time reflect the direction that most participants took in deciding which category to enter. The decision still lies with the entrant as to which category to enter.

You do not have to use the Ohio Awana Grand Prix Open Rules when running your Grand Prix at your Club:

However, participants in the Ohio Awana Grand Prix Open will be required to abide by the rules of the Ohio GPO.

Why should we have a race at our club, if everyone who wishes can race at the Ohio GPO?

While the rules no longer require that they have competed at the local level, please realize that you have a great opportunity to reach many people at the local club race with the gospel of Christ.

What if we don't have a track at our church?

Through the generosity and foresight of some dedicated individuals here in Ohio, there are now some tracks available for use by churches that don't own one. Contact one of the Ohio AWANA Missionaries at <http://www.ohioawana.org/> for more details.

What if one of my clubbers/trekkers can't make it to the Ohio GPO? Can someone else enter their car?

No! This applies to any entry. Our desire is that the clubbers and their families, hear the Gospel and take part of this fun event. They can't if they're not at the GPO..

Is it OK to work on the car after it has been in our local Grand Prix? Yes. It is permissible to tweak the weight, touch-up the paint, totally repaint or repair their entry. If desired, a whole new entry may be built. Of course, every entry will be inspected for compliance to Ohio GPO specifications.

Do entrants have to both race and be judged in design?

No. If an entrant wants to enter their car just for design he/she may. They will miss out on half the fun.

With everyone racing and more kids eligible to come, won't the *Ohio GPO* take a lot longer?

No. The goal is to be done 2 ½ hrs after the official start. There will be multiple tracks in operation to help make the race procedure go quickly.

Registration & Design

All entrants will receive a participating ribbon.

All entrants will receive the official Awana Grand Prix Open ribbon. Entrants will receive their ribbon which will be pinned on them with a pin button with their car number on it. **Note: No one will be allowed on the race floor without a participation ribbon with car number after judging starts.** All Ohio Awana Grand Prix Open workers will have an Ohio Awana Grand Prix Open Official tag.

I want to lubricate my car as close to race time as possible. When is the latest that I can do that?

All preparation of the entry must be completed prior to inspection, including lubrication. Care must be taken to assure that there is no loose powder or dripping oil after lubricating. Unless instructed to do so by an Ohio GPO official, the entry is not to be touched once it is placed on the pit table. The entrants are permitted to spin the wheels of their entry prior to placing it on the track to race.

Will we continue to have “Time Trials”?

No. However, if a racer would like to run their car down the designated track one time prior to the check-in, they may do so.

In the past, the entrants were the design judges. Will they still be doing it? Yes!!

Racing

The entrants will race against the clock not each other.

A cumulative time process (race against the clock) with the computer recording and tabulating times will be used. Everyone will race once on each lane, the three lowest accumulated time Entrants will place for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.

Participant can expect to race 4 times.

Using the computer program, everyone will race four (4) times once on each lane.

The awards for the kids and adults are.

T&T/Trek (vehicle and novelty) categories there are trophies for the top three (3) in speed and three (3) in design and Missionary's Choice design a total of thirteen (13). For Sparks - three (3) in speed and three (3) in design - total of six. Adult/Teen - One (1) in speed and One (1) in design - total of two. With every entry receiving an participation ribbon.

We will run a separate Adult/Teen Division.

Churches are encouraged to promote an “Adult/Teen Division” in a hope to expand interest in Grand Prix racing at the local club by involving even more adults and teens. For the Ohio GPO, these adults and teens need not have any relatives attending AWANA but they do at least need to know what AWANA Club (Church and registration number) invited them. It is not necessary to have a race for them at the local level; however it is greatly encouraged to do so!

You do not have to use the block of wood used in the kit.

Sometimes the block of wood in the kit is cracked, warped, or may be out of square. You can cut out your own piece if you feel it is necessary. Just remember that official AWANA wheels and axles must be used.

You may use purchased pre-cut cars and use them at the GPO.

It is understandable that not everyone has access to the tools needed to shape the cars. Pre-cut cars are available from AWANA at the online store www.awana.org. Just remember, you must have the Awana wheels and axles. **Note: No eBay cars or pre-built cars purchased, may be entered.**

AWANA Grand Prix wheels and axels have to be used!

No substitutes will be allowed!

Modifications may be made to the wheels.

Modifications to the wheels are allowed, but the words “AWANA Grand Prix” must be visible in the original form on the wheel.