



OCA MODEL RULES & SCORING

Dizzy Bat Racing

Model Rules & Scoring for controlled rotation-and-sprint competition

MODEL RULE PRINCIPLE

The comedy comes from disorientation. The rules must keep preventable injury out of the joke.

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PUBLIC MODEL RULESET

1. Scope and Purpose

Dizzy Bat Racing is a timed novelty race in which a competitor completes a defined number of controlled rotations around a standardized upright bat or pivot marker and then travels a short, straight course to a finish line. Fastest valid time wins.

SAFETY POSITION

This model permits ordinary, brief disorientation as an inherent feature of the event. It does not permit reckless course design, collision risk, forced participation, intoxicants, dangerous surfaces, or a requirement that competitors continue when visibly unsafe.

1.1 The Five Core Questions

Question	Dizzy Bat Racing Answer
What is evaluated?	Completion time for standardized rotations plus sprint/walk to finish.
Against what?	Published course, rotation, equipment, and validity rules.
How expressed?	Elapsed time plus fixed penalties where applicable.
How combined?	Best valid time or heat-to-final placement.
What happens next?	Fastest valid result wins; ties use rerun or shared placement rules.

2. Definitions

Term	Meaning
Bat / Pivot	Organizer-supplied lightweight bat or padded vertical pivot meeting event specifications.
Rotation	One complete 360-degree circuit by the competitor around the fixed pivot while maintaining required contact.
Rotation Zone	Marked area in which rotations occur.
Run Lane	Straight unobstructed path from rotation zone to finish.
Valid Attempt	Attempt completed under rotation, course, timing, and safety rules.
Safety Stop	Official termination of an attempt because continued participation appears unsafe.

3. Eligibility and Divisions

- Default Model Division: adults age 18+.
- Youth variants require a separately reviewed lower-risk design, reduced rotations, shorter distance, age-appropriate supervision, and safeguarding.
- Competitors must be able to understand instructions and voluntarily consent to the disorientation element.
- An organizer may offer Walking, Open, Relay, or Adaptive divisions if the differing procedures are published and competitors within each division face equivalent conditions.

4. Equipment and Course

4.1 Pivot Equipment

- Organizer supplies identical or functionally equivalent pivots for all competitors in a division.
- Recommended: lightweight plastic bat, foam-covered post, or padded pivot approximately 0.85–1.10 m tall.
- No exposed metal edges, sharp points, weighted striking implements, or unstable bases are permitted.
- Competitors may not bring their own pivot unless the event is specifically designed around standardized personal equipment inspection.

4.2 Surface and Lane

- Rotation and travel surface must be level, dry, free of loose debris, and suitable for athletic movement.
- Minimum recommended clear lane width: 2.0 m for individual time trial; wider spacing for simultaneous heats.
- Minimum recommended run-out beyond finish: 3.0 m with no wall, curb, spectator line, vehicle, hard obstacle, or drop-off.
- Spectators and nonessential personnel must remain outside the controlled course.
- Simultaneous head-to-head lanes require physical spacing sufficient to prevent competitors from entering one another's path; staggered time trials are preferred where space is limited.

5. Standard Competition Task

5.1 Default Adult Model

- Competitor begins behind the start mark next to the pivot.
- On the start signal, competitor places the forehead or designated hand/forehead contact point on the top of the pivot as instructed.
- Competitor completes 8 full rotations in the declared direction while maintaining required contact.
- After the eighth rotation is verified, competitor releases the pivot and proceeds 12 meters in the assigned lane to the finish line.
- Competitor may run, jog, walk, or pause. Crawling is permitted if safe and within the lane. Diving across the finish line is prohibited.

5.2 Organizer-Selectable Difficulty

Variant	Rotations	Travel Distance	Use
Low	5	8 m	Lower-intensity adult novelty event
Standard	8	12 m	Default model
High	10	15 m	Only with enhanced course space and safety review

The organizer must select one difficulty specification per division and publish it in advance. Organizers should not increase rotations or distance merely to intensify spectacle.

6. Timing and Rotation Counting

- Electronic or manual timing may be used. Timing precision must be consistent across the division.
- Time starts on the official signal, not on first movement.
- Time stops when the competitor's torso crosses the vertical plane of the finish line.
- A designated Rotation Official counts completed rotations aloud or with visible count markers.
- A rotation counts when the competitor completes a full circuit around the pivot and returns to the declared reference orientation.
- If contact is broken before a rotation is completed, that partial rotation does not count. The competitor may re-establish contact and continue unless the attempt is stopped for safety.

7. Officials and Safety Authority

- Minimum: Starter/Timer, Rotation Official, and Safety Official. Roles may be combined only if one person can perform the combined duties without losing required observation.
- The Safety Official has unconditional authority to stop an attempt for suspected injury, inability to safely continue, collision risk, unsafe behavior, or course intrusion.
- A competitor may stop or withdraw at any time without penalty beyond the recorded result status.
- No official may pressure a competitor to continue after a voluntary stop.

8. Scoring and Ranking

Final Result = official elapsed time + applicable time penalties. Lowest valid Final Result ranks first. A competitor stopped for safety receives DNF unless an organizer-caused external interference justifies a rerun.

8.1 Recommended Formats

Format	Procedure
Single Time Trial	One or more individual attempts; best valid time counts.
Heat-to-Final	Competitors race in safely separated lanes; published number/percentage advance.
Relay	Team members complete identical rotation-and-travel legs; baton or tag rules must be published.

9. Penalties, Invalid Attempts, and Reruns

Situation	Treatment
Leaving before start signal	False start; first occurrence restart, second occurrence may incur +2.0 sec or invalid attempt if published.
Missing one rotation	+3.0 sec if discovered after finish; two or more missing rotations = invalid attempt.
Leaving assigned lane without interference	+2.0 sec; serious course cutting may invalidate attempt.
Interfering with another competitor	Invalid attempt or disqualification depending severity; affected competitor may receive rerun.
Diving/sliding intentionally across finish	+2.0 sec and safety warning; dangerous conduct may invalidate attempt.
Organizer-caused obstacle, equipment failure, or lane intrusion	Attempt void; rerun after recovery period.
Competitor falls	No automatic penalty. Time continues unless Safety Official stops the attempt.

10. Medical, Safety, and Participation Rules

- No alcohol, cannabis, intoxicants, sedatives, or other deliberate impairment may be used as part of the competition.
- Organizers should make water and a recovery area available and provide reasonable spacing between repeated attempts.
- Competitors who report significant dizziness, nausea, faintness, pain, or visual disturbance should not immediately repeat the event.
- The course should have a first-aid plan appropriate to the event and venue.
- Footwear requirements must be published. Barefoot competition is permitted only on a surface specifically assessed as suitable.
- Weather, heat, rain, or surface changes may require suspension or cancellation.

11. Ties

- If timing precision separates competitors at the published precision, the lower time wins.
- If still tied for first or a qualifying cutoff and safe to do so, competitors receive one rerun after at least five minutes recovery.
- If the rerun ties again, placement is shared unless a single qualifier is operationally necessary.
- Where only one qualifier can advance, a second rerun may be authorized once. If still tied, random draw is permitted only if disclosed as the final tiebreak.

12. Results and Records

- Retain competitor, division, course specification, rotations, distance, attempt time, penalties, DNF/DQ status, reruns, and certified result.

- Course or equipment changes affecting competitive equivalence require a new heat/session designation or documented rerun policy.
- Timing or transcription errors may be corrected from official evidence.
- Safety-stop judgment is not overturned merely to create a faster result.

13. Organizer-Selectable Options

- Low, Standard, or High difficulty specification.
- Single time trial, heat-to-final, or relay.
- Clockwise, counterclockwise, or randomly assigned rotation direction, provided the method is the same for comparable competitors.
- One, two, or three attempts in time-trial format.
- Manual or electronic timing and published precision.

Appendix A. Document Control

Field	Value
Document	OCA Model Rules: Dizzy Bat Racing
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Adoption Statement

An organizer adopting this model ruleset should identify the exact edition in the event announcement and disclose every organizer-selectable option before the applicable entry deadline. Material changes should be published as event-specific modifications rather than applied informally during competition.

Appendix B. Pre-Event Rules Check

- ☐ Eligibility and divisions are published.
- ☐ Organizer-selectable options are declared.
- ☐ Officials are assigned and briefed.
- ☐ Equipment, prompts, materials, or course layout have been checked for equivalence.
- ☐ Scoring or measurement procedure has been tested.
- ☐ Tie procedures are understood by the scorekeeper.
- ☐ Safety, safeguarding, accessibility, and incident-response arrangements are in place.
- ☐ Results can be reconstructed from retained official records.