

# Homebuilt Soapbox Racing Association

## Soapbox Derby Race Day Guide

Welcome to the Windsor - Essex Soapbox Derby Race! Whether you're a participant or spectator, this guide will provide essential information to make the most of the exciting events unfolding throughout the day.

### 1. Early Arrival and Set-Up:

- Crew members kick off the day by setting up before the posted race and registration times.
- Racers are encouraged to arrive at least one hour early to secure a pit spot, prepare their cars, and offer assistance with volunteer work.
- Given that the soapbox derby is a non-profit event, every helping hand is greatly appreciated to ensure the day's success.

### 2. Registration and Tech Inspection:

- Parents or guardians can start paperwork during registration.
- Tech inspection guarantees all cars adhere to safety standards.

### 3. Morning Announcements and New Racers Meeting:

- The announcers provide crucial information regarding the day's race and the event itinerary.
- Time frames will roll per event stages due to varying attendance.
- After the general meeting, new racers will be called forward.
- During the dedicated meeting for new racers, insights into event expectations will be shared, and announcers will answer questions and provide guidance.
- New racers, not comfortable starting at the full ramp height, will have the opportunity to start the track at 1/3 or 1/2 of the normal ramp height. This accommodating option ensures that all participants feel at ease as they embark on the exciting Soapbox Derby experience.

### 4. Test Passes:

- Each racer, accompanied by a partner or guardian, moves their cars to the starting area.
- Every car and racer gets a test run in both lanes. For example, after a lane 1 pass, the car and driver return for a second pass in lane 2.
- The timing system is active during these test passes, allowing teams to make adjustments.
- Times will not be recorded during the test pass phase.

### 5. Qualifying Rounds:

- Following the test passes, the announcer will inform racers that the qualifying rounds are about to begin. It's the final opportunity for anyone who did not complete the test pass to do so.
- A reminder will be issued that modifications and adjustments are not allowed for the remainder of the day, emphasizing fair competition. Every car and racer will have the opportunity for qualifying runs in both lanes. For instance, after a lane 1 pass, the car and driver will return for a second pass in lane 2.

- The timing system will be active during these qualifying passes, and the average time from both lanes will be logged. This average time will play a crucial role in determining the standings and classifications for the main racing event. It's essential for racers to focus on delivering their best performance during these qualifying runs, as the results will significantly impact their position in the upcoming races. Good luck to all participants as they strive for success in the qualifying rounds!

## **6. Lunch Break:**

- An announcement will signal the end of qualifying and the start of a 30-minute to 1-hour lunch break, time permitting, allowing racers and spectators time to recharge.
- A specific time will be set for parents/guardians and competitors to return for a roll call to resume the competitions.
- It is essential for everyone to adhere to the designated time for the roll call to ensure the smooth continuation of the soapbox derby event. This break provides an opportunity for participants and spectators to enjoy a meal, refresh, and gear up for the thrilling races scheduled to follow. Your punctuality is appreciated as we look forward to the exciting races that await in the second part of the Soapbox Derby Race Day!

## **7. Class Assignments and the Finals:**

- Announcements will detail how participants are divided into classes.
- Cars and drivers will be assigned to specific classes during the drivers' meeting, with announcements guiding each class back to the starting line. As one class ends, the next one will begin from the slowest classes to the fastest classes.

## **8. Awards Presentation:**

- Prior to the awards ceremony, participants and parents are encouraged to volunteer for track cleanup.
- The announcer will signal the conclusion of the races and call everyone to the awards presentation.
- As we celebrate the achievements of participants, announcements will highlight class winners and outstanding performances.
- Throughout the day, stay tuned to the loudspeakers for critical updates and enjoy the thrilling soapbox derby experience. Your engagement and enthusiasm make this event truly special. Have a fantastic day at the Soapbox Derby Race!