



Keyport Business Alliance Presents  
Keyport on Wheels  
2007 Soap Box Derby Race Rules

I. Age Limits

- A. Participants must be at least 8 years old by the day of the race.
- B. Participants may race through age 17, but they must not turn 18 years old on or before July 31st of the current racing year.

II. Build the Car

- A. You must drive only the racer you build.
  - B. You must be able to prove your ability to do the work to build your racer.
  - C. The entrant must participate in the construction of the car, with adult help.
  - D. Kit Cars from All American Soap Box Derby will be allowed.
  - E. Weight of car and driver cannot exceed 250 lbs.
  - F. Length cannot exceed 79" long.
  - G. Wheels: Must be Derby Wheels:
    - Derby Wheel (Steel - no longer manufactured)
    - Z-glas Wheel
    - Wagon Wheel (Car, rubber, inflatable)
- Wheel clearance not less than 3"
- H. Steering wheel may be any type.
  - I. Brake System: Pedal brake only!
  - J. Axles: Altering axles in any way is prohibited other than drilling holes for kingpin.

III. Adult Help

- A. Driver and parent/guardian must completely fill out and sign the Derby entrant's official registration form and present it to the Derby Director prior to the final inspection along with a copy of the entrant's birth certificate.
  - 1. The registration form certifies that the driver is of proper age and that the entrant helped build the car.

IV. Driver

- A. You must drive the racer you built or have a working knowledge of the car you drive. If an emergency does arise you may appoint a replacement driver that meets all of the requirements with the exception of building the car.
- B. The driver is required to wear a "bicycle style" unaltered racing helmet.
- C. The driver is responsible for and may be disciplined for personal conduct as well as the personal conduct of the people in the driver's party including, but not limited to sponsors, pit crew and family members.

V. Official Inspection

- A. Your car must pass inspection by an official inspection committee before you may compete in the race.
  - 1. Special attention will be given to axles, wheels, steering and brakes during inspection.
  - 2. Inspectors may remove wheels and axles, drill holes, or remove any parts for inspection.

VI. Post Race Inspection

- A. After passing inspection, the local Derby Committee must impound all cars in a controlled area, and no entrant shall remove or change wheels or make any further changes to the car either before or during the Derby race without the supervision of an OFFICIAL.
  - 1. Any racing wheels being replaced after inspection must be replaced with official wheels that have been approved by an OFFICIAL.

VII. Reasons for Disqualification

- A. Race officials expressly prohibit the use, possession or distribution of alcohol, tobacco or drugs (except for those prescribed by a physician) by a driver or any member of the driver's party.
- B. Vulgarity, verbal or physical abuse and/or unsportsmanlike actions directed toward officials, spectators or other participants.
- C. Pit crew or members of the driver's party failure or refusal to comply with regulations.
- D. Unwillingness to abide by an official's decision.
- E. Any car or driver, in official's opinion, that endangers the driver, other drivers, or the spectators.
- F. Any car that was not built in accordance with Derby rules.
- G. Driver of all lean forward racers must remain in a lean forward position throughout his or her heat.
- H. Driving out of his/her lane driving onto lane line markings.
- I. Use of communication devices within the cars while the driver is competing.

VIII. Heats

- A. All races will be run on a system of elimination heats.
- B. Time achieved by a contestant in a previous heat will have no bearing in subsequent heats.

IX. Starting

- A. Cars must start by gravity from a standstill, at a starting line, on the track without help. No pushing will be allowed.
- B. Heats will be started with the cars positioned so that their foremost parts, or "noses", will be the starting points.

X. Finish

- A. The car, whose nose is over the finish line first, according to the judges, shall be declared the winner.
- B. The winning racecars will be re-inspected following the final heat and the suspension system will be removed. Any unauthorized materials or components will result in immediate disqualification.
- C. If in the case of a tie, the 2 cars will run best out of 3 to determine the winner.

XI. Local Authority

- A. The local Derby Director shall render decisions on all matters pertaining to the interpretation and enforcement of the rules, the conduct of the race, and the determinations of the winners, and such decisions shall be final and binding upon all concerned.
- B. The final inspection must assure safety and equality for all contestants.
- C. Race officials have the right to eject any persons from the pit or racecourse.

Keyport on Wheels Soap Box Derby Race is intended to provide fair and uniform regulations governing competition. It is not possible to write individual rules governing every possible circumstance; therefore, it shall be the responsibility of a special committee named for that purpose, to interpret the rules in the interest of fair competition and their decision will be final. By participating in these events all entrants are deemed to have consented to the rules and to the authority of persons who enforce the rules. No expressed or implied warranty of safety shall result from the publication of or compliance with these rules and/or regulations. This publication is intended as a guide for the conduct of the sport and is no way a guarantee against injury to participants, spectators, or others.

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