

GREATER CINCINNATI SOAP BOX DERBY

WHAT TO EXPECT ON LOCAL RACE DAY

Check in: 7:30 am (Racing will occur rain or shine)

Bring both of the forms previously provided via email link (registration form, minor waiver release form, participate code of conduct, parent code of conduct form) and a copy of each of your driver's birth certificate to the race with you.

Driver and **two car handlers** (handlers must be able to lift the car on and off a trailer) must check in starting at 7:30 a.m. Failure to check in could result in disqualification. After checking in, the drivers need to go to the scales to be weighed in to make sure that all the cars with drivers in them are equal weight.

First time drivers who will need a practice run – please try and get to the scales as soon as possible – this will help speed up the process of getting the official race underway. Car and drivers may be randomly weighed throughout the day at the discretion of the Competition Committee.

Drivers' Meeting - Approximately 9:00 a.m.

There will be a short drivers meeting – drivers and handlers will be called over the loudspeaker to a designated area. At the drivers' meeting the race directors will go over the rules and will determine wheel swaps. Immediately following the drivers meeting, all first time drivers will be allowed to take a practice run. Those drivers and handlers should get their car and proceed to line up at the starting ramps. **Remind your driver that during the entire race from the time they leave the ramp until they come to a complete stop after the finish line, they must keep their hands on the steering bar (it consists of two rounded circles at the top of the steering column, see picture at end of this letter for reference) until the car has come to a complete stop. If at any time during a run down the track a driver has an issue or is uncomfortable with the speed of the car or feels unsafe they should immediately apply full brake.** Someone will come and help them. When the car and driver come back to the top of the hill, please return to your designated pit area. After all practice runs are complete, we will begin the actual race. Drivers' names will have been randomly drawn in a process determined by the race director and placed on the heat sheet brackets.

The Race

Two drivers will compete in a heat. A heat consists of two phases (phase A and phase B). Driver's number will be called over the loud speaker and they will need to head to the designated area to exchange the two wheels discussed at the drivers' meeting.

(i.e. front left, right rear). Once the wheels are exchanged, proceed to line up at the starting ramps with your opponent for the phase A heat. The racer designated Lane 1 is responsible for giving the Heat Ticket to the official at the top of the hill. It is required to provide the official with the Heat Ticket to be able to race.

After the cars have crossed the finish line and come to a complete stop (in the run out area), drivers are to get out of their cars and they will be assisted in putting the cars on the trailer by the drivers designated finish line car handler and volunteer. Cars and drivers will be transported to the top of the hill for phase B. The driver's designated hill top car handler will help retrieve the car from the trailer and returned to the designated tire swap location. Driver and opponent from phase A will exchange all four wheels and proceed together to the starting ramps for phase B. Drivers will now race in the opposite lane raced during phase A. Upon completion of the heat, the cars will return to their designated pits and exchange the opponent's two original wheels. You should have all four of your wheels back on your car after racing your opponent two times down the track.

Determination of winner of heat

This a double elimination race. The winner of a heat is determined by time differential.

Example: Car 163 –v– Car 192

WINNER (car 192) will advance in the bracket; car 163 will be placed in the CHALLENGERS bracket and continue to race until he/she has a second loss.

EXAMPLE: Heat 1; phase A car 163 wins by .062 seconds Heat 1; phase B car 192 wins by .086 seconds Winner: Car 192 by .024 seconds

Code of Conduct

Everyone wants this to be a fun, enjoyable experience for the drivers and race teams. Please promote good sportsmanship. Be respectful of other drivers/race teams and their cars. Some drivers rent cars from the Cincinnati Club, while other drivers have brought their own personal soap box car for race day.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please direct them to Stan Kokotajlo, Race Director of GCSBD.

It is understood that all champions are qualified to represent the GCSBD at the All-American World Championship in Akron, Ohio and as such must complete Akron paperwork before leaving the track. The winner's cars will be re-inspected after the race ends before any official winner is determined. The winning cars will be impounded until the trip to Akron, and we will also impound the 2nd place cars just in case the winners can't go to Akron or something happens that they can't attend, that way we will have the 2nd place cars ready and unaltered. We will have a prep session for the winning cars before they get shipped to Akron.

After the races have ended, there will be a brief awards ceremony and trophy presentation for the top eight places in each division as well as Rookie of the Year presentations.

International Race week in Akron Ohio is July 14th – July 20th.

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Steering wheel picture, drivers must hold onto each of the two handle bars from the time they leave the ramp until they come to a complete stop at the end of the race.

