

83RD FIRSTENERGY ALL-AMERICAN
SOAP BOX DERBY

RACE WEEK HANDBOOK

July 19-25, 2020
Derby Downs - Akron, OH

International Soap Box Derby Mission

The International Soap Box Derby® is a non-profit youth education and leadership development organization whose mission is to build knowledge and character, and to create meaningful experiences through collaboration, fair and honest racing competitions, STEM curriculum, and other community-focused activities.



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WELCOME TO DERBY DOWNS!

The Soap Box Derby® staff and volunteers would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the 83rd FirstEnergy All-American Soap Box Derby World Championship being held July 19-25, 2020, in Akron, Ohio.

We hope that your experience during this event is truly both a rewarding and memorable one. Please remember that Soap Box Derby staff and volunteers are available to assist at any time before and during the event.

Enclosed are event schedules and suggestions for first time (as well as returning) Champions to assist with activities during Race Week.

CONTACT INFORMATION

- Soap Box Derby Headquarters will be located in the Office Tent at Topside behind the Blue Hall of Fame and Museum Building.
- **Phone:** 330-733-8723
- **Email:** soapbox@soapboxderby.org
- **Topside Address:** 1000 George Washington Blvd, Akron, OH 44312
- **Office Tent Hours:** Sunday, July 19 - Friday, July 24 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 - Saturday, July 25 3 p.m. - 7 p.m. (Located in Shipping Office)
 - Sunday, July 26 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. (Located in Shipping Office)
- **Race-week website:** aasbd.soapboxderby.org



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Perfect Instagram Shot

One of four "destination worthy" sculptures created by Jeremy Jenkins and John Comunale for the @PLAY project in 2018.



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SUGGESTIONS? PLEASE VISIT WWW.SOAPBOXDERBY.ORG/SUGGESTIONBOX

DIRECTIONS TO DERBY DOWNS

Topside Address: 1000 George Washington Blvd., Akron, OH 44312

AASBD World Championship Race Day Parking - July 25, 2020:

Located in gravel and grass lots off of Derby Downs Drive.

APPROACHING FROM THE NORTH

- Route 8 South to 76 East (at the central interchange)
- I-76 East to Market St./Mogadore Rd.
- Right at the bottom of the exit on to Market St.
- At the first light take a right on to Hilbish Rd.
- Follow through 3 traffic lights.
- Hilbish Rd. changes name to George Washington Blvd. when you cross over Triplett Blvd.
- If you wish to go to Soap Box Derby® Headquarters - Continue straight on George Washington Blvd. Turn right on Springfield Lake Blvd. (you will see Derby logos in the center of the road) and then take an immediate right onto the access road (Derby Downs Drive). Soap Box Derby Headquarters is the white brick building on the right side past the back of Derby Downs grandstands.
- If you wish to go to Topside - Continue straight up George Washington Blvd. Topside facilities are at the top of the hill on your right.

APPROACHING FROM THE SOUTH

- I-77 North to 224 East towards Mogadore
- Turn left at the first traffic light (Route 241)
- If you wish to go to Soap Box Derby® Headquarters - Turn left on Springfield Lake Blvd. (you will see Derby logos in the center of the road) and then take an immediate right onto the access road (Derby Downs Drive). Soap Box Derby Headquarters is the white brick building on the right side past the back of Derby Downs grandstands.
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APPROACHING FROM THE EAST AND WEST LOCATED ON NEXT PAGE

DIRECTIONS TO DERBY DOWNS (CONTINUED)

APPROACHING FROM THE WEST

- I-76 East to Market St./Mogadore Rd.
- At the bottom of the ramp turn right onto East Market St.
- At the first light take a right onto Hilbish Rd.
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APPROACHING FROM THE EAST

- I-76 West to the Market St./Mogadore Rd. Exit
- At the bottom of the ramp turn left onto East Market St.
- At the second light take a right onto Hilbish Rd.
- Follow through 3 traffic lights.
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ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT ADDRESSES - DOWNTOWN

MONDAY - JULY 20, 2020

Polsky/ West Campus Parking Deck:
275 South High Street, Akron, OH 44308
Free parking - Monday ONLY

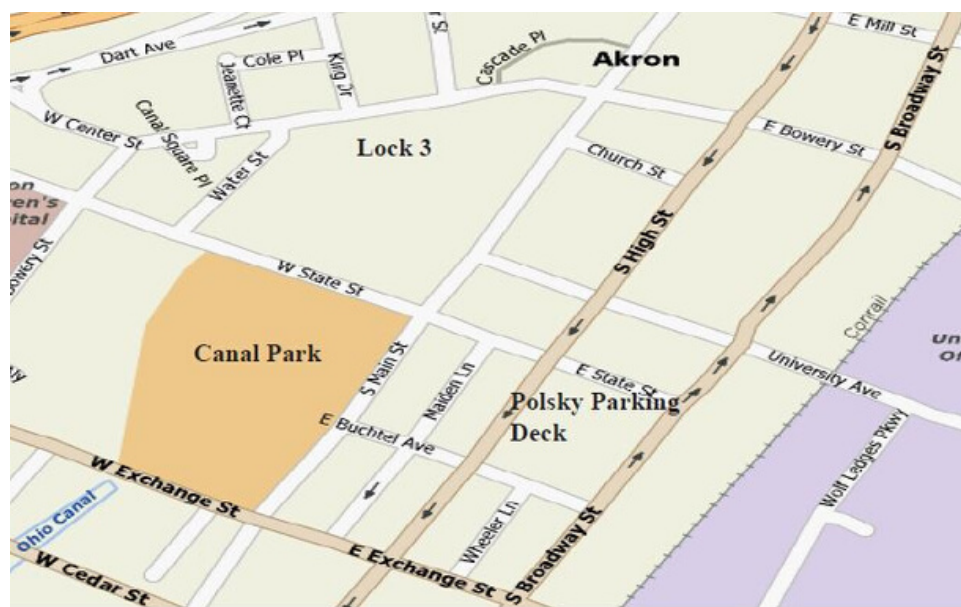
Canal Park Stadium:
300 South Main Street, Akron, OH 44308

Lock 3:
200 South Main Street, Akron, OH 44308

The University of Akron Recreation Center:
382 Carroll Street, Akron, OH 44325

SATURDAY - JULY 25, 2020

- Akron Civic Theatre: 182 South Main Street, Akron, OH 44308
- Parking



Polsky /West Campus Parking Deck, Canal Park and Lock 3 pictured above.

SUNDAY, JULY 19

Check-In, Shell Re-Attachment, Kingpin Drop, Triangulation, Photo Shoot, Trial Run and Orientation

Daily Schedule

Check-In Shell Re-Attachment, Trial Run, Photo Shoot
8 a.m. - 4 p.m. - Derby Downs, Topside

Race Week Overview and Orientation
6 p.m. - Derby Downs, Whitey Wahl Starting Line Pavilion



CHECK-IN

Race Week check-in will take place at Topside beside the Blue Hall of Fame and Museum Building. Champs will receive their welcome bag at this time.

Check-in will ONLY take place on Sunday, July 19

There will be a Race Week overview and orientation meeting for families at Derby Downs, Whitey Wahl Starting Line Pavilion beginning at 6 p.m.. First time parents are encouraged to attend but all are welcome. Soap Box Derby staff and volunteers will be on hand to answer any questions.

Speakers Include:

Director of Operations, Heather Morrow
Race Director, Will Looman
Racing Commission Chair, Keith Scheurman
Rally Commission Chair, Alan Howe
Regional Directors Chair, Marty Sullivan



ORIENTATION

MONDAY, JULY 20

Group Photos, Parade, Opening Ceremonies, Rock the Rec and Badge Trading

Daily Schedule

11 a.m. - Group Photos, Canal Park

11:30 a.m. - Parade Staging, Canal Park

12 p.m. - Parade, Main Street Downtown

12:30 - 3:30 p.m. - Opening Ceremony, Lock 3

Rock the Rec

6 - 9 p.m. - The University of Akron Student Recreation and Wellness Center (Champs Only)

PARKING

Polsky/West Campus Parking
Deck: 275 South High Street,
Akron, OH 44308
Parking free Monday ONLY

Canal Park:
300 South Main Street
Akron, OH 44308

PARADE

Parade of Champs move from Canal Park to Lock 3.

We recommend that Champs wear their shirt that was provided at check-in and bring their buttons to trade during staging.

GROUP PHOTO

Champions must wear AASBD racing shirt to be included in the photograph. No spare shirts will be provided during this event.

University of Akron Student Recreation and Wellness Center: 382 Carroll Street, Akron, OH 44325

Only Champs will have the exclusive use of the Recreation Center. Champions can participate in swimming, basketball, soccer, volleyball, rock climbing wall, kickball and other fun games.

All Champs must have waiver forms signed before entering the facility.

Check-in will begin at 5:50 p.m. Doors will open at 6 p.m.

Food provided to Champs only.

A parent room is available for parents who prefer to stay at the facility.

Lock 3:
200 South Main Street
Akron, OH 44308

OPENING CEREMONY

Champs are encouraged to bring their "throw-out" items to this fun-filled family event.

Champs are NOT permitted to throw items such as candy, buttons, pins, pens, pencils and other sharp objects.

All Champs must be signed out after they cross the stage at the welcome ceremony. The Champ pick-up location is to the right of the stage. A parent/guardian must sign for their Champ. Champs 16 and older may sign themselves out.

ROCK THE REC

TUESDAY, JULY 21

Meggitt Aircraft Braking Systems Rally Challenge

Daily Schedule

Meggitt Aircraft Braking Systems Rally Challenge

7:30 a.m. - Rally Stock

9 a.m. - Rally Super Stock

10:30 a.m. - Rally Masters

1 p.m. - Legacy Division

MEGGITT AIRCRAFT BRAKING SYSTEMS RALLY CHALLENGE

All racers should report to the Topside entrance at their posted time.

Only Champs and car handlers are permitted in Topside.

No tools are permitted at this time.

The Challenge races will be a single elimination three car lane and wheel swap. Each race will be run until a Champion is crowned.

The top three finishers in each division will receive their awards at Saturday night's awards ceremony at the Akron Civic Theatre.

EXPERIENCE GREATER AKRON

EAT, SHOP, LEARN, PLAY....ENJOY!

Not racing on Tuesday? Take this time to experience Greater Akron! In your Champ Bag that you received at check-in there are a variety of pamphlets and coupons to several different places to explore and discover the Greater Akron area.

Visit the Experience Greater Akron table in the office tent for more ideas and destinations!

LEGACY DIVISION

All Champs should report to Topside entrance at their posted time.

Legacy puts the STEM principles of aerodynamics and chassis design into practice and accommodates larger, more experienced drivers. This is an open-invitation, double-elimination, and lane-and-wheel swap.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

AAA Local Challenge

Daily Schedule

AAA Local Challenge

7:30 a.m. - Local Stock

9 a.m. - Local Super Stock

12 p.m. - Local Masters

AAA LOCAL CHALLENGE

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THURSDAY, JULY 23

All-Star Race, Topside Show and Vintage Soap Box Derby Car Show!

Daily Schedule

9 a.m. All-Star Car Prep - All Divisions

11 a.m. All-Star Race

Topside Show, Guest Speaker & Vintage Soap Box Derby Car Show

3 - 7 p.m. - Derby Downs, Topside

ALL-STAR RACE

All Champs should report to Topside entrance at their posted time.

18 All-Star drivers per division will race in a special invitational race.

The top three finishers in each division will receive their awards at Saturday night's awards ceremony at the Akron Civic Theatre.

TOPSIDE SHOW

Enjoy the Topside Show for car viewing, games, mini car races and concessions.

Bring your decorated mini car for a chance to race and win!

PARKING

All parking will be in the lower parking area of Derby Downs.

789 Derby Downs Drive
Akron, OH 44306

SBD CAR SHOW

The All-American Soap Box Derby will be putting on its first annual car show to display Soap Box Derby cars from the past. This new event will be taking place Thursday July 23, 2020 and Saturday, July 25, 2020. We will be giving past Soap Box Derby racers the opportunity to show their cars to Derby Nation and the Greater Akron Community. Current Champs will be able to take part in meeting and getting to know past racers, and to share their accomplishments with one another. Champs will be able to learn all the great ideas that past racers have had and skills they learned while racing in the Soap Box Derby.

Please note that Group Photos have moved to Monday at Canal Park.

FRIDAY, JULY 24

Super Kids Race, Alignment, Wheel Selection, Local and Rally Directors Meeting, State of the Derby and Akron RubberDucks Game

Daily Schedule

National Super Kids Classic
8 a.m. - 3 p.m. - Derby Downs

Alignment - Wheel Selection - Weigh-In *ALL CHAMPS*
8 a.m. - Local Masters and Rally Masters
9:30 a.m. - Local Super Stock and Rally Super Stock
11 a.m. - Rally Stock
12 p.m. - Local Stock

Local and Rally Directors Meeting
3 - 4 p.m. - Akron - Summit County Public Library

State of the Derby Update
4:15 - 5:30 p.m. - Akron - Summit County Public Library

ALIGNMENT, WHEELS, & WEIGH-IN

All Champs are to report to Topside entrance at their posted starting time.

DIRECTORS MEETING & STATE OF THE DERBY

Akron-Summit County
Public Library
60 S. High St.
Akron, OH 44326

SATURDAY, JULY 25

FirstEnergy All-American Soap Box Derby World
Championship Race Day

Daily Schedule

Champ/ Car Handler Check-In
7 - 8 a.m. - Whitey Wahl Startling
Line Pavilion

Opening Ceremonies
8:30 a.m. - Derby Downs

First Heat of the 83rd FirstEnergy
All-American Soap Box Derby
9 a.m. - Derby Downs

Awards Ceremony
7 p.m. - Akron Civic Theatre

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WORLD CHAMPIONS

Presentation of the 83rd FirstEnergy All-American Soap Box Derby World Champions will be on stage at the finish line.

AWARDS CEREMONY

Awards Ceremony will take place at the Akron Civic Theater.

PARTS STORE HOURS

Store will be open once the final heats are run.

CHECK-IN

Champ and car handler check-in will be at the Whitey Wahl Starting Line Pavilion

7 a.m. - Local Masters
7:15 a.m. - Local Super
7:30 a.m. - Local Stock
7:45 a.m. - All Rally

PARADE STAGING

7:30 a.m. Topside

CHAMP CHECK-OUT

Once a Champ is eliminated they can be checked out near run out at the finish line.

CAR PICK-UP & CRATING

Car pick-up and crating begins after the final heats are run. until 11 pm Check-out all cars Topside in the white building. Must show valid ID.

2ND - 9TH FINISHERS

Photographs with family members - immediately following final heats at Topside.

SUNDAY, JULY 26

Car Pick-Up & Crating

Daily Schedule

Topside Open

7 a.m. - 12 p.m.

- Car Pick-Up
- Car Crating
- Parts Store
- Vendors - Photographer & Custom Apparel

GENERAL INFORMATION

SOAP BOX DERBY CAR SHOW

New to All-American Race Week

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T-SHIRTS

T-Shirts

All Champions **MUST** wear their provided All-American Champion T-shirts on the following days: Sunday, July 19 through Saturday, July 25. Please keep in mind that the shirts may **NOT** be altered.

CHAMP WHEEL PURCHASE

Champ Wheel Purchase

You have the opportunity to purchase your Champ's wheels that are used during Saturday's race. If you would like to purchase your Champ's wheels, visit our online store through July 18. Champ wheels can be purchased at the office tent Sunday, July 19 - Friday, July 24 at 5 p.m.

TRACKSIDE TENTS & CANOPIES

Trackside Tents & Canopies

Do not place or set-up tents/canopies on Derby Downs grounds before 7:30 a.m. on Sunday, July 19. Violations will result in the removal of the tents/canopies. When setting up, please avoid the zoned off areas. The ISBD is not responsible for tents/canopies placed on the grounds or for items left in them.

FEAASBD RACE DAY TICKETS

FirstEnergy All-American Soap Box Derby Race Day Tickets

Tickets are \$5.00 pre-sale and \$8.00 at the gate on race day and can be purchased online at soapboxderby.org or at the office tent behind the Blue Hall of Fame and Museum Building during race-week. Tickets can also be purchased at the entry gate on race day. The Champ and one car handler will be admitted free on race-day. Race Directors also receive a free ticket, this ticket must be picked up at the Race Director's meeting on Friday, July 24.

GENERAL INFORMATION

ALIGNMENT BADGES

Alignment Badges

Each Champ is provided one additional badge for alignment days. The badge will be included in the Champ bag and can only be used to get into Topside during scheduled alignment days. Scheduled alignment days are Sunday and Friday.

BANNERS

Banners

Families are encouraged to bring banners to support their champs. Banners should be no higher than 3' and no longer than 6'. Do not hang banners on Derby Downs fencing before 8 a.m. on Sunday, July 19. Violations of the above will result in the removal of the banners.

CHAMP CAR MESSAGES

Champ Car Messages

Want to write and give a message for a Champ wishing him/her "good luck" in Saturday's race? Blank message cards can be picked up, filled out, and given to the volunteers at the office tent behind the Blue Hall of Fame and Museum Building. These messages will be placed in the Champs' cars for them to read on Saturday morning before the race. All messages are due by Thursday at 7 p.m..

SHUTTLE

Shuttle

A shuttle route will be available for all Derby Downs guests during Race Week. Shuttle maps and hours will be available at the office tent.

RECYCLING

Recycling

Recycle bins are located throughout Derby Downs. Materials we are able to recycle include plastic, paper and aluminum. Please help us continue our recycling efforts by placing the appropriate items in the recycling bins.

ATMS

ATMs

There are no ATMs located at Derby Downs. There are a number of local and national ATMs that are just a short drive from the grounds.

STREAMING RACE DAY

Streaming Race Day

The 83rd FirstEnergy All-American Soap Box Derby Championship Race Day will be available to stream live on YouTube and Facebook.



[/user/aasbdorg](https://www.youtube.com/user/aasbdorg)



[/soapboxderby.org/](https://www.facebook.com/soapboxderby.org/)

WATER STATIONS

Water Stations

There will be water stations located throughout Derby Downs for your convenience. We encourage you to bring a reusable water bottle that can be refilled at these stations. The stations will be located at Champ check-in, office tent, within Topside (more than one station), at the starting line and in run out.

FIRST AID

First Aid

There are first aid kits available to guests located at the Office Tent, Blue Hall of Fame and Museum Building, White Building, starting line, finish line bridge, and run out. For medical emergencies, an ambulance will be located in run out during all racing events. In case of a medical emergency dial 9-1-1 and the ambulance will be dispatched from run out.

MAP OF GROUNDS

