



COVID-19 Effects on Soap Box Derby

April 16, 2020

The International Soap Box Derby's (ISBD) highest priority is the health and safety of its racers, families, volunteers, donors, community partners, and staff. We continue to closely monitor the developing situation with regards to COVID-19 each day. The ISBD is working to keep you up to date with any changes that are made to the racing season in these unprecedented times. Below you will find the most recent updates.

- Beginning May 2, 2020, all licensed race cities will be able to run sanctioned races as long as it follows the guidelines for their local and state government, along with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). Race cities must show the ISBD staff that they are able to run their race at least two weeks prior to race day. (The ISBD will issue guidelines for running local and rally races by April 28).
- The ISBD will be reviewing qualifications for the 83rd FirstEnergy All-American Soap Box Derby World Championship.
- The ISBD ensures that we will invite at least the same number of Rally Champions by region invited to compete as there were in 2019.
- At this time, it is expected that Champions will come to Akron the week of July 19, to compete in the 83rd FirstEnergy All-American Soap Box Derby World Championships at Derby Downs on Saturday, July 25. The format will be determined as soon as possible but by no later than June 16.
- The ISBD is committed to keeping the racing community informed during this unprecedented situation and will provide updates via emails and social media posts at least every two weeks.

All ISBD team members have access to their phones and email and will be responding to your questions in an appropriate time.



For general email submissions, please send to soapbox@soapboxderby.org .

We appreciate your patience and understanding and look forward to getting back to racing as soon as possible!