



Event Guide

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Location:

The world-famous Derby Downs track is located at:

Physical:

789 Derby Downs Drive Akron, OH 44306

Mailing:

1000 George Washington Blvd. Akron, OH 44312

Rent Derby Downs for your event!

Host a unique event at the iconic Soap Box Derby (SBD), where you can celebrate and enjoy friendly competition in a SBD car. We have adult and children’s SBD cars that you can experience speeds in excess of 30 mph while you plummet down the 989-foot Derby Downs track.

We have several facilities available for your use, such as the world-famous Derby Downs track, the Hall of Fame and Museum, Whitey Wahl Pavilion, and Trackside. Some examples of events you can have at the SBD are:

- Birthday Parties
- Company Picnics
- Corporate Outings
- Donor Receptions
- Team Building Retreats
- Volunteer Appreciation
- Weddings
- Plus, many more

Derby Downs Track Rental | \$1,250 per hour

***Minimum 2 hours**

Track rental includes:

- Full use of the track for racing
- Full use of the Whitey Wahl Pavilion
- Twenty (20) adult-sized SBD cars (Children’s cars available upon request)
- Track sound system
- Staffing
- Tour of the Hall of Fame and Museum
- Use of SBD bus for transportation on grounds upon request
- Use of 10x10 tents upon request
- Use of commercial grill upon request
- Portable PA system upon request

Equipment Rental

Sully’s Tool and Party Rental is the exclusive supplier for all your rental needs at Derby Downs. All rentals must be ordered through the Events Team. If you are interested in viewing the wide selection of rental items, visit www.sullysrental.com.

Catering

You may select a caterer of your choice! All caterers must be coordinated through the Events Team.

Alcohol

No permit is required if an individual or organization intends to provide beer, or intoxicating liquor at a private function where access is restricted to invited guests only for which no admission fee is charged, or any alcoholic beverages sold.

A permit IS required if a qualified organization intends to provide beer, or intoxicating liquor either for sale by the drink or through the use of an entrance fee, cover charge, etc. The permit MUST be obtained by the qualified organization.



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Fun Facts

The Soap Box Derby was started in 1933 in Dayton, OH

Derby Downs was built and became the home of the All-American race in 1936

The track at Derby Downs is currently 989.4 ft. long

The fastest time down the track is 26.585 seconds set in 2011

The SBD operates more than 75 events a year at Derby Downs

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Parking

The parking lot at Derby Downs is located on Derby Downs Dr. just before the red gate to enter the facility. We have enough parking for more than 100 cars available for use during your event.

Age and Height Restrictions for Children

To race a SBD car, a child must be at least seven (7) years old and be a minimum of 46" tall. Each child will be required to take a break test in a SBD car prior to the trip down the track. If a child is unable to perform the necessary requirements to steer and stop the car, they will not be allowed to race, even if they meet the age and height requirements. Please understand that this is for their safety.

Waiver Forms

All racers MUST fill out and sign a waiver form prior to their trip down the track. This can be obtained from the Events Team or downloaded from our Website.

Safety Video

We encourage you to watch the Derby Downs Safety Video, presented by Meggitt Aircraft Braking Systems. To view the video, please scan the QR code below.



Additional Policies

A deposit of 25% is required upon receiving the invoice to reserve your event date. The remaining balance will be due two (2) weeks prior to your event.

You must notify us fourteen (14) days or more in advance if you wish to cancel your event for any reason. Failure to notify us in advance by fourteen (14) days or more will result in a forfeiture of your initial 25% deposit.

The use of cell phones while traveling down the track is prohibited. We will, however, be happy to snap a picture of you in your SBD car while placed in the starting gate!

Alcohol is prohibited in your SBD car. You must leave your drink in the pavilion before you travel down the hill.

If your event must be canceled due to a cause outside of the control of the Soap Box Derby or your organization (ex. COVID-19 Pandemic), we will be glad to help you find a new date the following year.

Additional questions? Please contact us!