



Greetings from Northwest Indiana Soap Box Derby Committee!! This year will be the 77th running of the NWI Soap Box Derby. We hope that you will be able to join us this year. Here are the dates that will be of interest and importance to all who wish to be involved in this year's race.

On **Tuesday, March 21st**, we will have our annual corporation and public meeting at American Legion Post 94 located at 4 Monroe Street in Valparaiso. An open meeting will be at 7:00 PM for all interested racers and sponsors.

The following car clinics will take place at Old Fairgrounds Park in Valparaiso.

Saturday, April 29th, 9:00-12:00 will be a car clinic

Saturday, May 6th, 9:00- 12:00 will be a car clinic and practice

Saturday, May 20th, 9:00- 12:00 will be a practice and car tune up

Monday, May 20th is the due date for all racer applications. A complete application (completed registration form, shirt & signage sheet, minor waiver for racer, adult waiver for adult in pits, letter of Akron intent, copy of the racer's birth certificate(if not given to secretary in 2022) and \$150 race fee) will need to be turned in to the metal box labeled NWI Soapbox located in the downstairs area of American Legion Post 94. Please place the completed race application in a sealed envelope before dropping in the box, you will find extra envelopes in the front of the metal box if needed. Please do **NOT** give the applications to any of the American Legion staff, place them in the box yourself!

Saturday, June 17 from 8:00 am -4:00 pm will be final car inspection, weigh-ins and public bracket drawing at VFW Post 98, 705 Roosevelt Road in Valparaiso. Show up **BY** 4:00 PM. A signup genius will be sent to all racer's emails to signup for a inspection time.

June 24, 2023 is Race Day! As is years past, it will be on Lincolnway between Garfield Street and Morgan Street in Valparaiso.

As more information becomes available, it will be posted on our website

(www.soapboxderby.org/northwest-indiana/about-us.aspx) and on our Facebook site

@NWISoapBoxDerby. This site is ran by the official race committee. If you have any questions for us, feel free to contact us! Mike Bottom is race director and committee chairman. His phone number is (219) 464-0445. Our email address is valposoapbox@gmail.com and our mailing address is NWI Soap Box Derby, PO Box 268, Valparaiso, IN 46384

Hope to hear from you and see you soon!

NWI Soap Box Derby Committee



Local Race Registration Form

CAR NUMBER
Local Director's Use Only

MARK WHICH DIVISION YOU ARE PARTICIPATING IN: **Stock** **Super Stock** **Masters**
 Participant's Name _____ Local Race City Organization Northwest Indiana Soap Box Derby
 Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
 Phone _____ School Grade _____ Age _____ Date of Birth _____
 Parent/Guardian Email: _____
 What year did you begin racing Soap Box Derby? _____
 How did you learn about Soap Box Derby racing? _____

I, _____, racer of a Soap Box Derby car entered in the official Soap Box Derby Local Race being held in Valparaiso, IN, hereby certify that my car has been built in full compliance with the most current construction plans and rules published by the International Soap Box Derby, Inc.

Participant Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian's Name _____ Relationship to Participant _____
 Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

I, _____ (parent/guardian), hereby certify that my son/daughter/ward, _____, entrant in the official Soap Box Derby Local Race being held in, has read the above statement completed by my son/daughter/ward and know the facts stated therein to be true. Further, I hereby grant permission for my son/daughter/ward to enter the official Soap Box Derby Local Race in Valparaiso, IN, and in the event he or she is adjudged the winner of the official Soap Box Derby Local Race, to participate in the FirstEnergy All-American Soap Box Derby World Championship in the current race year in Akron, Ohio.

Further, I understand and agree that, as a prerequisite to competing in the FirstEnergy All-American Soap Box Derby in Akron, Ohio, that my son/daughter/ward, together with his/her car, shall have undergone and passed an inspection conducted in Akron, Ohio by the International Soap Box Derby, Inc. I further understand and agree that such inspection shall be conducted using the manner and methods deemed appropriate by the International Soap Box Derby, Inc., in its sole discretion, to determine compliance with its rules, spirit and specifications applicable to that division and that the decisions of the International Soap Box Derby, Inc. and its officials regarding qualification, disqualification and compliance with the rules, spirit and specification applicable to that division shall be final and binding upon me, my son/daughter/ward and all other parties.

By signing this agreement, I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that I (parent/guardian, and/or my son/daughter/ward) may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 by attending an event that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and death. I understand and agree that this release includes any claims based on the actions, omissions, or negligence of the ISBD, its employees, volunteers, participants or others, whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during or after participation in any ISBD sanctioned event.

Event guidelines is subject to change based on state and local guidelines.

Finally, I, as such parent or guardian, in consideration of the benefits received as a result of the participation herein, and for the mutual benefits received by myself and my child and the other participants herein, hereby waive and release any and all claims, rights, causes of action, demands or otherwise, whether for personal injuries, property damage, or any other loss, damages or expenses which I, as a parent/guardian, and/or my son/daughter/ward may have against the Local Soap Box Derby, its sponsor, the International Soap Box Derby, Inc., and/or its sponsors, agents, employees, full or part-time, or associates of any status whatsoever, arising from or in any manner related to my son's, daughter's or ward's participation in the Local Soap Box Derby, the FirstEnergy All-American Soap Box Derby and/or any activities incidental or related thereto.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

I, Mike Bottom, the Local Race Director of the official Soap Box Derby Local Race being conducted by Valparaiso, IN (Race City), have read the statement about, signed by the entrant and his or her parent/guardian, and understand the facts therein to be true. I have inspected his/her car and, in my opinion, it meets all construction requirements for the Stock, Super Stock, or Masters division.

Local Race Director Signature _____ Date _____



Minor Waiver Release Form

Child's Full Name: _____ Age: _____ DOB: _____

Parent/Guardian Full Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

I _____ (parent/guardian) hereby certify I am the legal parent or guardian of _____ (son/daughter/ward). As such parent/guardian, I agree to my son, daughter, and/or ward of being permitted to utilize the Soap Box Derby race track facilities in _____, and in consideration of the benefits received by myself and my child and/or ward as a result of said use, I, together with my heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, hereby release, waive, and forever discharge and covenant not to sue the Local Soap Box Derby, its sponsors, the International Soap Box Derby, Inc., its sponsors, and/or all of their officers, agents, members, employees, full or part-time, insurers, lessees, lessors, and associates of any status whatsoever, all for the purpose herein referred to as Releasees, from all liability to me, my heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns for all loss or damage, and any claim or damage therefore, on account of injury to my person, child, and/or ward, or property or resulting in my death, whether caused by the negligence of Releasees or otherwise while I or my child/ward is utilizing the above described race track facilities and/or observing any Soap Box Derby and/or related event being held in _____.

I hereby further agree to indemnify and to hold forever harmless the said Releasees from any and all claims, loss, liability, damage, or cost Releasees may incur due to my and or my child/ward's presence in _____ while utilizing the above-described race track facilities, and/or participating in and/or observing said Soap Box Derby races and/or events.

I hereby assume all responsibility for and risk of bodily injury, death, or property damage due to any act or omission of Releasees while so I, or my child/ward, is utilizing the above described race track facilities and/or participating in and/or observing said Soap Box Derby races and/or events.

I expressly agree that this release, waiver, and indemnity agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the laws of the State of Ohio and that if any portion thereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full force and legal effect.

I, being of lawful age, as legal parent or guardian, in consideration of, and/or my child/ward, to utilize the above described racetrack facilities and/or participate in and/or observe Soap Box Derby races and/or events in _____ release and forever discharge Releasees, their heirs, administrators, and executors of and from any and every claim, demand, action, of whatsoever kind or nature, either in law or in equity arising from or by reason of any bodily injury or personal injuries known or unknown, death, and/or property damage which may occur as a result of my, and/or my child/ward's utilization of the above described race track facilities and/or any participation in and/or observation of Soap Box Derby races and/or events in _____ or any activity in connection therewith, whether by negligence or not.

COVID-19 Release

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By signing this form you are granting Soap Box Derby, 789 Derby Downs Dr. Akron, OH 44306, United States, permission to email you. You can revoke permission to mail to your email address at any time using the Safe Unsubscribe link found at the bottom of every email. We take your privacy seriously (to see for yourself, please read our Email Privacy Policy located on our website). Emails are serviced by Constant Contact.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Signature of Witness

Date



Adult Waiver

Full Name: _____ Age: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

In consideration of being permitted to utilize the Soap Box Derby race track facilities in _____ and in consideration of the benefits received by me as a result of said use, I, together with my heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, hereby release, waive, and forever discharge and covenant not to sue the Local Soap Box Derby, its sponsors, the International Soap Box Derby, Inc., its sponsors, and all of their officers, agents, members, employees, full or part-time, insurers, lessees, lessors, and associates of any status whatsoever, all for the purpose herein referred to as Releasees, from all liability to me, my heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns for all loss or damage, and any claim or damage therefore, on account of injury to my person or property or resulting in my death, whether caused by the negligence of Releasees or otherwise while I am utilizing the above described race track facilities and/or observing any Soap Box Derby and/or related event being held in _____.

I hereby further agree to indemnify and to hold forever harmless the said Releasees from any and all claims, loss, liability, damage, or cost Releasees may incur due to my presence in _____ while utilizing the above-described race track facilities, and/or participating in and/or observing said Soap Box Derby races and/or events.

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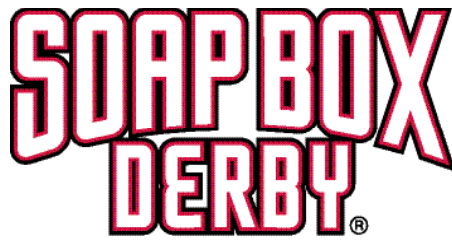
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Signature of Participant

Date

Signature of Witness

Date



Parent/Guardian Code Of Conduct

The International Soap Box Derby, Inc. has implemented the following Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct for the important message it holds about the proper role of parents in supporting their child in racing. Parents **MUST** read, understand and sign this form prior to their children participating in our races.

I understand that any action inconsistent with this Code of Conduct or any failure to take action mandated by this Code of Conduct may result in my immediate removal from the facility. I also understand that I may be suspended from following events pending a review by the Conduct Committee of the ISBD. Repeat violations may cause forfeiture of the privilege of attending all events. I acknowledge and agree that the Derby has the complete and absolute discretion to make a determination as to this issue and its decision shall be final and binding. I therefore agree:

1. I will not force my child to participate in Soap Box Derby racing.
2. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the activity is for youth, not adults.
3. I will inform the Race Director of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
4. I will learn the rules and policies of the organization.
5. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for participants, officials and spectators at every race or any related event.
6. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, racer, or parent such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures.
7. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well being of the participants, officials and spectators.
8. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
9. I will demand that my child treat other participants, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
10. I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a race or his/her performance.
11. I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time.
12. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.
13. I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning. I will also de-emphasize races and competition in the lower age groups.
14. I will promote the emotional and physical wellbeing of the racers ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
15. I will respect the officials and their authority during races and will never question, discuss, or confront others at the race track, and will take time to speak with officials at an agreed upon time and place.
16. I will demand an environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all events.
17. I acknowledge and agree that any decisions of the officials of the Soap Box Derby shall be final and binding upon me and my child in all respects and at all times.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____



Name of Racer(printed)_____

Name of Parent/Guardian(printed)_____

Signature of Parent/Guardian_____

Race Day Shirts

Please indicate which size shirt will be needed. One shirt per participant is included in the entry fee, any additional shirts are \$15 each & need to be sent on a separate order form.

ADULT MEN SIZES ONLY

_____ Small

_____ Medium

_____ Large

_____ XL

_____ 2X

_____ 3X

Signage Info for Derby Cars

Type of derby car(circle one): Stock Super Stock Masters

A name decal will be provided for those who need it, do you need one? Yes or No
What color would you prefer your name to be if needed? Black or White

A Signage/sponsors decal will be provided if needed, do you need one? Yes or No
(attach copy of logo/design if a logo is needed)

This form MUST be completed and returned with Race Registration Form.

INTENT TO RACE IN NATIONALS IN AKRON, OHIO

If your racer wins this local race in Valparaiso, Indiana, they automatically qualify to race in the All-American Soap Box Derby which is held in Akron, Ohio, every year. This year the race week will begin July 16th and will last through Saturday, July 22nd. Your car will have to be dropped off in Akron, Ohio, July 9-15 or could be shipped at your own expense. You will be responsible for the cost of either transportation or shipping to get your winner's car to Akron. The NWI Soap Box Derby will be providing winners with \$500 to help pay for expenses for the Nationals Race Week. In previous years the All-American Soap Derby has made hotel partners to help with the cost of lodging for race week. In 2022, those hotels ranged from \$100-150 per night. What you as a family need to decide now is can or can you not attend?

RACER'S RESPONSIBILITY

- Getting car to Akron, July 9-15
- Race week July 16-22
- Getting car back from Akron after July 22

With all the information given, if you win will your racer be going to Akron?

YES, I WANT TO GO TO AKRON. And I understand the time and money I'm responsible for with saying I will go

NO, I CAN'T GO TO AKRON but I still plan to try my best and even possibly win my local race.

RACER SIGNATURE

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE