

CINCINNATI SOAP BOX DERBY

WHAT TO EXPECT ON RACE DAY

STOCK & SUPER STOCK check in: 7:30am-8am (Racing will occur rain or shine)

Parents and drivers – please be sure to stay close to the pit area so we can keep the race moving. Do not allow drivers to leave the pit area to play in other areas of the park. If we call a driver and they are not present they can be disqualified.

Stock & Super drivers and **car handlers** (handlers must be able to lift the car on and off a trailer) must check in by 8 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. Please be sure to wear close toed shoes. No sandals are allowed. The less bulky the drivers shoes are the easier it is to enter and exit the car. (ie – swim shoes, old ballet shoes)

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. **NOTE: If the race committee determines that a driver cannot safely drive or stop a derby car for the safety of that driver and those in attendance the driver will not be permitted to race.**

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 to a designated area. At the drivers' meeting the race directors will go over the rules and will discuss the wheel swap. 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 and load on trailers to head to 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.** We will begin the actual race after all new drivers have completed test runs. 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 and they will need to swap two wheels based on the wheel swap for the race. After wheels have been

exchange drivers head to the designated area and line up at the starting ramps with your opponent for the phase A heat.

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. Driver and opponent from phase A will exchange **all four wheels** while the cars on the trailer and then 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, **then switch the two remaining wheels from your opponents car so you DO NOT have the wheels you started with at the beginning of the heat.**

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

The race day will consist of a double elimination race. Your driver will be able to drive down the track a minimum of four times.

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.

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.

