

# Greater Houston Soap Box Derby (GHSBD)

## NDR Race Day Information Sheet

### What you need to bring (this includes loaner car participants):

- ✓ Cordless screw driver or drill with Phillips head driver (fully charged).
- ✓ ½ " wrench and pliers or vise grips.
- ✓ Car stands and cover (optional).
- ✓ Bring copy of the driver's birth certificate (if not previously on file with GHSBD)
- ✓ Water and sunscreen (Food Concession Stand provided by BSA Crew 152)
- ✓ Folding chairs and tents (optional).

### See Race Day Schedule For Times

**Car Drop-Off:** Drop off your Derby car in designated set-up area. Once you have unloaded your Derby car, please park your vehicle in the back parking lot. Loaner cars that have been reserved will be in set-up area.

**Loaner Cars:** Loaner cars are available, please indicate on the registration if you will need one. Loaner cars are provided with a default weight setup. All first-time racers are encouraged to utilize the car in this configuration. Otherwise you must plan to be at the track when the gates open, with the proper tools and adult assistance to fine tune the weight to your driver.

**Check-In:** Go to Registration Desk, check-in and pay.

- If you pre-registered pick-up your registration forms and sign.
- Or fill-out and sign registration forms provided.
- 1 Race Day Race Event - Pay Registration Fee = \$35.00 (\$30.00 for each additional driver in family).
- 2 Race Day Race Event - Pay Registration Fee = \$60.00 (\$50.00 for each additional driver in family).
- **Let Race Officials know if you have reserved a loaner car.**
- You will receive a paid receipt with your division and car number noted (Stock 100's, Super Stock 200's and Masters 300's).

### Getting your car ready to race:

1. Before getting in line for weigh-in, remove car shell and add weights to get as close to the maximum weight for your division. The maximum weight includes the driver and helmet.

- Maximum weight for Stock Division is 200 lbs.
- Maximum weight for Super Stock Division is 240 lbs for NDR Rallies.
- Maximum weight for Masters Division is 255 lbs for NDR Rallies.
- Maximum tail weight is 15 lbs. This means the rear of the car can not be more than 15 lbs heavier than the front with driver in driving position.

2. If you are over or under by more than a few pounds please move car off scales and adjust your weights. You will be next in-line for the scales.

3. Place numbers on upper left and right FRONT sides of car where wheels are located. Must be easily visible by Race Officials.

4. Once you have weighed-in and a Race Official has done a safety check, screw the shell onto the floorboard.

5. Now you are ready to race, make sure you and your race team attends the drivers' meeting held before the race. Feel free to ask any questions you have at this meeting.

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**Race Team Responsibilities:** Each driver should have one or two adult helpers. Assistance is needed at the bottom for wheel swaps and loading cars onto trailers. Assistance is needed topside for unloading and staging the car. You will be assigned an area in the pits. Your car should remain in this location when you are not racing. Make sure that you or one of your race team is near your car at all times so the call-out volunteers can give you your race assignments. Also make sure you leave your helmet in your car when not racing. Your race team will need to load your car on the trailers at both the bottom and top of hill and assist in wheel swaps and loading car on starting ramp.

**IMPORTANT:** These races are very dependent on volunteers; please encourage other interested adults to contact GHSBD and become involved.

**Popup Shade Tents** are allowed but must be setup on the west side of the track in the grass areas. Please leave line-of-site clear around the timer tent. All track crossing must be done at the far north end of the track. Don't forget the sunscreen, hats, and to stay hydrated.

**When you are finished racing (loaner cars and borrowed weights):**

1. Remove all weights that you took from weight wagon and place back in weight wagon.
2. Place shell back on car and add a few screws to hold shell on. Place remaining screws in plastic bag provided and your helmet inside the car.

## **Sportsmanship**

Greater Houston Soap Box Derby believes that Sportsmanship is an honorable quality that reflects courtesy, fairness, and respect. It is a blending of winning humbly, losing graciously, observing the spirit and letter of the rules, and showing consideration for fellow racers, adults, officials and spectators. It is enjoying the sport of Derby by the code of conduct, "treat others as you would want to be treated". A racer who practices good sportsmanship is likely to carry the respect and appreciation of other people into every other aspect of life.

## **Fundamentals of Sportsmanship**

1. Respect and encourage your opponents.
2. Respect the judgment of race officials.
3. Understand and follow car construction rules and race procedures.
4. Maintain self-control. Be cool. Don't complain or make excuses.
5. Recognize and appreciate others' skills.
6. Have fun, do your best, strive to improve your car and your driving abilities, race hard but fairly.

Sportsmanship is also as simple as a smile and a pat on the back from a parent in support and encouragement of their driver, without criticism or correction of mistakes. Kids who see adults behaving in sportsmanlike ways as role models generally come to understand that real winners are those who show respect and dignity. Adults can promote a "fun is number 1" attitude for everyone involved.

**Good sports are winners.**

**Good sportsmanship is contagious.....pass it on!**