

23rd ANNUAL DAKOTA SOAP BOX DERBY

April 21, 2018

Dear New and Returning Derby Racer,

The 23rd Annual Soap Box Derby is getting close so if you would like to participate it is time to contact the business or organization and ask them if they would support you again this year. If you cannot find a sponsor or do not have a car but would like to race a car contact Scott or Wes. (contact info at the bottom of the second page) **The date of the Dakota Soap Box Derby this year is Saturday June 2, 2018 (rain date June 3rd)**

Enclosed is an **official entry form for The Derby Race & Rally Racing**, which must be filled out and returned to the Committee c/o SVSBDC 323 N Central Ave #101, Valley City, ND 58072 along with your driver fee of **\$50**. We recommend that the driver pay the driver's fee of **\$50** but some sponsors are willing to pay the drivers fee along with the sponsors fee of **\$50**. If you and your family sponsor your car the total fee is **\$100**. (**all forms must be submitted by May 21th**) Also enclosed is the **driver's information card**. To show our appreciation we try to read the information that you supply on the card each time that you are racing on the track. So please give us the information you would like people to hear and send the card in with your entry form. Please indicate your email address on the entry form for further (next yrs registration and other) communication between you and Soap Box Derby. (Please check that sbsbdc@live.com is in your safe file so that you receive future emails from us) We are on Facebook under Sheyenne Valley Soap Box Derby Club, please like us; to keep up to date with upcoming events and announcements.

IMPORTANT NOTES TO PARENTS:

The Derby Committee understands that not all who participate have the resources to fund changes to each car they sponsor or drive, so we have allowed those cars to participate provided they pass a rigorous safety inspection prior to each race. However, as of July 1, 2011, the Derby Committee will no longer allow this practice. Only new or legally updated cars will be allowed to run in the 2017 derby.

The reason that replacement and updating is necessary is that, should the winning car happen to be running with illegal parts and equipment, it must be made fully legal before it is sent to Akron. The upgrades MUST be at the expense of the driver's family and/or sponsor. Derby cars and parts can be ordered online at <http://www.soapboxracing.com>

SOAP BOX DERBY BOARD APPROVES CHANGES TO FOUR RULES

These changes, which are all effective immediately, are intended to reduce the expense of purchasing new racer components, to encourage participation and to promote fair competition. The changes are:

Floorboards: The All-American organization is rescinding a change that was to take effect on Aug. 1, 2012, requiring racers to buy new floorboards. Any floorboard will be permitted as long as it has been engraved with the Soap Box Derby logo (a process that began in 1999). Floorboards need to meet the measurements in the plans.

Axles: Also rescinded is a rule change requiring new axles. In the Stock and Super Stock divisions, axles made in 2000 and newer years are permitted; Masters' car axles must be from 2004 or newer. Year of manufacture is stamped on the axles.

Floorboard coatings: Racers now can coat their floorboards with tung oil in addition to wax. The current rule limits any coating to wax.

Epoxy: Epoxy is permitted only in the bushing installation. The kingpin needs to be removable at all times.

Age & weight Limitations: Participants in the **Stock Division** (200lbs) must be seven (7) years of age by the date of the first Local race in which they participate. They must not turn fourteen (14) years of age on or before July 31. Participants in the **Super Stock Division (240lbs)** must be nine (9) years of age by July 31 in the race year in which they participate. They must not turn eighteen (19) years of age on or before July 31.

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK –Pits will be open Tuesday & Wednesday all day for parts and to work on cars. contact: Scott Miller 701-840-2417

Thursday June 1 5:00pm – 9:00pm *Inspections – Youth Sports Complex - **FIRST-TIME RACERS REQUIRED** to be inspected on this date. (In town racers)

Friday June 1 5:00pm – 9:00pm *Inspections – Youth Sports Complex (Out of town/state racers)
6:00pm Picnic for drivers and families-Youth Sports Complex
6:30pm Driver's Meeting-Youth Sports Complex>following the drivers meeting we will be holding our SVSBD Membership Meeting (to elect new board members for the upcoming year)

Saturday June 2 7:30am Group picture
8:00am -9:00am Driver Trial Runs
9:30am Opening Ceremonies
9:30am-5:30pm Derby Racing

***RACERS ARE REQUIRED 2 CAR HANDLERS.**

***EVERY FAMILY WILL BE REQUIRED TO SIGN UP FOR VOLUNTEER DUTIES BEFORE/DURING AND AFTER THE RACE DAY.**

**Any racer from out of town will be allowed to go through inspection Friday following the picnic/meeting.*

***ALL FORMS AND MONEY MUST BE SUBMITTED BY, MAY 21, 2018: (if we don't receive your registration on time you may not get the correct size t-shirt you are asking for)**

***AASBD Derby Race Official Entry Form**

***\$50 Driver Entry Form & Fee**

***\$50 Sponsor Entry Form & Fee**

***A Copy of your Birth Certificate:**

Mail To: SVSBDC
323 N Central Ave N # 101
Valley City, ND 58072 (or drop off at Central Ave Pharmacy)

*Driver information card will be filled out by driver when car is inspected

If you are in need of additional information you may contact me (Scott Miller) at 701-840-2417, Wes King 701-840-9051 email: svsbdc@live.com