

## 23rd ANNUAL DAKOTA SOAP BOX DERBY

To: New and Returning Soap Box Derby Sponsors

Date: April 21, 2018

**The 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Soap Box Derby will be held Saturday June 2, 2018(rain date June 3<sup>rd</sup>)**

The Dakota Soap Box Derby Committee is now operating on its own for the past couple of years and we sincerely thank you for sponsoring a soap box derby car in the past. If this is new to you, we would like to invite you to take part and sponsor a driver. Simply stated, without you and other sponsorships the Dakota Soap Box Derby would not exist. Your participation and generosity make it possible for the youth of our community and nearby communities to enjoy a wonderful family-oriented event. Please seriously consider your support for the 2017 Dakota Soap Box Derby. There are lots of young drivers that would love to be a derby car driver and they need a sponsor. Also, please consider replacing any older car(s) you may have or ordering a new car. Questions and more details can be obtained by contacting Scott Miller 840-2147 or Wes King 701-840-9051

Enclosed is your **official entry form**, which must be filled out and returned to the Committee (SVSBD 323 N Central Ave #101, Valley City, ND 58072) along with your sponsor fee of **\$50**. We recommend that the driver pay the driver's fee of **\$50** but you may do so if you wish. Also enclosed is the **announcer's information card**. To show our appreciation and to insure that your business gets the recognition it deserves we try to read the information that you supply on the card each time that your sponsored car is 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 business email on the entry form for further communication.

### **IMPORTANT NOTES/CHANGES FOR SPONSORS:**

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 Limitation Changes:**

Participants in the **Stock Division** 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** must be nine (9) years of age by July 31 in the race year in which they participate. They must not turn eighteen (18) 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**

<b>Thursday May 31</b>	5:00pm – 9:00pm	*Inspections – Youth Sports Complex - <b><u>FIRST-TIME RACERS REQUIRED</u></b> to be inspected on this date. (In town racers)
<b>Friday June 1</b>	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)
<b>Saturday June 2</b>	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 FAMILIY WILL BE REQUIRED TO SIGN UP FOR VOLUNTEER DUTIES BEFORE/DURING AND AFTER THE RACE DAY.**

COME OUT AND WATCH YOUR CAR.....

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

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**\*ALL FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY MAY 21, 2017:**

- Entry Form
- \$50 Driver Entry Fee
- \$50 Sponsor Entry Fee
- Sponsor/Organization Information Card

**Mail To: SVSBDC  
323 N Central Ave #101  
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**If you are in need of additional information you may contact me (Scott Miller) at 701-840-2417 or Wes King 701-840-9051 or email us at: svsbdc@live.com**