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# NDR Rally & Challenger Racing

**Texas Top Gun Series (TTGS)** - Two NDR-sanctioned rallies for Stock & Super Stock divisions are held each season for racers who will turn at least 7 during the current school year to a maximum age of 17. Each NDR rally includes a double and a single elimination race. The TTGS is comprised of a Fall Rally and a Spring Rally. Racers earn points for awards by participating in each rally. Awards include trophies, cash prizes and TTGS champ jackets based on the **TTGS POINT SYSTEM**.

**IMPORTANT:** You must have previously received driver training at a GHSBD event held at Hockley Derby Park or raced in a sanctioned AASBD or NDR race in another city to be eligible to enter a GHSBD NDR rally or Challenger race.



## RACE DAY SCHEDULE:

- 8 AM - Check-In / Registration / Weigh-In
- 9:30 AM - Drivers Meeting / Start of "Double Elimination Race"
- Trophy presentation and lunch break (approx. noon)
- 12:30 PM (approx.): Start of "Single Elimination Race"
- 2 PM (approx.): End of 2<sup>nd</sup> race and track break-down.



## NDR Rally

**COST: \$30 ... See Registration Information Below**

## Challenger Racing (cars provided)

Participants drive derby cars with no weights added that are provided by GHSBD. This race is a fun way for new drivers to experience the Thrill of the Hill and earn TTGS points.

**COST: \$15 ...See Registration Information Below**

**Derby Cars and Handlers:** An official AASBD Stock or Super Stock car built to NDR rules with the exception of MAX WEIGHT LIMIT posted by GHSBD on following pages. Loaner cars are available but must be set up at a Practice Day prior to a race (does not include Challengers). Each team must provide one car handler to help lift car on/off trailers and position car into starting gate.

**Race Format:** A double elimination (morning) and single elimination (afternoon) each using a lane swap/wheel swap, timer differential race format (no wheel swap for Challengers).

## Registration Information:

**Pre-Register:** Please email the following information to [ghsbd@hotmail.com](mailto:ghsbd@hotmail.com)

- Entrant's Name & Age
- Contact Information
  - Street Address, City, State, Zip
  - Phone Number
  - Email Address
- Parent/Guardian's Name
- Division (Stock, Super Stock, Challenger Stock or Challenger Super Stock )

**Registration Form:** A printed copy of the official GHSBD/NDR Entry Form with the above information filled in will be provided at registration the day of the event for entrant and parent/guardian to sign.



**Helmets** - NDR Rallies require helmets like the one pictured (an official AASBD helmet). Loaner helmets are available.

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**NDR Rally Information Sheet**

**Loaner Car Program (defined)**

A limited amount of derby cars are available to loan from Harris County Pct 4. These *County Loaner Cars* participate fully in a Stock or Super Stock race event, just as a driver owned cars. This includes adding weights to the car specific to the driver, bracketed racing, and wheel/lane swaps. A County Loaner Car is assigned to a single driver for any given race event. To reserve a Loaner Car you must email a request to ghsbd@hotmail.com and attend the **Open Track Test Day** to set up your loaner car.

**What you need to bring:**

1. Racing Shoes: Must have hard soles, you can not wear just socks (Aqua Socks are OK).
2. Please bring the following tools Race.
  - Cordless screw driver or drill with Phillips head driver (fully charged).
  - ½ " wrench and pliers or vise grips. Car stands and cover (optional).

**What you need to do:**

1. Check race schedule posted on website for times.
2. Check-in at the registration desk located in the Derby Barn's office.
3. Driver & parent/guardian must sign entry form provided and pay \$30 entry fee.
4. You will be given 2 printed labels with your car number (Stock 100 & Super Stock 200 series). One label goes on the left side of your car just behind cockpit opening and one on the left side of your helmet.

**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 180 lbs. (previously 200)
  - Maximum weight for Super Stock Division is 210 lbs. (previously 240)
  - 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 you weights. You will be next in-line for the scales.
3. Once you have weighed-in and a Race Official has done a safety check, screw the shell onto the floorboard.
4. WHEEL WASHERS & CLIPS: Only ONE wheel washer per wheel is allowed.
5. Find an area in the pits where your car will remain when you are not racing. Pop-up tents are allowed but must be secured with weights. 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.

**Drivers Meeting:**

**All Participants** are required to attend a driver's meeting before the race at the grandstands. Make sure you and your race team are there. Feel free to ask any questions you have.

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### **Track Rules:** ...*For a safe, fair and efficient race*

1. STAY NEAR YOUR CAR. Have a team member next to your car at all times during the race.
2. NO WORKING ON CARS ONCE RACE BEGINS. If you have a car problem or a question about the running of the race please ask a Race Official.
3. NO WALKING ON TRACK DURING RACE.
4. DRIVERS STAY IN YOUR LANE AND YOUR CAR DURING A RUN.
5. NO HORSE PLAY. No throwing or kicking balls and riding scooters or skateboards.
6. DON'T MESS WITH TEXAS. Clean-up after yourself and your team.
7. NO SMOKING

**Race Team Responsibilities:** Each driver should have one or two adult helpers. Assistance is needed for wheel swaps, loading cars onto and off trailers and staging the car in the starting gates at topside. 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.

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

1. Remove all weights that you took from weight wagon and place back in the barn.
2. If you removed shell please place back on car and add screws.

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

### **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.

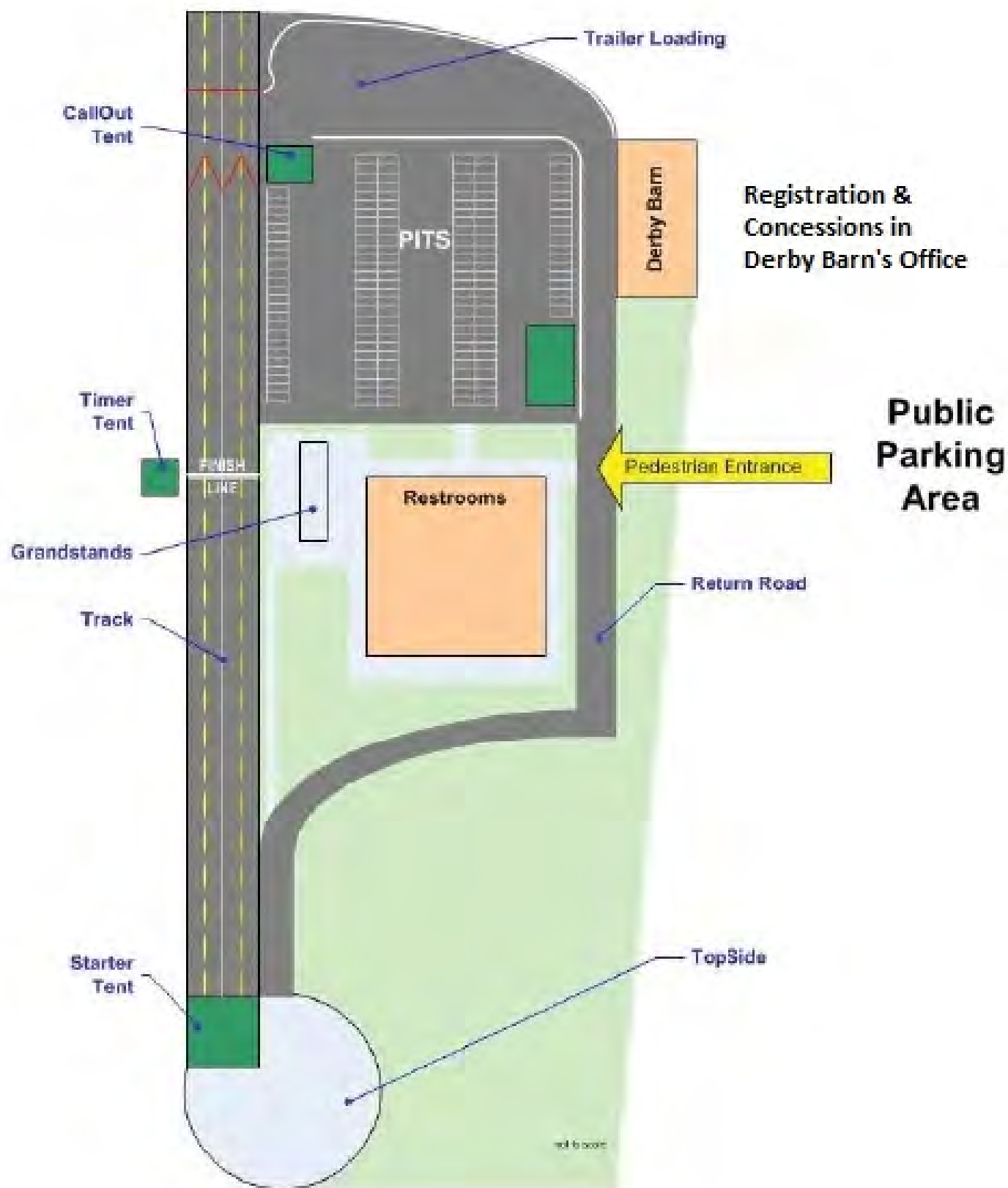
### **Fundamentals of Sportsmanship**

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.**



## Harris County Pct. 4 Hockley Derby Park

28515 Old Washington County Rd, Hockley, TX 77447 (Next to Hockley Community Center)

**Directions from U.S. 290:** Exit Kermier Rd. and head south on Kermier. Cross over Hempstead Rd./ Business U.S. 290. Go over railroad crossing and turn right on Old Washington County Rd. Hockley Community Center & Derby Park parking lots are on the left just past the next railroad crossing.

