

Greater Houston Soap Box Derby
NDR Rally Information Sheet

Loaner Car Program (defined)

A limited amount of derby cars are available to loan from Harris County Pct 3. 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 200 lbs.
 - Maximum weight for Super Stock Division is 240 lbs.
 - 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.

Continued on next page...

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 GHSBD 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.



GHSBD #

OFFICIAL RACE ENTRY FORMRace City & State Houston, TX (Greater Houston Soap Box Derby) Race Date _____**Entry and Advertising Release:**

In consideration of this entry, car owner and parent or legal guardian agree to permit National Derby Rallies, Inc. (NDR) to use their names and pictures and pictures of their car for publicity, advertising and commercial promotions before, during and after the event, and do hereby relinquish any rights whatsoever to any photos taken in connection with the event, and given permission to publish or sell or otherwise dispose of said photographs to National Derby Rallies, Inc. All publicity and advertising rights are reserved by NDR.

General Information:

National Derby Rallies, Inc is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to promote the advancement of gravity racing and provide multiple opportunities for the child and family to participate in gravity racing competition. National Derby Rallies, Inc. is not affiliated with nor is it a part of any other Soap Box Derby organization or function.

Operation:

Each local race is managed by a local director who has total discretion and responsibility for the conduct of his or her local race subject to the rules and procedures established by National Derby Rallies, Inc.

Liability:

In consideration of the acceptance of the right to participate, participants and spectators by execution of this entry form expressly release and discharged National Derby Rallies, Inc and their officers, directors, employees, agents, sponsors, representatives, all local supporters, and servants and anyone else connected with management or presentation of National Derby Rallies, Inc. of and from any and all known and unknown damages, injuries, loses, judgements, and/or claims from any cause whatsoever that may be suffered by any entrant to his person or property. Further, each entrant expressly agrees to indemnify all of the foregoing entities, firms, persons, and bodies of and from any and all liability occasioned or resulting from the conduct of entrants or any participant assisting or cooperating with entrant and under the direction or control of entrant.

I have read and agree to all conditions of National Derby Rallies, Inc. rules governing the event. I sign under no threat or force or duress of any kind and voluntarily sign this form of my own choosing. I have also read and agree to the GHSBD WAIVER / RELEASE at the bottom of this page.

Entrant's Signature_____
Parent/Guardian Signature_____
Entrant's Legal Name _____ age __________
Street Address __________
City/State/Zip __________
Phone _____ Email __________
Parent/Legal Guardian _____

Division (check one):

- ☐ Stock Loaner Car Needed
- ☐ Super Stock
- ☐ Masters
- ☐ Challenger (cars provided)

Assigned
NDR
Number

GHSBD WAIVER / RELEASE: In consideration of the benefits received as a result of being granted the right to PARTICIPATE in a SOAP BOX DERBY EVENT hosted by Greater Houston Soap Box Derby, the above signed participant, who meets the GHSBD AGE REQUIREMENTS*, and their parent or guardian do hereby expressly waive, release, and discharge from any and all claims, rights, causes of action, demands or otherwise the Greater Houston Soap Box Derby, its directors, volunteers, sanctioning organization, sponsors, Harris County, Harris County Precinct 3, or Harris County Parks, whether for death, personal injuries, property damage, or any other loss, damages, or expenses which I, as a participant and/or a parent or guardian, and/or my son, daughter, or ward may have arising from or in any manner related to my or my son's, daughter's, or ward's participation in any activities incidental or related thereto. We specifically agree that our above signatures apply to this paragraph also.

.....
*GHSBD AGE REQUIREMENTS: All participants must be at least 7 years of age but no more than 21 to participate in NDR Rally races. A child who is 6 but will turn 7 during the current school year is also eligible to race.