



# Kiwanis Club of Hopkinsville, KY



Presents



## *“The All-American Soap Box Derby”*

### ORIENTATION

#### Calendar of Events

Building Clinic #1: Saturday, May 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2009	8:00am – 12:00am
Building Clinic #2: Saturday, May 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2009	1:00pm – 4:00pm
Building Clinic #3: Saturday, May 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2009	8:00am – 12:00pm
Building Clinic/Inspection/Impound:	Friday, June 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2009      5:00pm – 8:00pm
Final Inspection & Impound:	Saturday, June 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2009      8:00am – 12:00pm
Derby Banquet (Bruce Convention Center):	Thursday, June 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2009      6:00pm – 8:00pm
Trial Runs (Bethel Street):	Friday, June 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2009      5:00pm – 8:00pm
4 <sup>th</sup> Annual Kiwanis Soap Box Derby:	Saturday, June 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2009      8:00am – 3:00pm

#### Construction Do's & Don't's

1. READ ALL CONSTRUCTION STEPS CAREFULLY!!
2. No paint on the inside of the cars
3. Follow the instructions regarding decal placement
4. Use Plate-Steel whenever possible for weighting the cars
  - a. NEW RULE: Tail-weight must not exceed the nose-weight by more than 15 lbs.
5. Follow the instructions carefully regarding the “washer stack” on the front/rear axles
6. If you're a new racer/parent to a car that has already been built, you MUST substantially re-construct the car together. This is as much a safety concern as it is a way to ensure that the racers and their grown-up teammates work together!
7. EVERY car must have a “nose screw” (through the nose into the floorboard)
8. There should be approx. 1/8” of the floorboard visible below the body all around the car
9. ALL WEIGHTS MUST BE MARKED TO IDENTIFY THEIR AMOUNTS!!!
10. Wheels CANNOT be lubricated or otherwise modified.
11. IMPORTANT!! – Please note whether your brake pad needs to be replaced.
12. The Derby Committee will be SELLING parts for race teams/sponsors to purchase at all building clinics and on race day.

#### Inspection

1. Inspection will be made only on the dates listed above. ALL cars MUST be completed ON or BEFORE 12:00pm on Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>.

2. **IMPORTANT!!** – Please have the shell of your car attached with **ONLY** 4-8 screws to allow removal of the shell for a complete inspection.

### **Race-Day Details**

1. The Derby will begin at 8:00am, with the presentation of colors and the National Anthem. The Derby is expected to last until approximately 3:00pm. ALL participants are encouraged to stay all day, of course! Cheer on your fellow racers!
2. One adult per race team will be responsible for unloading the car at the hill-top, moving the car in and around the pit area, and from the pit into the ramp line-up. **ONLY** that adult is permitted into the pit area.
3. Only designated Kiwanians will be responsible for the wheel-change process. No race team members will be permitted to alter or adjust the wheels once the car is on the ramp.
4. Food will be available for sale during the Derby...come prepared in case you get hungry or thirsty!
5. Again, the Derby Committee will be selling parts on Race Day for last minute or emergency repairs.
6. **HELMETS – ARE REQUIRED!!** If you or your team doesn't already have a helmet, please let us know **IMMEDIATELY!** We'll order one on your behalf (cost \$14.00).
7. In order to expedite the ramp line-up process, the cars will not be weighed again on race day. Instead the **RACER** will be weighed. **BE PREPARED TO MAKE APPROPRIATE WEIGHT ADJUSTMENTS.**
  - i. Remember to have small-sized weights available in order to make minor adjustments to the car's maximum weight after the racer is weighed.
  - b. Stock Weight MAX: 200 lbs
  - c. Super Stock Weight MAX: 230 lbs
  - d. Masters Weight MAX: 255 lbs

**FOR FURTHER QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS** you can reach the Derby Committee at the following numbers and addresses:

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