2023 Fountain Tire St Albert Soapbox Derby April 18, 2023 UPDATE #8



REMINDER: Families with more than one racer

Registered racers are placed into one of three age based race groups Group 1- 6, 7, and 8 year olds, Group 2 - 9, 10 and 11 year olds and Group 3 - 12, 13, 14 year olds.

Families can use the same cart for multiple racers *in different age categories.* Each racer needs to be individually registered.

Build Update

Fountain Tire St Albert Soapbox Derby hosts two (2) Info/Build sessions focused on new cart builders.

The 1st session of 2023, April 15th session, was a standing room only allow builders to see a build and ask questions. It is our view that parents are very busy and ways to make their build safe, quick to construct and operationally easy are desirable. Several attendees brought their front axles to be drilled out for easier maintenance – a great idea.

Check out the St Albert Soapbox Derby <u>facebook</u> videos and pictures from the April 15 session for more details.

Next up, **is a NEW build day Saturday on April 22**. Gary Poff announced at the April 15, 2023 session, he is opening up his garage to a one day physical build day. Bring your cart parts, your tools drill, glue and screws. If you have a sawhorse or folding bench, that would be great. This is a first time offering. Ideally 5-6 builders concurrently for a couple of hours. Gary has three confirmed for 10AM. If interested, give Gary a call at 780 499-6814.

Please note, to complete your build, all carts will need to have a 3 point harness *which is an additional cost to the Build Kit parts.* Many builders recycle youth car seat seatbelts or purchase a harness online.

Check out some basic and advanced GoKit St Albert cart designs here.

BOOK YOUR INFO/BUILD SESSION

Register for final 2023 May 20 Info Build

15:00-17:00 - St Albert 234 St Albert Trail

Info Build seminar outline is found on website Build Info tab or <u>here</u> An example operational tip that will be shown and discussed is an adaptation to the steering cross member. Why? To make it easier to tighten your front wheels (reducing parent stress) on Race day....



Special thanks to **Tech Advisor Gary Poff** for this great operational tip. Got a technical question, email Gary at TechBuild@stalbertsoapboxderby.ca

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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) and Rules

Read the most frequently asked St Albert Soap Box Derby questions and <u>answers.</u>Rules and Recommendations found <u>here</u>. (*Reminder for 2023, carts must weigh between 60 and 80 lbs- without racer in it) Got a question that is not listed, send your question to <u>info@stalbertsoapboxderby.ca</u>

Understand the details of different **Build options**

See the differences in build options by examining the details of three approaches. See what is required effort wise, estimated time and dollars and what is included in a DIY, Build Kit Base option and Build Kit Plus option.

Volunteers

Volunteers are needed for Friday June 16 (Setup and practice runs) and Saturday June 17 (Race Day). Interested in what is available, please send a note to <u>Volunteer@stalbertsoapboxderby.ca</u>.Get the personal good feelings for all the young racer smiles. **Thanks Volunteer coordinators - Barb, Darlene and Judy.**