



UPDATE #6
April 23, 2024

RULE CLARIFICATION

Soapbox Build Session April 20

After the very enjoyable 2nd Info/Build Session at Fountain Tire on April 20, Soapbox is sold out of brake kits for 2024.

Please give a couple of days to replenish the popular optional rear axle steel braces (\$20) – one option to avoid rear wheel wobble.

The exchange of your front axle for a drilled out front axle bottom to provide easy access to tighten your wheels should be available mid-week – no charge.

A big thanks to volunteer Gary Poff for his time and talent to create the rear axle brace and drill out the axles.

Soapbox Community exposure

This weekend Soapbox Derby had three days of community exposure at the Chamber Lifestyle Expo April 19,20 and 21. Lots of future racers got to jump in Malcom's Lego cart , parents and grandparents ask questions from the volunteers in the Soapbox section of the Fountain Tire display. Some recent racers dropped by to say hi and "I'll be back" in 2024 was heard often.

Thanks to Michael and Lori from Fountain Tire, Sandy, Bill, Emma (and friends) and Jesse for your time in the booth during the weekend.

Soapbox is at just over **170 anticipated racers** for the 2024 Race weekend.

"Anticipated" racers is because Soapbox has a number of **incomplete individual registrations (unpaid)** and some built kit purchases at Fountain Tire that do not appear to have their racers registered – or we can't link the Kit purchaser name to a racer family name.

Registration and Finance volunteers will be following up this week with the specific registrations to get all racers registrations and payments completed.

City Hall has the 2nd and final Soapbox display just outside the library.

Rules Update. Last update had included a rule update – part of the rule 20 update (Weight) was not correct.

The maximum weight of cart was 100 pounds in 2022. A base cart weighs around 40 pounds (the minimum). After the 2022 race, Soapbox examined the mix of carts and racers and for the 2023 race reduced the cart maximum weight to 80lbs (36.3kg) and suggest the minimum weight should be 60lbs (27.2 kg).

In making the April 2024 updates, Rule 20 was meant to keep the maximum cart weight at 80lbs (36.3kg) and to recommend 60lbs (27.2kg) as minimum cart weight and have some additional information added.

Rule 20 has been corrected to read

The weight of the cart may not exceed 80lbs (36.3kg) and should be a minimum of 60lbs (27.2 kg). The driver's weight is not included in the cart weight. *Cart weight for Race weekend is recorded at Safety Inspection/Racer Orientation session.* Combined driver and cart weight is used in race scheduling in age categories.

If the Safety Director, Race Director or cart inspectors deem the weights attached to the cart to be unsafe or improperly secured, you will be requested to remove the weights prior to entering the cart into the race.

Carts are subject to random selection for weighing on race weekend. Soapbox may choose to weigh and inspect any or all carts that qualify for quarter, semi or final races.

Your Race weekend cart weight is the weight as recorded at the Safety Inspection/Racer Orientation. **No adding of cart weights AFTER Safety Inspection/Racer Orientation**

Thanks to Dave with the Alberta Iron Indians Pontiac car club for catching this omission.

Final Technical session **Hands on your cart May 11**

Your cart construction is going well and you have specific questions about something on your cart – toe in, cart weight?



Soapbox Hands on my Build Session MAY 11 location supplied with RSVP

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The date has been changed to May 11 **NEW for 2024**

Bring your cart to "the Soapbox build HQ garage" for a hands on experience. 10 - 4 on Saturday.

Prerequisite: Your cart is built but maybe not finished not all the final body lines are done or it may need some paint. You are looking to get hands on experience with steering (toe in wheel setup), operational feedback or other cart related questions *specific to your Soapbox derby cart.*

Builders and racers welcome. **RSVP requested so we can accommodate as many as possible. Location will be provided week before**

Register for the May 11 Hands on your Cart session [here](#).

Hands on session location will be sent to those who RSVP about a week before. The session will be at a private garage in St Albert **-not at Fountain Tire St Albert.**

A scale to give you a good indication of your cart weight will be available.

Soapbox Derby awareness – Carts around the City – Goes Video

Phase 1 Sponsor awareness was different shots of carts in the sponsor businesses. Stay tuned for Phase 2 Social Media for more “**carts around town**” – **promoting our sponsors and supporters – using video.**

The 2023 Chamber Soapbox Promo video can be seen [here](#).

Racer Parents: Please mark these dates in your 2024 Calendars.

*******MANDATORY *******

Cart Inspection and Racer Orientation – Saturday June 8 10-2

Carts are inspected and weighed. Racers go through an individual orientation using their cart. **REQUIRED** so your racer(s) can be scheduled to race.

NAKI Transit Centre - Event details and Site map to follow

Racer scheduling is based on carts/racers who complete and pass on June 8

Each racer is scheduled for a minimum of three (3) races on June 15.

OPTIONAL BUT STRONGLY RECOMMENDED

Soapbox Walk thru and Practice – Friday June 14 Evening –

Arrive at Race Hill - St Vital Ave, see the area and parking. Visit registration to check your Saturday Race times and get your racer/volunteer packages. Unload your cart. Go through what you will do on Saturday. Get some practice races in. **LEAVE YOUR CART ON THE HILL – OVERNIGHT SECURITY ON SITE.**

Race Day - Saturday June 15 – Age Category starting time will be provided after Inspections have been completed.... usually mid week.

NOTE: 1st race 7:30AM in 2023, asked to be ready to race 15 minutes before. Details on the how race day works and scheduling in a future update **Please allow for extra time – you know your racer(s) the best. Friday night will give you an idea of how things work.**

Anticipate 60-80 other racer parents in your age category will be arriving at the same time all trying to have a perfect experience with their young racers.

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Have friends who are interested, please forward this email have them visit the StAlbertSoapboxDerby.ca website and [subscribe](#) for future updates.

Volunteers are very welcome, please email

Volunteer@stalbertsoapboxderby.ca for volunteer opportunities.

Any general questions, please send an email to Info@stalbertsoapboxderby.ca
St Albert Soap Box Derby Working Group

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