

Communications #7 for 2025

**26 Days to Race Day 2025 - 160/ 175 racer
seats allocated**



****** Sent to all the Soapbox subscribers on May 18, 2025 *******

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26 Days to Race Weekend 2025

If you have some on your race team that should be getting this information directly, please have them subscribe. Subscription can be found at the bottom of the homepage and takes less than a minute to complete.

If you preordered replacement wheels, you have been contacted to let you know good news they have arrived at Fountain Tire St Albert. If you missed the preorder, and may need wheels, there are some extra wheels currently at Fountain Tire.

Race weekend, Soapbox does have limited "emergency" wheels to replace in race damaged wheels reserved for race weekend - not for general sale.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteer Lead Debby is calling past volunteers and those who indicated volunteer interest on your registration.

Friday night starting at 4 is setup with practice racing starting after setup is complete. More hands will make the setup time finish sooner.

Saturday is a full day race day.

If you want to contribute to the event and see the racer (and family smiles), please reach out to Debby at Volunteer@StAlbertSoapboxDerby.ca with your contact information.

1) Hands on your cart - Session May 31

Your build has been fun and almost done. Maybe a roll or two around the neighbourhood and down a hill? Your last change to have the Soapbox Build volunteer team help with your cart is on Saturday May 31 at a private garage in St Albert. Thanks to the six(6) race teams who have already RSVP'd.

Soapbox Hands on my Build Session

MAY 31 location supplied with RSVP

The date is May 31. Introduced in 2024 for "tune up" of carts.....was very well received
Bring your cart to "the Soapbox build garage" for a hands on experience. 9 to 1 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.**

RSVP here. Please bring your race tool kit - **your Allen Key for sure** so you can learn about tightening and alignment with your tools. Time will be from 9-1, location sent out the week before to those who RSVP.

***** This session is NOT at Fountain Tire St Albert *****

2)Soapbox Waiver - Past racers/inspected carts(no changes) only

If your racer and cart attended the 2023 or 2024 Cart Inspection/Driver Orientation and passed and no changes to the cart, a [waiver](#) is possible.

Race teams MUST complete a waiver request for review.

Complete and submit the waiver request by MAY 25.

Waivers received will be reviewed and contact made ONLY if questions. Submitted and no questions = AOK

No submission from a past racer/cart = no waiver

** The cart weight rules changed for the 2023 race. So older carts need to be inspected to confirm maximum 36.3kg/80lbs or suggested minimum 27kg/60bs. A base build cart weighs between 45-50 lbs. **** Rules and recommendations can be found [here](#)

3)REMINDER - MANDATORY NEW/MODIFIED CART INSPECTION/DRIVER ORIENTATION - JUNE 7

All new carts and any carts with updates since last race along with new racers and racers using updated carts MUST be at NAKI Transit Centre 11-2 for inspection, cart weighing and driver orientation. **A large team of inspectors will be there to go over your cart, orientate your**

racer and get the cart weight.

No registration required. Show up with your **racer(s)**, the **carts and helmets**.

Depending on the time and lineup, plan for at least 1/2 hour to 1 hour.

Lots of smiles ! Plan is to have the ramp and the Derbynet Scoring setup in place to test !

Reminder: Racer teams are encouraged to decorate your carts. **Please note only Soapbox sponsors have the opportunity to display their logos on their carts.** No other corporate logos are permitted. If you have a logo questions, please email info@stalbertsoapboxderby.ca

4) Race Weekend

Friday is setup/practice day starting with racing expected to start around 6PM.(depending on number of volunteers to do setup which starts at 4pm)

Racers are strongly encouraged to check in, get your racer package, see the setup and do some practice racing. Derbynet will be used Friday night to get familiar with the on hill setup and the volunteer practice. Access maps will be sent out closer to race weekend- St Vital closes at 4PM to traffic.

Security is on the hill overnight so you can leave your cart(s) saving time and stress on Saturday morning. (cover suggested)

Saturday

Like all events, Saturday there is a crunch of people which translates into longer time to park and longer walk to site that racer teams need to build into your arrival plan. Friday night participation will have given you an idea. Those racers who register and get their race page on Friday night and have their cart on the hill will have a jump start to a fun day.

Avoid the busy registration area by getting your package on Friday and experiencing the race with some practice runs.

Expect more site details (maps of access, suggestions for parking) in the coming weeks. We have the two great food vendors, Dawgoneit and the Whole Scoop back for 2025.

Finally, a big thank you to our [2025 sponsors](#). You make Soapbox happen in St Albert. A click on a sponsor logo gets you to their website and or facebook page.



Have fun building/finishing your cart(s).

If you have specific questions, please do take a read of the Build options section on the website with FAQ as well as the Build Video.

Please also check out the previous 2025 communications (this is #7) which can be found under NEWS on the home page or by clicking [here](#)

Questions to the experts.....

Volunteer@stalbertsoapboxderby.ca - Get in touch with Deb to see how you can be part of the Working Group or race weekend.

BuildTech@stalbertsoapboxderby.ca - "How to do" advise from Gary and Ed before, during and after cart is built.

Sponsorship@stalbertsoapboxderby.ca - All things sponsorship go to Michael

Finance@stalbertsoapboxderby.ca - Financial questions- Emma and Mallory

2025 withdrawl with refund for \$35 was May 1, 2025.

Registrations@stalbertsoapboxderby.ca - Registration questions get covered by Deb.

Info@stalbertsoapboxderby.ca - General questions, Rules, where to find info by to Bob