

# NEW BERLIN SOAP BOX DERBY OFFICIAL DRIVER & EVENT RULES

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This "OFFICIAL DRIVER & EVENT RULES" document is to be used in conjunction with the "OFFICIAL RACECAR SPECIFICATIONS" document

## PART I – PARTICIPANTS / SPONSORS

### A. ELIGIBILITY

1. The race is open to all New Berlin residents, and children of nonresident members who have supported the Commission for a year, within the age limits prescribed.
2. Each driver will race in the age class as specified by the Commission.
3. Sponsor involvement is limited to support of the New Berlin Soap Box Derby in cooperation with the Commission. Sponsors are prohibited from assisting in building or financing a car they have sponsored.

### B. ENTRY

1. A driver may enter only one car. Each driver must have their own car.
2. A completed entry form, signed by a parent or legal guardian, must be on file with the Commission prior to the pre-race inspection of the car.
3. A completed "Parental Consent Release & Waiver of Liability" form, signed by parent(s) or legal guardian(s), must be on file with the Commission prior to race day.
4. A five dollar (\$5.00) registration fee will be charged for each driver.

### C. DRIVER SUBSTITUTION

1. In the event of illness or other emergency recognized by the Commission, the driver may name a substitute who meets the same requirements as the driver. All substitute drivers must be approved by Commission race officials before racing.
2. In the event an award is won by a car with a substitute driver, it shall be issued only in the name of the driver entrant.
3. Once a substitute driver is named, he / she shall continue to drive the car so long as it remains in competition.

## PART II – SUPPLEMENTARY RULES

### A. DRIVING RULES

1. Drivers must be fully seated in their proper place in the car, with helmets on, before the cars will be released from the starting ramps.
2. Each car must stay in its assigned lane. If a car leaves its lane and interferes with the progress of another car, (as determined by the Chief Steward), the offending car will be assigned a "loss" for that heat. If only one other was racing in that heat, the other car will be assigned a "win." If two other cars were racing in that heat, all three shall race again to determine the winner of the heat. If the interference is the result of, or results in, a damaged or disabled car, the provisions of paragraph B.1. will apply.
3. Any driver displaying unsafe driving or poor sportsmanship may be disqualified.

### B. ACCIDENTS, DISABLED CARS

1. Any car involved in an accident or disabled for any reason, and not too severely damaged in the opinion of race officials, will be given reasonable time to be repaired. The official scorer may delay the start of that car's next race, if necessary. Any delay will not adversely affect the completion of the race segment in process. The repairs must be inspected and approved by race officials before the car is allowed to race.
2. Disabled cars will not be replaced by another car.

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**C. RACE DAY**

1. The driver and car must be present at the time assigned for race day registration and inspection. Failure to comply may result in disqualification. Reasonable time may be allowed for late arrivals, at the discretion of race officials.
2. Once a car has passed race day inspection, it will be allowed into the pit area. Cars must not be removed from the pit area except for the purposes of a practice run, competition, or as otherwise directed by race officials.
3. Race officials will call each car by number to the starting ramps. Failure to stage a car in a reasonable time may result in a "loss." Once a car is staged on the starting ramp, the crew must leave the staging area as soon as possible, to allow for timely staging of the next heat.
4. Wheels may be lubricated only with lubricants readily available at any hardware store. Icing of wheels and tires is not allowed. For safety reasons, there shall be no flammable lubricants or cleaning materials at the track site. This includes, but is not limited to, kerosene, fuel oil, gasoline, etc. Other potentially harmful substances, such as dry ice, compressed or liquefied gases, or aerosol cans, shall not be allowed in the pit area. Smoking is not allowed in the pit area. Violation of these safety rules will result in a "loss" for the first offense, and elimination of the car and driver from competition for a second offense.
5. Wheels or axle brackets shall not be removed from the car once the car is brought into the pit area, except as allowed by race officials, such as for faulty or damaged parts. In such cases, replacement parts will be allowed, and the car will be inspected and approved by race officials before the car is allowed to race.
6. Wheels must be held on the axles by cotter pins, properly bent over and secured, by the driver's crew.
7. Once a car is eliminated from competition, the Commission-supplied wheels and axle brackets are to be removed by the driver's crew, and turned back in to the Commission as directed.

**D. SCORING**

1. Racing will be on a triple-elimination basis: A driver is not eliminated until he / she has had three losses in a class of races. Finishing second or third in a particular heat is considered a "loss."
2. The top six drivers in each race class will become "finalists."
3. The six finalists in each class will compete to determine the three fastest cars in each class. These three cars will then compete to determine first, second and third place in their class. First place is named the "class champion." (See item 5 below).
4. The class champions in each race class will compete to determine the overall winner for the event. This overall winner is named the "champion of champions." The class champion of classes C and B will move their cars to the impound area once they have been declared class champion. The cars may be covered but may not be worked on. Class A champion will remain in the pit area since the "Champion of Champions" races will begin when the class A races are over. (See item 5 below).
5. Scoring for the "class champion" and "champion of champions" races will be run on a points system: 6 points for the first place driver in a heat, 3 points for second place, and 1 point for third place. Three heats will be run in each of these champion races, with each driver having the opportunity to run in each lane.
6. The decisions of the Chief Steward will be final with respect to the scoring of a race.

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## PART III – OFFICIALS

### A. DECISIONS

1. The decisions of the Chief Steward will be final and binding on all concerned. Each driver and crew, by participation in the event, agrees to be bound by the “Official Racecar Specifications, the “Official Driver & Event Rules,” and any and all decisions by the Chief Steward.
2. The authority to approve or disqualify cars and / or drivers rests solely with the race officials.
3. Any car which is judged unsafe, or not in accordance with the “Official Racecar Specifications,” may be disqualified, even though it may have passed previous inspections.

### B. FINAL NOTES

1. The “Official Racecar Specifications” and the “Official Driver & Event Rules” represent the best attempt by the New Berlin Soap Box Derby Commission to provide you with an enjoyable, FAIR and SAFE race. These documents are written to provide for fairness and safety, yet allow creativity and flexibility in design and construction. DRIVER SAFETY is our primary concern.
2. The New Berlin Soap Box Derby is an alcohol free event.
3. Contact a Commission member if you have any questions or would like more information.

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