

ALL-AMERICAN SOAP BOX DERBY



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C-8.01 RALLY PROGRAM

Introduction

Since 1985 the All-American Soap Box Derby has sanctioned rally racing. Since its inception the All-American rally program has grown into a very popular racing format. Rally racing affords families the opportunity to gain driving experience: to test ideas and concepts; to meet new people; to try new racing tracks; and most importantly, to have fun. In 1991, as a result of the rising popularity of rally racing, the Rally Commission was created to monitor the entire All-American rally program. The following rules reflect an attempt by the Rally Commission to maintain fairness in the program and to make the rewards of rally racing accessible to more families than ever before.

- a.** International Soap Box Derby, Inc., is the licensing body of the Family Rally Program. Rallying allows licensed All-American local race cities to promote their local programs.
- b.** North America will be divided into eleven districts for rally purposes. Participants in the Rally program will earn points by competing in All-American licensed rallies. Each district must hold not less than three (3) rallies in order to qualify participants for their District title.

RALLY REGIONS:

- DISTRICT I** California, Nevada, Utah, Arizona
DISTRICT II Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, N. Dakota, S. Dakota
DISTRICT III Louisiana, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas
DISTRICT IV Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri
DISTRICT V Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin
DISTRICT VI Tennessee, N. Carolina, S. Carolina, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida
DISTRICT VII Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky
DISTRICT VIII New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Maryland, District of Columbia, Delaware, New Jersey
DISTRICT IX Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island
DISTRICT X Maine, Canada
DISTRICT XI Alaska

c. Stock, Super Stock, and Masters participants in the Rally program will earn points by competing in All-American licensed rallies. The points will be awarded according to the system outlined in C-8.03.

d. District Rally Titles will be awarded annually in each of the Stock, Super Stock and Masters division. Participants in the rally program will earn points by competing in All-American licensed Rally programs. District Rally Championships in each Division will be awarded to those participants in each district who qualify. In all cases, to be considered eligible to represent their respective district at the All-American Rally Championship Race, a participant must earn a minimum of 100 points. The number of participants eligible to race at the All-American Rally Championship Race is a function of both total points earned as well as the number of sanctioned All-American rally races held by each participant's district. To determine the number of participants from each district eligible to race at the All-American Rally Championship Race, the following schedule shall control:

<u>Number of Rallies per District per Div. - Number of Champs per Division</u>	
3 – 7 Rallies	1
8 – 14 Rallies	2
15 – 21 Rallies	3
22 - 28 Rallies	4
29 – 35 Rallies	5
36 – 42 Rallies	6
43 – 49 Rallies	7
50 - 59 Rallies	8
60 - 69 Rallies	9
70 and above	10

Notwithstanding All-American Rally Championship selection criteria as set out above, all eligible drivers

who accumulate 180 or more points will receive an invitation to race in Akron. Those participants who have earned at least 180 points will be selected first. After the 180 point drivers are selected all remaining openings will be filled per the traditional format as discussed in rule C-8.01.d.

Should a rally champion loose his/her eligibility to race in the All-American Rally Championship by winning a local, the appropriate District Rally Championship would then move to the next highest eligible point earner.

Should a rally participant who has been declared a District winner and thereby eligible to race in Akron, decline the opportunity, said driver forever loses his/her eligibility to be included, going forward, as an eligible point earner in that division.

After reaching 180 points, participants will be permitted to rally as a non point racer, in another division. This rule relaxation is intended to give you some seat time in your Local car if other than your rally car. **CAUTION:** Before changing your division confirm with Akron that you have the necessary 180 points. Do not rely on your own score card! Remember should you change divisions prematurely you will forfeit your points!

e. As indicated in C-8.01.d. the number of District Rally Champions representing their respective District is based on the number of rallies held by that district. In addition, one participant in each division, the Stock, Super Stock and Masters Division (3 total) who have earned the most points during the rally year, will be invited to compete in the National Rally Championship as the National Top Point Winner. If the National Top Point Winner wins his/her Local Race, the position will not be passed down.

f. The All-American Rally Championship Race will be held with all District Title Winners having the opportunity to participate.

The All-American Rally Championship Race will be held in Akron on All-American Soap Box Derby race week. However, it will be a completely separate race from the All-American race held for the local champions. Those District Title Winners participating in the All-American Rally Championship Race must submit their cars for All-American inspection in Akron.

g. The All-American Rally Program will be governed by the Rally Commission which will be made up of a member of the Board of Trustees, who will serve as chairman, and up to eight (8) individuals representing the racing community throughout the country that have been approved by the Board of Trustees of the International Soap Box Derby.

h. All participating rally cars become the property of the All-American Soap Box Derby upon delivery and shall remain the property of the All-American Soap Box Derby until such time as they are released.

C-8.02 Participation Rules

a. All rally participants must comply with All-American Soap Box Derby rules regarding eligibility. A driver is eligible to race in the All-American Rally Championship race one time in each Division. With the following exception: Master Division drivers are eligible to race in the All American Rally Championship for a second time if they meet all of the following conditions:

- 1. The participant did not finish in the top 6 places in the Masters' Division Rally Championship in which they participated.**
- 2. The participant meets all other All American Eligibility requirements.**
- 3. The participant must construct a new Master's car utilizing none of the components from the participant's other masters car, that conforms to the current year's All American Rules.**

4. Must qualify for a District Rally Title for the current year as outlined in C-8.01d and/or C-8.03.

Be reminded that to race in any All-American sanctioned rally the participant must participate in the construction of his/her car.

b. Point Administration. That Division in which a driver initially participates during the rally season will be recorded as his/her BASE division. A driver, thereafter, will be permitted one division change per rally year without penalty. Should a driver change divisions, all points accumulated in the BASE division to that point would be forfeited. Points thereafter awarded will begin to accrue in the new division. Any subsequent change to either the third division or back to the BASE division will automatically render that participant a non-point earner for all divisions for the remainder of that rally year. A "change" in division shall be defined simply as racing or attempting to race in any division other than the current division of record.

c. Non point earner status includes the following circumstances inclusively:

- 1. Former District Title Winners who have competed in the All-American Rally Championship race and are still rallying in the same division (except for Masters participants who are competing to qualify for another District Championship as described in: C-8.02a).**
- 2. A declared District Title Winner who declines to compete in the All-American Rally Championship (per C-8.01d).**
- 3. Drivers who turn 18 years old during the rally season.**
- 4. Drivers who have changed from their BASE division as explained in C-8.02a and 8.02b.**

5. Drivers who have won their Local race (C-8.02f) and continue to rally race in a second qualified racer for the remainder of that race season.

Although they are ineligible for points, these drivers are encouraged to participate in any rally race in any division he/she wishes.

d. Participants must compete in a division in their appropriate licensed All-American local race to be considered eligible for the District Rally title.

EXCEPTION: Former local race champions are not permitted to compete again in a local race in the same division in which they were a former competitor in the All-American Soap Box Derby. However, if they are still rallying in the same division, they are eligible to earn points in the rally program and are eligible for the District Rally title.

Note – a past local champion still rallying in the same division in which he/she won the Local is not required to participate in a Local race.

e. The participant must represent the District in which his/her permanent residence is located. The mailing address on file at All-American Soap Box Derby office as of January 1 of the current race year will be used to determine the District for the remainder of that race year. Participants racing for the first time after January 1 of any given race year will represent that District containing the residence at the time of the initial rally participation. If eligible, you must enter and participate in the official Local Soap Box Derby closest to your permanent residence.

f. To be eligible, a driver must be at least eight years of age on the day of the rally.

g. Once a driver wins his/her local race and his/her winning car has been impounded, he/she may continue to rally race in his/her second qualified racer, for the

remainder of that race season as a non-eligible point earner. (PER C-3)

h. Points are awarded to the driver and not the race car. If All-American rule changes should obsolete a race car driven by a participant during the fall to spring carry over period, the driver may retain the fall rally points earned, but must construct a new legal racer to continue earning rally points the following spring.

i. Participants may compete in an unlimited number of licensed rallies, but may only participate in one race car and one division on each rally day.

j. Points earned while racing in one division may not be carried over into another division.

k. Any driver who wins his/her licensed All-American local race must represent that local in the All-American and is no longer eligible for a District Rally title in the current race season.

l. A former District Title Winner who has competed in the All-American Rally Championship race may compete in the Rally Program, but may not accumulate points in the same race division for which he/she was District Title Winner. However they are still counted as participants in the rally. Any non-eligible point earner who places in the top eight positions of a given race shall be passed over so that points shall be awarded to only the top eight eligible earning contestants.

m. Neither a former District Title Winner's car, nor any part or component of that car, which has competed in the All-American Rally Championship race in Akron, OH can be used by another participant (**or by the same participant if that participant is competing for a second Master's District Rally Title**).

n. To have your points considered, you must have a birth certificate on file at AASBD headquarters.

C-8.03 Point System

- a. District Title Winner(s) will be determined through a point system. To qualify as District Title Winner(s), the participant must take part in a minimum of three (3) rally races during the current year's rally season.
- b. The top finishing position in the point standings from each district in each division will be determined by using ONLY the participant's four best point finishes in the racing season plus total participation points. These four best point finishes plus total participation points must total a minimum of one hundred (100) points to be eligible for the title of District Title Winner. If no one in a particular district has accumulated 100 points, there will be no District Title Winner from that district in that division.

Points will be awarded as follows in the Stock and Super Stock Divisions:

1. Basic points earned from placement position – the top eight eligible finishers in a given rally will earn the following points:

Place	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th
Points	40	35	30	25	20	15	10	5

First place points (40) will only be awarded if there are eight (8) or more contestants in a given division. Stock and Super Stock Races containing less than eight (8) contestants may only award points from 8th place forward. (Example: a race with four (4) contestants would award points only for 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th positions). If time or weather precludes racing of 3rd through 8th place of any bracket, a coin toss may be used to determine prizes and trophies but not to award points.

Undetermined brackets may be averaged and points awarded evenly among the competitors involved. Example: 5th and 6th positions not determined.

$$\begin{array}{r} 20 \text{ pts. (5th)} \\ + 15 \text{ pts. (6th)} \\ \hline 35 \text{ pts. Divided by } 2 = 17.5 \text{ pts.} \end{array}$$

In the Masters Division only, full points will be awarded with six or more contestants.

Place	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th
Points	40	35	30	25	20	15

Races containing less than six (6) contestants may only award points from 6th place forward. (Example: a race with four (4) contestants would award points only for 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th positions). A rally must consist of at least four contestants to be considered an official point earning rally. If a Masters Division Rally contains more than six (6) cars, the basic points system for Stock and Super Stock as shown in C-8.03.1 would apply.

2. Participation points – one (1) will be awarded in addition to all other points earned, to each participant entering and competing in each rally. These participation points will be tabulated separately and added to the four best point finishes.
3. Tie Breakers – in the event of a tie in the final point tabulation, the first tie breaker determinations will be the total number of contestants the driver competed against in his/her top four best finishes. If a second tie breaker is required, it will be determined at the discretion of the Rally Commission.
4. The authority to qualify or disqualify official rally points, participants, or races, rests solely with the Rally Commission appointed by the Board of Trustees of the International Soap Box Derby for that purpose.
5. A point earning rally consists of at least four eligible contestants per division.
6. A participant must actually compete in the rally. Merely submitting a registration form shall not count as participation.

8.04 Program Rules

a. Only licensed All-American race cities are eligible to apply for a Rally program license and must have had one official All-American race prior to holding a rally. The Rally Request form and License Agreement must be signed by the SAME officer who signs for the All-American (i.e. Corporation President or Board Chairman, etc.) along with the Rally Director. Any deviation from the aforementioned policy must be approved by the Rally Commission at least SIXTY DAYS PRIOR to the scheduled rally date. Rally request forms for licensed All-American race cities must be submitted 30 days PRIOR to the rally date, along with payment fees.

b. The Rally program point accumulation time period shall be the current race year, **May 30, 2006 through May 28, 2007.**

c. All Family Rally Programs conducted for All-American points must be on an “open” basis with regard to entrant eligibility and may not be run based on “closed” geographic boundaries.

d. No substitute drivers permitted in the rally program.

e. Permission to hold any type of non-point race must be requested in writing and approved by the All-American Rally Commission at least 45 days in advance. Race information provided to contestants must indicate the approved actual race changes and specify the races as “non-eligible for rally points”.

f. Any entry fee charged by a local organization for participating in an All-American Rally race shall not exceed \$35.00 for the first family member participating or \$30.00 for each additional member of that family.

g. The Race Director must declare in advance to the participants and the Rally Commission the following in writing:

1. Any limitations of the number of the field.

2. Any registration deadline and fee.

3. What divisions will be ran.

4. Method of racing (photo swap, etc.).

5. Location.

6. Wheel program must describe method of wheel swap.

7. Weight distribution limits.

8. Method of elimination that will be used to determine racing results.

9. For any type of “non-eligible for points race” the All-American Rally Commission approved race changes shall be declared to entrants and the race clearly specified as “non-eligible for rally points”.

10. If double and single elimination rallies are being held on the same day, the double elimination must be run first.

11. A Local Race organization may not run a rally the same day as their Local race.

h. If a limitation of the number in the field is declared, that number will not be less than 72 entrants total, or less than 24 entrants per division for multi division races. The aforementioned 72 entrant cap references a total number on the race. Therefore, for example, if one division is not “sold out” those spaces must be allocated to the other divisions to aggregate the cap number.

i. **Awards** shall be at the sole discretion of and the responsibility of each local rally program.

j. **The** local authority is responsible for the conduct of each race within requirements specified in this rule book.

k. **Any** attempt to alter or deviate from these rules by local authorities may void the Rally Request form required, as well as all insurance and Licensing Agreements with the All-American. Furthermore, the

Rally Commission reserves the right to issue or deny a local's rally request.

l. At each rally, every contestant and his/her parent/guardian must fill in completely and sign the All-American Soap Box Derby Registration Form.

m. The Rally Commission will govern the All-American Rally Program. Its responsibilities will include writing; reviewing, interpreting and enforcing all rally program rules. The committee's decision shall be binding upon all competitors and local licenses.

n. The driver must display all decals of title sponsor or National contracted sponsor(s) of the International Soap Box Derby, Inc., All-American Soap Box Derby logo, NASCAR logo and any and all other sponsors as detailed in notices issued by the All-American Soap Box Derby headquarters. This applies to all Local and/or Rally races. You must follow instructions as prescribed in construction plans and/or notice provided with the decal.

Point standing updates as well as upcoming rally race schedules are available at www.aasbd.com.

