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## WHAT IS THE SOAP BOX DERBY?

**The All-American Soap Box Derby (AASBD) World Championship** is held annually in Akron, Ohio every July. Participants become eligible to compete in the AASBD World Championship through winning their Local Race and/or by accumulating points in the Rally Program.

**The Local Race** is an annual race held in a AASBD licensed city. A participant is required to compete in the Local Race Organization closest to his or her residence. The winner of a Local Race is called a “Local Champion” and is eligible to compete in the AASBD World Championship in Akron, Ohio against other Local Champions.

**The Rally Program** allows participants to earn points by racing in various Rally Races throughout the United States. A participant in this program races to win a “Rally Regional Title.” A winner of a Rally Regional Title is considered a “Rally Champion” and is eligible to compete in the AASBD World Championship Race in Akron, Ohio, against other Rally Champions.

**The Ultimate Speed Challenge** is an All-American Soap Box Derby sanctioned racing format developed to preserve the tradition of innovation, creativity, and craftsmanship in the design of a gravity powered racing vehicle while generating intrigue, excitement, and engaging the audience at the annual All-American Soap Box Derby competition. The goal of the event is to attract creative entries designed to reach speeds never before attainable on the historic Akron hill. The competition will consist of three timed runs (one run in each lane), down Akron’s 989’ hill. The car and team that achieve the fastest single run will be declared the winner. The final runs are completed during the All-American Soap Box Derby race week.



## WHERE DO I BEGIN?



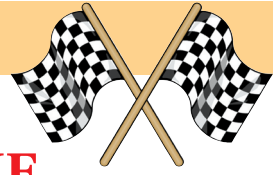
**1:** Derby information can be found on our Web site [www.aasbd.org](http://www.aasbd.org) for Local, Rally and the Ultimate Speed challenge. Our online storefront has all the information you need to order racing kits and parts. Our rule book can be downloaded for your review.

**2:** Contact your Local Derby Director for information on racing in your area and to find information on construction clinics and other programs that may be of assistance to you. To locate the closest Local Race Organization to your home, visit our website at [www.aasbd.org](http://www.aasbd.org). On the homepage, click on the yellow U.S. map. When it begins to flash, click on your state to find the closest race city, the Local Race Director's name and contact information. Please note that your Local Race Organization is not necessarily in your state of residence; it is the closest Local Race Organization to your residence. Therefore, you may need to browse bordering states in order to find the closest Local Race Organization to your residence.

**3:** Decide which type of car you wish to build. Your Local Derby Director will be able to help you with this information. You may also want to look for a sponsor to help underwrite the cost of your racer. You will need to purchase a car kit and a set of Z-Glas racing wheels. All kits and parts for Soap Box Derby racing must be purchased through the All-American Soap Box Derby. Visit our website at [www.aasbd.org](http://www.aasbd.org).

**4:** Read the official plans and build your car exactly as the instructions indicate. Plan to attend construction clinics if they are available in your area. These clinics are intended to guide you in building a safe and competitive car. Your Local Race Director will assist you with any questions you may have about racing, rules and/or tips for building cars.

**5:** In addition to racing in your local race, you may participate in rally races as well. You will gain experience with each trip down the hill, and build a bond between driver and parent/guardian, and make new friends along the way!



## WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENT RACING DIVISIONS ?



### Stock Division

The Stock Division is for racers age 7-13 years old. Stock Cars can accommodate a racer up to (approx.) 5'3" tall and 125 lbs. The Stock Car, a lean-forward design, is sold as a kit which includes everything needed for racing with the exception of Z-Glas Racing Wheels and weights. Because painting is not permitted on the Stock Car shell, drivers have their choice of purchasing one of two colored shells: red or white. Builders should allow 4-6 hours to assemble their Stock Division Car. Check our website for limited addition stock car shells.

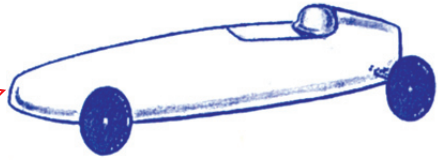


### Super Stock Division

The Super Stock Division, is designed for racers age 10-17 years old. Super Stock Cars can accommodate a larger racer up to (approx.) 6'0" tall and 160 lbs. The Super Stock, a lean-forward designed car, is also sold as a kit which includes everything needed for racing with the exception of Z-Glas Racing Wheels and weights. Builders should allow 4-6 hours to assemble their Super Stock Division Car. Participants in this division may paint their car shell, please contact your local race director for further information.



## Masters Division



The Masters division is for racers age 10-17 years old and is usually driven by the more experienced drivers. Masters Cars can accommodate a child up to (approx.) 6'0" tall and 160 lbs. Because of the lay-down design of the Masters Car, smaller drivers can also be competitive in this division. Participants in this division may paint their car body, please contact your local race director for further information.

## Ultimate Speed



A racing team will consist of a Driver and Crew Chief. The Crew Chief must be an adult and represent the sponsor or owner of the car. The Team Driver must be 16 through 20 years of age on All-American Soap Box Derby annual race day. For more information go to [www.aasbd.org](http://www.aasbd.org).



## WHERE DO I PURCHASE MY KIT?

**It's easy!** To order your Soap Box Derby kit or to purchase spare parts, please visit our website at

**[www.aasbd.org](http://www.aasbd.org)**

Orders may also be placed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by ordering online at [www.aasbd.org](http://www.aasbd.org)



## THE ROAD TO AKRON

### Soap Box Derby World Championship Race

The Road to Akron can be winning just a single race, or it can be an entire season of racing in many races. Either way, when a champion qualifies for the All-American race in Akron, Ohio, it is certain to be a fun-filled week with memories to last a lifetime.

There are two qualifying roads leading to The All-American Soap Box Derby World Championship held each July. Communities all across the world hold local Soap Box Derby races. Local races are held once a year and are dedicated races for children who reside within the community sponsoring the local race. Racers are permitted to compete in one local race per season and can only become a champion once in each division. The winner of each division of a local race will be invited to Akron, Ohio to represent their race city and compete against champions from around the world.

The other road to Akron is a well-traveled road. Rally races are held throughout the year on weekends. Participants can race in any All-American sanctioned rally race anywhere in the world and accumulate points. The rally season ends several weeks prior to the All-American race and begins immediately following the Championship race in Akron.

A driver who accumulates 180 points and meets all criteria will automatically be invited to the All-American Soap Box Derby World Championship race to compete against other rally champions for the world title. The United States is sectioned into 12 rally regions. The rally champion represents the region in which he or she resides.

During race week, all champions participate in various activities. On race day, local champions compete against other local champions, and rally champions compete against other rally champions. At the end of race day, there will be three All-American world champions and three rally world champions. Most of all, the Derby is about fun, family and sportsmanship!

Every participant representing their home town in the All-American Soap Box Derby in Akron will **"Always Be a CHAMPION!"**



## HOW DO I BECOME AN AASBD PARTNER?

**The International Soap Box Derby is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization;** therefore, it relies solely on the generosity and support of its sponsors and licensees. If you are interested in becoming involved in the Soap Box Derby in a sponsorship capacity, listed below are various ways you can make a difference:

**Car Sponsors:** Companies in this category may sponsor an individual racer. They can choose to support a child on various levels from monetary donations for race entry fees, to underwriting the entire purchase price for the racer. Car sponsors may advertise on the side of the sponsored race car. Learn more about car sponsoring by contacting a Derby Director in your local area. Visit [www.aasbd.org](http://www.aasbd.org) for your director's name.

**Local Sponsors:** Companies in this category sponsor local races and gain exposure in their hometown for their businesses. Further information about becoming a local sponsor, contact the Derby Director for your local area.

**Soap Box Derby World Championship Race Sponsor:**

This event is held in Akron, Ohio, every July. For further information please contact the World Headquarters/Track by sending an e-mail to: [soapbox@aasbd.org](mailto:soapbox@aasbd.org).



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For information on  
Soap Box Derby Racing  
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