



Wicksteed Park

Wicksteed Park Soap Box Derby



Rules

These rules are mandatory and form part of the conditions of entry to compete in the event. Any prospective competitor refusing or failing to adhere to the rules will not be allowed to compete. They have been designed for your safety and the safety of the spectators and others taking part in the event. Please read them carefully.

General Conditions of Entry

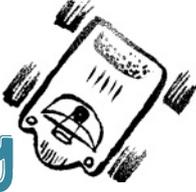
- Senior drivers must complete and sign the Driver Consent Form with the entry form as part of the entry process.
- Drivers must be 8 years or over, all those under 18 must complete the Driver Consent Form and have their parent/guardian countersign it as part of the entry process.
- The named competitor or consenting guardian will be responsible for his/her safety in every aspect of the rules of entry and running of the event and accept that the organisers of the event bear no liability in this respect.
- Wicksteed Park's Soap Box Derby organising team's interpretation of the written rules and regulations shall be binding on the participant and the competition under their jurisdiction.
- The organisers have the right to refuse entry or withdraw entry of any kart or driver if in their opinion they pose a threat of injury either to themselves or others.
- A kart may be entered in the competition in more than one class, but must not have the same driver.
- Each kart can be run by up to a maximum of 3 separate drivers in the same class, e.g. siblings or friends can share a kart. If you share a Kart it may require repair between runs as it is being used more. There is a chance due to time availability that you may miss a ride slot if the kart is being repaired.
- A driver may only enter once and each driver is required to submit an entry form.
- Karts and drivers to be available by 10.00am at the latest on the day of entry for rule and safety checks. Registration and checks begin promptly at 9.30am. Please arrive early, as if it's busy we may start these checks earlier to get everyone through.
- All karts and drivers must pass the specification and safety checks to be able to compete and the scrutiner's and event organiser's decision will be final.
- Drivers will be required to sign on the day that they have tested the kart and are able to adequately steer and stop the kart prior to the event.
- No changes to the kart, apart from repairs, will be allowed after the rules and safety check i.e. the addition of extra weights etc.
- The Kart Running order will be given on race day, subject to the above.
- Attendance at the pre-race Competitor Safety Briefing and Track Walk is compulsory. (This takes about 20mins and will take place at approx. 11.00am. Details given on the day).
- The timed start will be from the chalked mark at the base of a shallow ramp, the finish will be clearly marked on the ground.
- To provide momentum senior teams will be allowed up to two team members can act as pushers with one pusher for junior teams.
- After crossing the finishing line drivers will need to apply their brakes and quickly exit the track, one team member should be at the finish line to assist the driver back to the pits.



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KART CONSTRUCTION.

- All Soap Box (Karts) must be less than 1.5m wide and 1.5m tall (not including the driver) less than 2.4m in length and have at least 5cm clearance under the floor.
- There must be four wheels, one on each corner and all wheels should be in contact with the road during normal running.
- Pre-fabricated karts E.G Shop bought karts are not accepted.
- All karts must be human powered, meaning no engines or external energy sources allowed (with the exception of a push start).
- No part of the driver's body should have the potential to become trapped in moving parts of the vehicle including wheels and steering mechanism and body work.
- The kart must not have loose parts or sharp edges and must be constructed with pedestrian friendly sympathies
- Seats must be securely bolted to the soap box
- No materials that could shatter or cause injuries to drivers and spectators in the event of a crash should be used in the construction of the soap box e.g. glass
- The Kart should be built in such a way that the steering column, brake lever or body work must be designed and built in such a way that puncture injuries cannot happen.
- Karts must have functional steering, a padded steering wheel is recommended.
- Bodywork and controls must not impede the driver in exiting the vehicle unaided.
- Any doors or hatches required for driver access must be readily operated from both inside and outside the vehicle without the use of tools.
- Senior Karts must be fitted with a working brake that functions separately from the steering and be connected to and operate on at least 2 wheels.
- Junior karts can be built to the specifications as outlined in the basic kart building instruction with the 1 brake. *All other designs must have a brake that functions separately from the steering and be connected to and operate on at least 2 wheels.
- No braking with hands and feet will be accepted.



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Important Driver Safety Rules – These must be adhered to, or you will not be allowed to compete.

- Drivers must wear a properly fitting helmet, such as a bicycle or motorcycle helmet, on their head with the chinstrap secured. A full face helmet is recommended.
- Drivers clothing must be capable of withstanding a spill on tarmac or concrete and must be done up at all times when in the soap box. No bare limbs will be allowed, all drivers must wear suitable hard wearing gloves. Please note Elbow/knee pads are compulsory for juniors and those under 18, but optional for seniors over 18 years, although recommended.
- Drivers must ride the kart in a seated position, facing forwards.
- Drivers must abide by instructions given by event marshals or officials in the interests of safety and the smooth operation of the event.
- Karts may only have one person on board at any time – no passengers.
- Teams are responsible for the ongoing risk assessments on their soap box during the event and are obliged to report any change in risk to the scrutineer.
- No expressed or implied warranty of safety shall result from the publication of or compliance with these rules and / or regulations. The rules as publicised in no way a guarantees against injury to team members, supporters or spectators.
- Drivers must have tested the kart and are able to adequately steer and stop the kart prior to the event.

Photography/ Film consent

Wicksteed Park in accordance with its Safeguarding Policy, will be taking photos and film which may be used for archive and publicity purposes e.g. on official websites or via social media and in leaflets. As the parent/guardian/carer of a junior entrant or vulnerable adult by signing the entry form you are giving permission for group and individual photos/ films to be taken during the event and understand that these may be used for archive and publicity purposes.