

BERKELEY SOAPBOX CHALLENGE

Rules & Regulations



RACE DAY RULES & REGULATIONS (to be read out to all competitors prior to walking the course)

Each team member will be required to sign a disclaimer before racing.

Event Organisers shall be allowed to impose any further restrictions and to permit deviations from any of these Rules & Regulations. No expressed or implied warranty of safety shall result from any such deviation from these Rules & Regulations.

General Conditions:

Soapbox

1. Up to six (6) persons are allowed per team, with one driving the Soapbox at any one time. One Passenger is allowed per Soapbox, but they must be part of the team and dressed accordingly.
2. Team members can be of any age. However, children under the age of 16 must have at least one adult member on their team.
3. If the Soapbox is a two-seater, one adult and one child (aged 12 or over with insurance cover) may descend.
4. For the safety of Drivers and spectators, converted ride-on mowers and "quad" type vehicles will not be allowed to compete, without prior consultation with our Quality Control Inspector. (As an absolute minimum engines and cutting associated equipment must be removed, item to be of a themed kart design. Consultation with Quality Control Inspector recommended prior to avoid any disappointment). The Event Organisers reserve the right to refuse entry to any team without explanation. Their decision will be final.
5. Soapbox's will be checked for safety at the top of the hill after registration. Please make sure your Soapbox complies with our Rules & Regulations as it would be disappointing to get this far and be told you cannot race.
6. Seven winning categories (at least), each being scored accordingly:
A) Fastest descent. B) Most Original Soapbox. C) Best Build. D) Best Pre-descent routine.
E) Best Splash. F) Most Spectacular Crash. G) Best Theme

Safety Regulations:

1. There will be no maximum or minimum length, but there **WILL** be a maximum width of 1500mm.
2. We need to try and make sure you don't go face first into the hay bales or the kerbs, neck height of the Driver must be a **minimum** of 600mm from the ground when seated.
3. There must be no sharp edges inside or outside your Soapbox, or anything that could cause damage to spectators or marshals in the case of a crash. This means **NO GLASS** or **PERSPEX** that can shatter.
4. Drivers must remain seated at all times, unless Soapbox is designed for standing.
5. Passengers should remain in the Soapbox but will be able to stand if they desire.
6. There must be 3 or 4 load bearing wheels.
7. There must be some sort of braking system integrated to your Soapbox. If teams are unable to prove their method of slowing down, they will be unable to compete.
8. The Soapbox must be designed to carry a Driver in a feet-first forward facing direction.
9. Any instrument within the Soapbox must be designed with safety in mind. You don't want to impale yourself if you crash.

Build Quality Control:

All Soapbox's will be checked by our Quality Control Inspector

1. "Feet on the front axle" steering **IS** allowed.
2. "Lean" steering (e.g. skateboard) **IS** allowed.
3. "Skid" steering **IS NOT** allowed.
4. Steering must not have excessive play when controlling the axle.
5. The Driver & Passenger must be able to enter and exit the Soapbox without the need for tools.
6. The Soapbox to be designed to run on gravity only. No motors or pedal power allowed.
7. No flywheel or kinetic energy recovery systems (KERS) are to be used.
8. A seatbelt is **NOT** necessary, but you may fit one if you wish.
9. The Soapbox must be built to negotiate "Jumps" and a "Water Splash".
10. There **MUST** be a "towing ring" at FRONT & REAR of the Soapbox. (This is needed to get the Soapbox back to the top of the hill for their "Second Run" - they will be linked together)

Safety Regulations:

1. The purpose of the event is to have fun, but the safety of the team, supporters and spectators is paramount throughout the day.
2. Accordingly, the Event Organisers reserve the right to amend these Rules & Regulations or go above and beyond their guidance.
3. All members of the team will be required to sign a disclaimer on the day of the event, and these will be checked to ensure all team members present on the race day have signed.
4. All Drivers must walk the course. There will be opportunities for practice runs before the event and on the morning of the event before the public are allowed into the site.
5. Teams are responsible for the ongoing risk assessments associated with their Soapbox during the event and are obliged to report any change they make to their Soapbox before racing to the Quality Control Inspector.
6. The Driver (and Passenger) must be able to go over "jumps" and through a "Water Splash".
7. The Driver (and Passenger) **MUST** provide proof of their own insurance cover. We suggest using SPORTS COVER DIRECT or contact us for further information

Team Clothing:

- 1.The Driver's (and Passenger's) body and limbs must be fully covered whilst racing, but this can be any sort of fancy dress should they wish.
- 2.Although not compulsory, we do **ADVISE** that Divers and Passengers wear wrist, elbow and knee protection during the race.
- 3.A properly fitted neck support is **ADVISED** at all times.
- 4.The Driver and Passenger **MUST** wear a EU certified safety helmet at all times when competing. This can be a cycle helmet, a motorbike helmet or a motocross helmet, but not a metal colander.
- 5.Remember original design of costumes will be judged.

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TEAM ENTRY FORM



Please complete this form (team details and disclaimer) and ensure it is returned by email to jockeydoc@me.com, along with confirmation of payment of the entry fee for the team. Please indicate on entry below the Driver and Passenger where applicable so we

can check insurances).

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PAYMENT DETAILS

Bank: Lloyds Bank

Payment Reference: YOUR TEAM'S NAME

Account Name: Berkeley Races

Sort Code: 30-98-29

Acct No: 02127414

Disclaimer:

I agree, that by signing and dating this disclaimer, that the Berkeley Soapbox Challenge 2024 bears no responsibility for any injuries, sickness, damages or theft that are a result of the event. Due to the nature of the sport, there is no guarantee that any participant, spectator or member of staff will not sustain serious and/or potentially life-threatening injury during the event. However, First Aid will be on hand during the racing should the need arise. During this time, we encourage a healthy amount of competitive sportsmanship, but under no circumstances will sabotage or violence be tolerated towards a member of staff, a member or Soapbox of another team, a spectator or a member of the general public. Should anyone be caught doing this, they will be disqualified and asked to leave the event immediately. The Event Organisers reserve the right to remove any participants or Teams from competing without giving a formal reason why.

By signing below I accept the rights of the Event Organisers and confirm I have read and understood the terms and conditions outlined in the disclaimer.

Signed:

Date:

Print Name: