



HINCKLEY BID'S

**13TH ANNUAL
SOAPBOX
DERBY**

2024

ENTRY PACK

— SUNDAY 30 JUNE 2024 —



INTRODUCTION

The annual Hinckley BID Soapbox Derby is a fantastic day for the teams, supporters and spectators of all ages from the Hinckley area and beyond to enjoy. Spaces are limited, so make sure to get your team entry submitted early to secure your place!

Continuing our soapbox tradition of the past 12 years, we will be utilising the natural hill on Castle Street for individual time trials, with each team being allocated three runs (the slowest of which will not be counted).

The course will start near the Church Walk/Castle Street junction and end at the bottom of the Castle Street hill in Market Place. At the widest part of the course, the driver will have the option of taking either a short chicane or a jump obstacle to test their skill.

We are delighted that through the support of town centre businesses we can continue to fund this hugely popular event, which is free to the thousands of spectators who come along. The entry fee for soapbox teams remains unchanged at £25.



HOW TO ENTER

- 1 Please read the Rules and Regulations within this Entry Pack.
- 2 Complete the Registration Form on page 7 of this booklet or enter online via our Hinckley BID website at www.hinckleybid.co.uk
- 3 A standard entry fee of £25 (which includes VAT) is required with each team entry, payable to 'HTCP' by BACS. Please reference your team name on your payment.
Please pay: **Account Name: HTCP, Sort Code: 40-24-19, Account Number: 51712217.**
If you are unable to pay via BACS, please call us on 01455 698494.
Please note we are unable to take card payments.
- 4 If you are unable to complete the online registration, please detach and send your registration form to: Soapbox Derby, Hinckley BID, 76 Castle Street, Hinckley, LE10 1DD.

The full entry fee of £25 must be received by **2nd June 2024** before we can confirm your entry. You will receive confirmation of your entry and a VAT receipt for your payment. This is non-refundable should you cancel your entry at a later date.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

These Rules and Regulations apply to all entries. They have been designed for your safety and the safety of others around you and are based on 'best practice', common sense and the experience of ourselves and other Organisers of similar events. They are intended as a helpful guideline, but if you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact us via info@hinckleybid.co.uk or 01455 698494.

Your signature on the Team Registration Form confirms that you have read and understood the Rules and Regulations.

The course will start near to the Church Walk/Castle Street junction and end at the bottom of the Castle Street hill in Market Place – a distance of approximately 200 metres and a descent of approximately 1:15 (it should be noted that this is only indicative of the gradient of parts of the course).

At the widest part of the course, drivers will have the option of taking either a short chicane or a jump to test their skill. Soapboxes will be given the opportunity of three runs and will set off individually, at intervals. All runs will be timed and recorded by independent adjudicators. Each team's overall time will be based on the average of their two fastest runs (slowest run not included). Individual run times will determine the individual driver award winners.

1. GENERAL CONDITIONS

- 1.0** The minimum age of a Junior Team Driver is 12 years. The minimum age of a Senior Team Driver is 18 years.
- 1.1** There is a maximum of six persons per team (minimum of one).
- 1.2** Brightly coloured Soapboxes, sponsorship and advertising are encouraged.
- 1.3** The Team's Soapbox number (between 1–50) will be issued by the organisers prior to the day and must be created by the team and prominently displayed on the Soapbox (painted/affixed).
- 1.4** Registration and scrutineering will take place in Church Walk Car Park between 8.00am – 9.30am on the day of the event (this car park will be closed to the public all day). The organisers reserve the right to refuse entry to any team and their decision will be final.
- 1.5** There will be no practice runs. (Racing will start at 11.00am prompt).
- 1.6** Prior to each run and at any other time, before being allowed to participate, Soapboxes and drivers must report to Scrutineering for a Safety Inspection.
- 1.7** Church Walk Car Park (LE10 1DW) will be open solely for the use of a single team vehicle and trailer per team and this is where scrutineering will take place.
- 1.8** The push start area will be clearly marked between two lines at the top of the course, with a maximum of two pushers allowed.

- 1.9** After crossing the finishing line, drivers will need to apply their brakes and quickly depart from the course under the Marshal's instructions.
- 1.10** The organisers reserve the right to disqualify any or all team participants who demonstrate inappropriate conduct.
- 1.11** Teams may choose a different driver for each run.

2. TECHNICAL, DESIGN AND STRUCTURAL REGULATIONS

- 2.1** Maximum length 2500mm measured from front to rear of soapbox.
- 2.2** Maximum width 1200mm measured from outside to outside.
- 2.3** Drivers to remain seated at all times.
- 2.4** Strictly no protuberances outside these dimensions will be allowed without prior approval.
- 2.5** There must be a minimum of three wheels, fitted with suitable tyres, (more than two "in line" wheels will not be allowed) and all wheels should be in road contact during normal running. Ground clearance should be sufficient- 50mm minimum is recommended.
- 2.6** Good brakes and steering are essential. Braking must operate on at least two wheels on the same axle and be effective in holding the vehicle stationary at the Start position.
- 2.7** Seats must be securely bolted to the Soapbox.
- 2.8** Soapboxes must be designed to carry one person only, in a feet first direction.
- 2.9** Any steering column, brake lever or other protrusion must be designed and protected such that the risk of puncture injuries is minimised.
- 2.10** Bodywork and controls must not impede the driver in exiting the vehicle unaided.
- 2.11** Any doors or hatches required for driver access must be readily operated from both inside and outside the vehicle without the use of tools.
- 2.12** Gravity propulsion only – i.e. no motors and no stored potential energy including water or liquid of any type.
- 2.13** No loose weights will be allowed inside or outside the Soapbox.
- 2.14** Seatbelts are not mandatory but are recommended.
- 2.15** Steering must not have excessive free play or any characteristic tending to promote instability.

3. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 3.1** The purpose of the event is to have fun, but the safety of the team, supporters and spectators is paramount throughout the day, and accordingly, Hinckley BID Soapbox Derby organisers reserve the right to amend these rules or go above and beyond their guidance.
- 3.2** Each driver in the team will be required to sign a disclaimer as part of the entry process on the day.
- 3.3** All Soapboxes must be constructed with pedestrian safety in mind. Sharp edges will not be permitted, either internally and externally.

- 3.4 No glass or other materials that would shatter or cause injuries to drivers or spectators in the event of a crash should be used in the construction of the Soapbox.
- 3.5 Drivers must wear an approved crash helmet (motor cycle helmet or H&S approved cycle helmet or similar). Clothing must be capable of withstanding contact with tarmac or concrete. No bare limbs will be allowed.
- 3.6 All drivers must attend the Drivers' Briefing which will be at 10:30am near the start line. Time trials will start at 11am.
- 3.7 All drivers are advised to walk the course prior to the start of the race.
- 3.8 Any three members (from the maximum of six team members) can be drivers on the race day.
- 3.9 The Scrutineers decision is final. Scrutineers must have full access to the Soapbox and component parts to carry out their checks.
- 3.10 Teams are responsible for the ongoing risk assessments of their Soapbox during the event and are obliged to report any change in risk to the Scrutineers.
- 3.11 Insurance is the responsibility of the individual team. Disclaimers must be signed prior to racing.

TROPHY CATEGORIES

We award Trophies to competitors in recognition of their skills and/or effort on the day.

Award categories for 2024 are:



Fastest single time on the day – Senior (ages 18+) 1st, 2nd & 3rd place



Fastest single time on the day – Junior (ages 12–17 inclusive) 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place



Best Turned Out Soapbox and Crew



Overall Fastest Team – Senior (an average of the fastest two runs of three – slowest run is excluded)



Overall Fastest Team – Junior (an average of the fastest two runs of three – slowest run is excluded)



Best Novelty Soapbox



Best Amateur Build



Most Enthusiastic Junior Racer

TEAM REGISTRATION FORM

HINCKLEY BID'S SOAPBOX DERBY – SUNDAY 30 JUNE 2024

(PLEASE PRINT)

Team Name:

Name of Team Leader:

Address:

Post code:

Telephone Number:

E-mail address:

We are entering a:

Junior Team (12–17 years) Senior Team (18+ years)

How many members in your team: (MAX 6)

How many drivers: (MAX 3)

I, the undersigned, on behalf of the team enter this competition having read and understood the Rules and Regulations as set out in this Race Pack. We accept full responsibility for any damage to our person or Soapbox and equipment.

Signed: Date:

Print Name:

I confirm that I have paid the registration fee of £25 via BACS

Account name: HTCP, Sort code: 402419, Account no: 51712217

Please detach and send this form to:

Soapbox Derby, Hinckley BID, 76 Castle Street, Hinckley, LE10 1DD

The closing date is **2nd June 2024**, by which time the full £25 entry fee must be paid please.

Once the registration fee has been paid we will send an email receipt to confirm your entry.



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