



Hinckley
BID



SUNDAY 7 JULY 2019

Castle Street, Hinckley, LE10 1DD
Starts 11.00am Prompt

ENTRY PACK



INTRODUCTION

The Hinckley BID Soap Box Derby is intended as an annual fun day for the teams, supporters and spectators of all ages from the Hinckley area and beyond to enjoy. Our aim is to encourage around 40 Soap Box teams to compete (42 in 2018).

As with all our Soap Box Derby events since 2010, we utilise the natural hill on Castle Street for individual time trials, with each team being allocated three runs (the slowest of which will not count).

The course will start near the Church Walk/Castle Street junction and end at the bottom of the Castle Street hill in Market Square. At the widest part of the course, the driver will have the option of taking either a short chicane or a jump to test his skill. The jump was introduced in 2016 and has proved to be both safe and very popular, so will be included in our 2019 race.

Themed Soap Boxes are especially encouraged since they provide the most interest to spectators. Although an entry fee of £25 is requested per team (£10 deposit on registration and £15 one month before the race), this event is also heavily subsidised by Hinckley BID. For any charity of their choice can request sponsorship forms from us.

How to enter

1. Please read the Rules and Regulations within this Entry Pack
2. Complete the Registration Form on the final page
3. A standard entry deposit of £10 is required with each team entry (or payment of the full entry fee of £25 which includes VAT), payable to 'HTCP'. (If only a deposit is paid, the balance of £15 must be paid please by 31st May 2019) If you would prefer to pay by BACS, please call us on 01455 698494 for account details.
4. Detach and send your completed registration form along with deposit/payment cheque to: **Soap Box Derby, Hinckley BID, 76 Castle St, Hinckley, LE10 1DD**. The closing date is 31st May 2019, submit your entry as soon as possible to secure your place.
5. Online entry is also available via our Hinckley BID website at www.hinckleybid.co.uk

You will receive confirmation of your entry and a receipt for your deposit. This is non-refundable should you cancel your entry at a later date.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Introduction

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

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

The course will start near the Church Walk/Castle Street junction and end at the bottom of the Castle Street hill in Market Square – 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. The jump was introduced in 2016 and has proved to be both safe and very popular, so will be included in our 2019 race. Soap Boxes will be given the opportunity of three runs and will set off singly at intervals. All runs will be timed and recorded by independent adjudicators.

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 soap boxes, sponsorship and advertising are encouraged.
- 1.3** The Team's Soap Box number (between 1–50) will be issued by the organisers prior to the day and must be created and prominently displayed on the Soap Box (painted/affixed).
- 1.4** Registration 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 is expected to start at 11.00am prompt).
- 1.6** Prior to each run and at any other time, before being allowed to participate, soap boxes and drivers must report to Scrutineering for a Safety Inspection.
- 1.7** It is intended that the Church Walk Car Park will be open solely for the use of team vehicles and trailers 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 that demonstrate inappropriate conduct.

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 soap box.
- 2.8 Soap boxes 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 fitted 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, no pedals and no stored potential energy.
- 2.13 No loose weights will be allowed inside or outside the soap box.
- 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 Soap Box Derby 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 soap boxes must be constructed with pedestrian friendly sympathies. Sharp edges will not be permitted.

- 3.4** No glass or other materials that would shatter or cause injuries to drivers and spectators in the event of a crash should be used in the construction of the soap box.
- 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 a spill on tarmac or concrete. No bare limbs will be allowed.
- 3.6** All drivers must attend the Drivers' Briefing.
- 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 soap box and component parts as required to carry out their duties.
- 3.10** 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 Scrutineers.
- 3.11** No expressed or implied warranty of safety shall result from the publication of, or compliance with, these rules and / or regulations. This publication is in no way a guarantee against injury to team members, supporters or spectators.
- 3.12** Insurance is the responsibility of the individual team. Disclaimers must be signed prior to racing.

Prize Categories

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

Categories for 2019 are:

- Fastest single time on the day (Senior – ages 18+)
- Fastest single time on the day (Junior – ages 12–17 inclusive)
- Best Turned Out Soap Box and Crew
- Overall Fastest Team (an average of the fastest two runs of three – slowest run is excluded)
- Most Sponsorship Raised
- Best Novelty Soap Box
- Best Amateur Build
- Most Enthusiastic Junior Racer

TEAM REGISTRATION FORM

Hinckley BIDs Soap Box Derby, Sunday 7 July 2019

(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)

We, the undersigned, 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 soap box and equipment.

Signed: Date:

Print Name:

Please detach and send this form, along with the deposit cheque of £10.00 (or the full amount of £25) payable to HTCP to:

Soap Box Derby, Hinckley BID, 76 Castle Street, Hinckley, LE10 1DD

If you would prefer to pay by BACS call us on 01455 698494

The closing date is **31st May 2019**, by which time the full £25 entry fee must be paid please.





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