



**Greater Washington  
Soap Box Derby**

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Dear Entrant,

The final countdown is here! It's time to put the finishing touches on your racer and get ready for the big day. A summary of the events scheduled prior to and including Race Day follows:

**Official Inspection and Registration Day:**

Sun June 14th, 10 AM to 2 PM

Shops at Sumner Place Plaza Level

4701 Sangamore Rd.

Bethesda, MD 20816

(Enter from Sangamore Rd.)

See Map on last page.

Wheels

We are running all three divisions on Z-glass wheels. You must bring your racer to the inspection and race with your own wheels. Painting, bearing modifications, loose bearings or any other alterations to wheels will not be permitted. We will be inspecting and pre race swapping the wheels this year.

Official registration is on **Sunday June 14<sup>th</sup>**. All cars must be brought in for this inspection. **THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS!** You must be in line with your car to register no later than 2:00 PM, no exceptions. All entrants will be charged a **\$50.00** registration fee for this year's race. **Be sure to bring a copy of your birth certificate** or other official proof of age that must be sent to the All-American Headquarters. At registration all families will be shown a list of jobs that must be done on race day. You must pick a job and will be expected to have one family member available to work for some part of the day. If you don't choose a job we will appoint one for you. We are an all-volunteer association and can only succeed if everyone pitches in to help. I thank you in advance for your cooperation.

**Your car must come to inspection totally race ready, with all added weight bolted in the car.** All cars, S, SS & M will be inspected with the body **off** the car. Adjustable weight must be per 2009 AASBD rules and shall not exceed the maximum weight limits. The Master Division weight limit is 255 lbs, the Super Stock Division weight limit is 230 lbs and the Stock Division weight limit is 200 lbs. You may adjust weight on inspection day, only if your weights are painted, marked with poundage, pre-drilled and can be easily and legally bolted into your car. All weight bolts must be per rules. You will be permitted a 15 pound total front/rear weight differential, (Note, this will allow 7.5 pound difference from a balanced tail weight). We will weigh the car with the driver, in racing position, at the inspection to ensure compliance with these rules.

You must bring your own wheels, weights, spare parts, tools and equipment for adjustments. Your racer and wheels will be thoroughly inspected to see that they comply with this year's rules and to see that it is safe to drive. Cars will **not** be impounded after inspection this year. We will take digital pictures and re-inspect on race day morning to insure all cars remain as they were when inspected. Any attempt to gain an unfair advantage by making modifications to a car after inspection will result in disqualification.

At registration you will receive your official Soap Box Derby T-shirt. **All Stock and Super Stock drivers must use the bicycle style AASBD helmets. If you wish to buy a new helmet we will be selling a limited number for \$15.00 each. The T-shirts and helmets must be worn on Race Day. No alterations to either of these items are allowed.** We will be providing vinyl numbers that will be your official car number for this year's race. It is mandatory that you place these numbers on your racer. **Per US Capital regulations, all corporate logos, graphics and/or text that advertises or promotes "For Profit" organizations must be removed from the car or covered over with tape or other opaque materials.**

Once your racer has passed inspection there will be no further adjustments allowed and you will need to take it home until race day. I will be keeping records of the inspection of cars. If your car requires an adjustment that cannot be fixed at inspection you may be allowed, with my permission, to fix it during the week. I will be checking all cars on race-day morning before the race begins. If I find anyone has tried to gain an unfair advantage or has violated any rules, they will be disqualified. It is not our intension to hassle any entrant; rather we want to insure a fair race for all within the rules of the All-American SBD. Immediately following the registration and inspection of all contestants, we will hold the **Heat & Lane Drawing** so that you will know who your first opponent is on race day. Plan to stay and help us have a fun day of Derby related activity.

**Race Day, SATURDAY, June 20<sup>TH</sup> 2009:**

**You must bring your car to the bottom of the hill, (on Louisiana Ave.),  
by no later than 7:00 AM race-day morning and as early as 5:30 AM.**

**Note: This year we are pitting at the bottom on Louisiana Ave.**

**We request that all racers have at least one person  
dedicated to personally assist them during race day.**

**Complete race day rules will be given out at the pre-race registration on June 15<sup>th</sup>**

**In order to allow for the most news coverage, we will endeavor to get our race STARTED by  
8:30 AM. Please help so our kids get the best chance to be on TV and in the newspapers.**

**(RAIN DATE, none, we will race rain or shine)**

**Constitution Avenue and Louisiana Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC**

7:45 AM Mandatory drivers meeting. All entrants and car handlers must attend.  
8:00 AM **Mandatory photo of all racers and their cars**  
8:15 AM Trial run (1), for first time racers only!  
8:30 AM First heat of the Washington, DC Championship Race  
5:30 PM Approximately – Final Heat

Post Race Awards presentation will be immediately following the race, at the bottom of the hill. Prizes and placing trophies will be awarded place winners of the Stock, Super Stock and Masters Divisions. Trophies will also be given for best Construction in the Masters Division and for originality in decoration in the Sock and Super Stock Divisions. In addition, there will be participation trophies awarded to every contestant. The champions from the Stock Division race, Super Stock Division race and the Masters Division race will win a one-week trip to Akron, Ohio to compete in the All American Soap Box Derby World Championship in July.

**TROPHIES WILL NOT BE HANDED OUT UNTIL THE POST RACE CEREMONY**

**WE WILL AGAIN HAVE A DRIVERS ONLY RAFFLE FOR PRIZES DURING AND AFTER THE RACE**

**PLEASE PLAN TO STAY AND HELP US CHEER THE FINALISTS TO VICTORY**

**WINNERS MUST COMPLETE ALL AKRON PAPERWORK BEFORE LEAVING THE TRACK!**

**WINNERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO SEND A MEDICAL FORM TO AKRON, COMPLETED BY THEIR DOCTOR,  
BEFORE THEY ARRIVE. IF WINNERS HAVE NOT SENT THE MEDICAL FORM, THEY WILL BE PULLED OUT OF  
THE REGISTRATION LINE AND TAKEN TO A DOCTOR TO COMPLETE THE FORM, AT THEIR EXPENSE.**

**Directions to the track are as follows:**

**From the South:** Take the Capitol Beltway in Virginia to the I-95 & I-395 intersection. Follow I-395 North into DC, to the 14<sup>th</sup> Street exit. Go North to Constitution Avenue.

**From the North:** Take the Capitol Beltway in Maryland I-95 to the Route 50 exit West. Follow Rt. 50 into DC to North Capitol Street and turn left (South). Note: North Capitol goes under Rt. 50 so pay attention. Follow North Capitol to Louisiana Avenue and turn right. Follow Louisiana Ave. to Constitution Avenue.

**From the West:** Take I-66 east to Constitution Avenue. I-66 becomes Constitution Avenue once in Washington.

Inspection facilities map:

