

Rules & 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 stuart@ashbybid.co.uk or 07842244267.

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

The course will start near the top end of Market Street down to the junction of Brook Street – 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 over the kicker to test their skill.

All runs will be timed, recorded and publicly displayed.
An entrance fee of £30 per team applies to this event.



GENERAL CONDITIONS

- 1.1 Minimum age: Junior Team Driver is 12 years, Senior Team Driver is 18 years.
- 1.2 There is a maximum of six persons per team (minimum of three).
- 1.3 Brightly coloured soap boxes, sponsorship and advertising are encouraged.
- 1.4 The Team's Soap Box number will be issued by the organisers prior to the day, this must be prominently displayed on the Soap Box (painted/affixed).
- 1.5 Registration and scrutineering will take place in Brook Street between 8.00am – 9.30am on the day of the event (this car park will be closed to the public all day).
- 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 There will be no practice runs. (Racing will start at 10.00am prompt).
- 1.8 The organisers reserve the right to refuse entry to any team and their decision will be final.
- 1.9 Follow signs for trader parking towards Ivanhoe school - solely for the use of team vehicle and trailer.
- 1.10 The push start area will be clearly marked between two lines at the top of the course, with a maximum of two pushers allowed.
- 1.11 After crossing the finishing line, drivers will need to apply their brakes and quickly depart from the course under the Marshal's instructions.
- 1.12 The organisers reserve the right to disqualify any or all team participants that demonstrate inappropriate conduct.
- 1.13 Teams may choose a different driver for each run.



Technical Design & Structural Regulations

- 2.1 Maximum length 2500mm measured from front to rear of the soapbox.
- 2.2 Maximum width 1300mm 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.
- 2.6 Ground clearance should be sufficient– 50mm minimum is recommended.
- 2.7 Good brakes and steering are essential.
- 2.8 Braking must operate on at least two wheels on the same axle and be effective in holding the vehicle stationary at the Start position.
- 2.9 Seats must be securely bolted to the soap box.
- 2.10 Soap boxes must be designed to carry one person only, in a feet first direction (unless agreed in writing in advance).
- 2.11 Any steering column, brake lever or other protrusion must be designed and protected such that the risk of puncture injuries is minimised.
- 2.12 Bodywork and controls must not impede the driver in exiting the vehicle unaided.
- 2.13 Any doors or hatches required for driver access must be readily operated from both inside and outside the vehicle without the use of tools.
- 2.14 Gravity propulsion only – i.e. no motors, no pedals and no stored potential energy.
- 2.15 No loose weights will be allowed inside or outside the soap box.
- 2.16 Seatbelts are not mandatory but are recommended.
- 2.17 Steering must not have excessive free play or any characteristic tending to promote instability.



Safety Regulations

- 3.1 The purpose of the event is to have fun, however, the safety of the team, supporters and spectators has to be paramount throughout the day. Ashby BID Soap Box Derby reserves the right to amend or add rules to keep the event to the highest of safety standards.
- 3.2 Each team member 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 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 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 (motorcycle 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 9:00am near the start line. Time trials will start at 10:00am.
- 3.7 All drivers are able to walk the course after the briefing until 9:00am.
- 3.8 The Scrutineers' decision is final. Scrutineers must have full access to the soapbox and component parts to carry out their duties.
- 3.9 Teams are responsible for the ongoing risk assessments of their soap box during the event and are obliged to report any change in risk to the Scrutineers.
- 3.10 Insurance is the responsibility of the individual team.
- 3.11 Disclaimers must be signed prior to racing



TEAM REGISTRATION FORM

Team Name:

Name of Team Leader:

Address:

Post code:

Telephone Number:

Email 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:

I, the undersigned, on behalf of the team entering 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:

Account name: Ashby BID, Sort code: 402806, Account no: 75156319

Please return the completed form to: stuart@ashbybid.co.uk

The closing date is 20th March 2026, by which time the full £40 entry fee must be paid. Once the registration fee has been paid, we will send an email receipt to confirm your entry.

