

2010 Soap Box Derby Information and Changes

Race / Important Dates

- Mandatory Inspection: Wednesday, May 19th @ 6PM at the Mohnton Park
 - Racers must be present at inspection and be weighed in.
 - Cars impounded that night.
- Names for heats likely to be drawn at the 5/6 Lions Meeting at Beverly Hills Tavern, at 6:30PM. Others are welcome to join us for the Lion meeting and order off the menu.
- Race: May 22, 2010, rain date 6/5/10
- Award Dinner: 6/17/10 6-8PM at the Mohnton Park
- Race Route: W. Summit St. from Diamond to Grape Street
- Pit on W. Summit above Diamond Street.
- Finish line just below Peach St. (The race is starting about 100' lower on the hill than the 2009 race. Track is about the same length. Run Out area is 50' longer and not as steep.)

Directors

- Eric Burgis, Bill Moser, Scott Elliot, & Anthony Tucci

Sponsors

- Event Sponsors will not be putting their decal on your car this year. Expect to see Event and Race Sponsors listed on the shirts which for the first time will list the race year.
- Racers are reminded that it is proper etiquette that personal sponsor decals remain on your car as long as your racer is racing the car. In other words, sponsorships to help offset the car purchase are 100% encouraged, but once a sponsor, always a sponsor. Do not remove personal sponsor decals.
- This should go without saying, but if you are driving a corporate car, you have no right to add decals to that car without permission of the owner.
- Racers may not display personal sponsors at the race other than via decals on their respective car(s). The 2010 race is expected to cost just over \$7K and the Lions Club sells sponsorships to cover roughly 75% of the cost. Displaying your personal car sponsor banners or posters is not permitted.

Misc.

- All racers are provided a t-shirt to race in and this is their official uniform for the day that must be worn at all times on race day.
- We will try and make replacement decals available for a small fee to those that are repainting a SS car. The first set of decals is free.
- **Note that communication is done by e-mail. Notify eric808@comcast.net if your e-mail addresses changes. Also watch for changes in event times, dates, etc. via e-mail. Things are subject to change and all notifications are by e-mail.**

General Mohnton Soap Box Derby Race Day Rules and Procedures – rev 4/13/10

- **Entry forms and fees are due 4/15/10. No Exceptions.**
- **Mandatory Volunteers:** At least 1 person from each racer family will be assigned some race day duties.
- **Inspection** of your car prior to race day is mandatory. Inspection will be Wednesday, 5/19/10 from 6PM to 8PM.
Location: Mohnton Park Pavilion
 - Remove all but 4 screws from shell before arriving for inspection. & bring tools to make repairs on the spot.
 - You must have the new plastic air foils to participate in the 5/22 race.
 - We are asking for consistency in wheel stickers to assure proper swapping. Stickers should go on the outside of the wheels and use the following designations: RR, LR, RF, & LF.
 - All cars must follow and meet the specifications in the Car Plans as well as any other AASBD rules.
 - Racers/Owners may not work on car from the time car passes inspection until Race Morning.
- **Race Route:** W. Summit Street from Diamond to Grape Street. Finish Line just below Peach Street.
- **Pit – Race day 5/22/10:** The Pit will be on W. Summit above Diamond St.
 - **All Racers are due in the Pit by 7:30 AM on race day.**
- **Impound & Weigh-In:**
 - All soap box cars will be impounded the evening of 5/19 and brought to the Pit the morning of 5/22.
 - In addition to total and tail weight, the driver will be weighed separately at inspection and again the morning of 5/22. If the driver's weight goes up more than a pound on race day, you will need to remove weight from your car as appropriate.
 1. No weights may be added to the car after inspection and weigh in is complete.
 2. No more than 15# difference of car & racer nose to tail allowed
 3. The determination of weight by the Weigh Master is final.
 4. Random weight checks will be held throughout the race. (Cheaters automatically disqualified)
- **Parking** is available at the Borough Hall, YMCA lot, or Fire House lot.
- **Racer Meeting** will be mandatory and be held somewhere between 8AM and 9AM just before we start racing. All racers should remain with their cars in the pit during this hour.
- **Group Photo** probably right after racer meeting.
- **Helmet and Foam Pad** is required. Foam is only required in front of the racer.
- **Hands off the cars:** You may not work on your car after inspection/weigh in except to visually inspect your car and make safety related adjustments such as tightening cables or replacing the brake pad.
- **Cheating:** Absolutely no Cheating! If you suspect a racer/family is cheating you must report it to the Race Director, Assistant Directors, Starter, or Pit Director immediately. Hard to change things after the fact. Cheaters disqualified.
- **Car Numbers** for those that need them will be assigned by the first practice. Last year's numbers stay with the car.
- **Decals:** All cars need to have the Lions Decal and Mohnton, PA on each side, the AASBD decal on the upper rear of the car, rear car #'s on both sides, and any national sponsor decal(s) as required by AASBD.
- **Practice:** There will not be a practice run. Attend one of the scheduled practices in Northridge development.
- **Disqualification:** Race Directors reserve the right to disqualify a racer in a heat and declare the competing racer the winner of the heat if the racer crosses the center line and/or poses a danger to the competing racer during either round.
- **Elimination:** This is a double elimination event with Stock and Super Stock Divisions. A heat consists of two races between the same two racers, changing lanes and wheels after the first race. Lose two heats and the racer is eliminated.
 - Race directors reserve the right to eliminate racers for poor sportsmanlike conduct by themselves or family.
- **Spectator area:** Most activities take place at the bottom of the hill. You can also watch from the sidewalk.
- **Heats:** Racers are responsible for finding who they are racing against, knowing which lane they belong in and swapping wheels before first race. Parents/Volunteers should help with wheel swap.
- **Wheel Swap:** Racers/parents/volunteers will be responsible for doing wheel swaps. Wheels swapped in Pit before first run. At the finish line, cars will be immediately loaded on a trailer, wheels swapped back to original and returned to the top of the hill for their second pass in the other lane.
- **Topside:** Parents will be allowed topside, and may help load cars on ramps. Cars must be lined up straight on ramps.
- **Broken Wheel:** If a racer breaks another racers wheel they must replace it on the spot or buy 1 for \$30 from the Lions.
- **Food:** We hope to have plenty of food available during the race.
- **Clean up:** Racers/Families are expected to help clean up after the race before leaving.
- **Local Champions:** Please note that whoever is declared Local Champion cannot race in that division again, nor can their car be re-used in any local race. The car and driver may continue to race in rallies until being declared a rally champ.
- **\$500 assistance** will be awarded to the 1st place driver to defray costs involved with traveling to Akron, Ohio for the All American Race.
- **Have a great and enjoyable race.**