

Welcome to the . . .

2009 Portland Adult Soapbox Derby!

It's DERBY TIME!! Attached are the rules for 2009, plus some sign up forms. These docs are also available at soapboxracer.com for your downloading pleasure. Please take the time to get familiar with them. QUESTIONS? Contact: pdxsoapboxracer@gmail.com.

Dates and Times

The Derby will be held on Saturday, August 22, on Mt. Tabor. There are spots for 39 cars. Sign ups will be on a first come, first serve basis. We will be holding sign ups on Sunday, March 29th beginning at 8:00 AM at Beulahland. Things to be aware of:

- You must pay the \$100 entry fee and turn in a completed application to sign up.
- Spots go very fast.
- After all the spots are filled, Beulahland will hold a waiting list.
- Every year we get most of the way down the waiting list, so don't despair

Race Day Basics

Timing. Each car will be assigned a number and allowed three (3) runs during the "Prelims". Each time you race you will receive a time. If you fail to make a race for whatever reason, you will receive a time of three minutes (3:00). Your three Prelim times will be averaged together to produce your Final Prelim Time. The eighteen (18) cars with the best Final Prelim Times will advance to the "Semis". The six (6) cars with the fastest Semis times will then advance to the "Finals." The fastest three (3) Finals cars will be invited to participate in the "Championship". The fastest of these cars will be declared the winner. (Of course EVERYBODY is a winner, and awards will also be given in the various "creative" categories.)

Start. The races will start promptly at 10:00. Cars must be on-site no later than 9:00 to get your number, check-in, go through safety check, etc. If you wish to run the track before the races, we will be allowing warm up runs between 8:30 and 9:30 on race day. We will not be providing towing during the warm up period, and we will be closing the track at 9:30 for a safety check.

Volunteers. Each team MUST provide one (1) volunteer. Volunteer forms are attached and are available at soapboxracer.com.

Safety. We have enjoyed THREE accident-free years. READ: no ambulances. This is good.

Alcohol Rules and General Karma. You may bring your own beer and wine! **BUT . . .**

- NO KEGS! Cans and bottles are fine.
- NO BOOZE! Parks does not permit hard liquor. Drink your vodka later on.
- Keep your beers in the "Beer Garden" – this year the "Beer Garden" means the 10 feet either side of the entire course.
- Do not lock or chain bikes to any of the reservoir fences.
- Pick up your trash and don't pee in the bushes - Remember that Mt. Tabor is a public park, and the future of the Derby relies on leaving a good impression with the neighborhood, the city, and other park users.

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Rules, Rules, Rules

Car Rules

- The car must have a minimum of three wheels in contact with the track.
- The car must be powered solely by gravity (no kinetics, no wind - no propulsion).
- The car must have functional brakes (no Fred Flintstone brakes).
- You may not spend more than \$300 on your car.
- The car may not be wider than 5 feet.
- The car may not be longer than 12 feet.
- The car may not weigh more than 500 lbs.
- The car must have a large eyebolt positioned to allow it to be towed back up the hill – make it sturdy. Cars get strung together on the trip up the hill, so be prepared to have another car tied to the back of yours.
- The car must have your car number on the front and side of the car, large and easy to read.
- The car must have a horn.
- Luge boards, skateboards, or similar vehicles do not qualify as a car.
- YOUR CAR WILL BE INSPECTED AND HELD TO A “WORKMANLIKE” STANDARD. UNSAFE CARS OR CARS IN VIOLATION OF THESE RULES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO RACE.

Safety Rules

- Each person in the car must have a helmet that is secured to his or her head by a strap or other reasonable means – full-face helmets are recommended.
- All drivers, racers and team members must sign a liability waiver on race day.
- IF YOU DON'T HAVE A HELMET OR YOU FAIL TO SIGN THE WAIVER YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO RACE.

Race Rules

- All Drivers must be in their car at the starting line.
- All cars get a ten-yard push start. Each team must provide their own designated pusher. Pushers who step over the ten yard foul line will disqualify their car for that run.
- No more than three people are allowed in a car while racing. The designated pusher may not be a racer, driver, or otherwise jump onto the car.
- No contact with other cars is allowed in the ten yard push zone, or within line of sight of the finish line – ANY CAR MAKING CONTACT IN THESE ZONES WILL BE PENALIZED OR DISQUALIFIED FROM THE EVENT AT THE SOLE DISCRETION OF THE ORGANIZERS.
- Score will be kept by averaging race times. If you fail to make a race or are disqualified from a race your time will be entered as three minutes (3:00).
- No pyrotechnics, fire, or fireworks are allowed in the park or as part of any car.
- Liquid water is the only acceptable weapon or projectile that may be deployed from or against any car (water balloons are acceptable).
- EACH TEAM MUST DESIGNATE A DRIVER OR DRIVERS WHO WILL REMAIN SOBER UNTIL YOUR CAR IS NO LONGER RACING.
- All participants must be 21 years of age or older.
- All participants must help keep the park clean – this means policing for trash.
- To sign up you must pay your racer entry fee. This year's fee is \$100 per car.

Application – 2009 Portland Adult Soapbox Derby

(Applications must be returned to the Organizers prior to racing)

Team/Car Name

Team Contact Person

Name:
Phone:
E-mail:

Team Members

Member Name:
Member Name:
Member Name:
Member Name:
Member Name:

Preference: “Our car is on the side of (check one) . . .”

Art: _____ Science: _____

Team Slogan

Years Racing Soapbox (and Locations)

Brief Bio or Other Story

Volunteer Form

(Each team must provide one (1) volunteer)

Team/Car Name

Volunteer

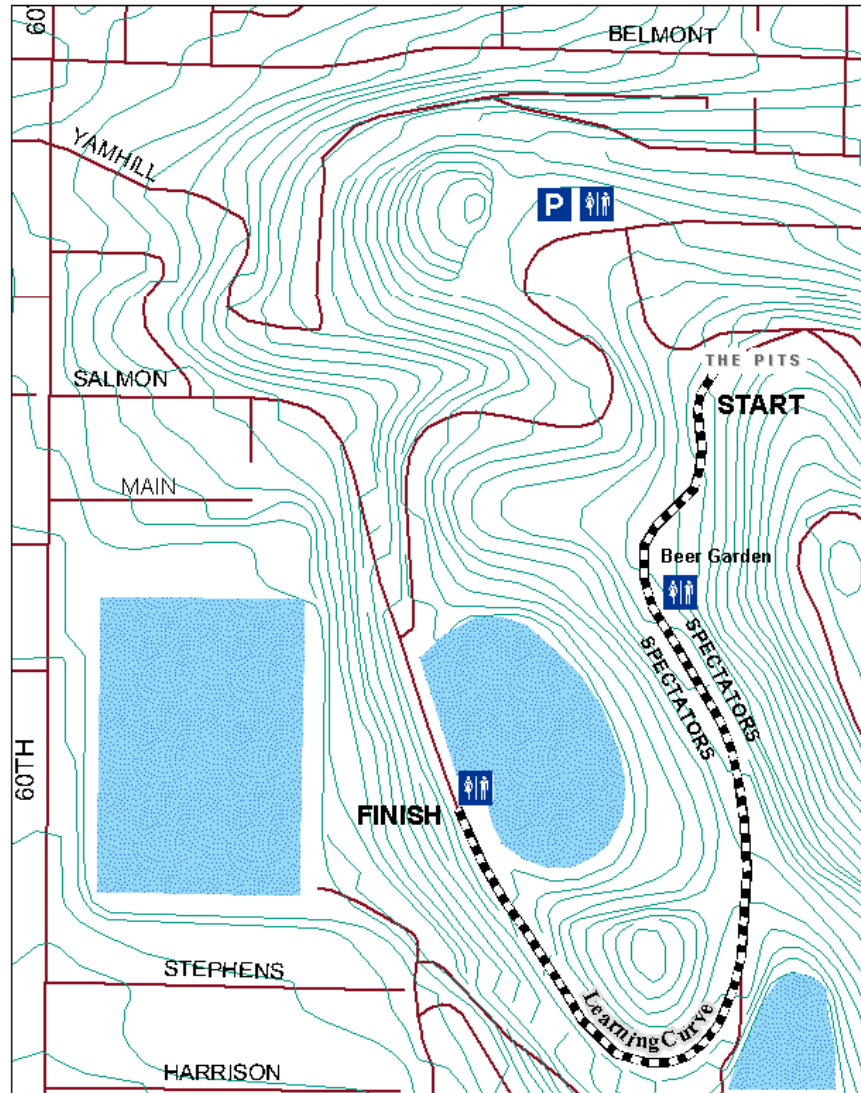
Name:
Phone:
E-mail:

Volunteer Preferences (select a few fun boxes)

Hay Bale Set Up	<input type="checkbox"/>
Early Morning Set Up	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pit Assistants	<input type="checkbox"/>
Course Assistants	<input type="checkbox"/>
Race Timing Assistants	<input type="checkbox"/>
Towing Assistants	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trash Nazis	<input type="checkbox"/>
Recycling	<input type="checkbox"/>
Breakdown Army	<input type="checkbox"/>
Broom Brigade	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hay Bale Breakdown	<input type="checkbox"/>
Handyman Tool Maven	<input type="checkbox"/>

I really, really want to . . . (no guarantees but go ahead and tell us)

Course Map



- Help us keep all spectators OFF THE TRACK!!
- DO NOT park along roadways!!
- The outside of the Learning Curve is CLOSED to all spectators!!
- BEER must remain in the Beer Gardens!!
- Please pick up and pack out your TRASH!!