



# RULES & REGULATIONS

---

On the Sunday before August Bank Holiday Monday, many teams including schools, colleges, local businesses and daring individuals will battle it out to be named champion of **Newmarket Soap Box Derby**.

You will expect to see jumps, near misses and possibly some spectacular crashes all in name of many charities in Newmarket. All profits raised will be used to support the local community.

Early-bird applications are now being accepted and entry packs can be downloaded from our website, [NewmarketSoapboxDerby.org.uk](http://NewmarketSoapboxDerby.org.uk), or requested from: [soapbox@newmarket.gov.uk](mailto:soapbox@newmarket.gov.uk).

## CATEGORIES:

There will be four categories of soapbox:

1. **Corporate / Private** - Open to all over 16 years old.
2. **Military / Emergency Services** - Open to all Military, Emergency Services and the USAF.
3. **Students** - Open to all in full-time education, aged between 16 and 18, plus their Tutors.
4. **Racing Industry** - Open to all who work in the Racing Industry and are over 16 years old.

For all the above categories:

- ALL entrants aged between 16 and 18 will need parents' consent.
- A Trophy for the winning team in each of the four categories will be presented.
- All categories will be scored on Team Performance, Soapbox Design and Race Time.
- There will be a separate Trophy and Cash Prize for the fastest overall Soapbox.

## ENTRY FORMS

### Cost

Early-bird entry fee is £50 (Non-Refundable) including postage & packaging per soapbox with a recommendation that each team raises at least £100 in sponsorship (see forms). We are trying to raise as much money for the community as possible, therefore there will be a special prize for the team who raises the most money.

Please be sure to send all entry packs with payment to us before then to take advantage of the early-bird entry fee.

### Entry Packs

The Entry Pack of Application Form, Rules & Regulations and a Sponsorship Form, can be downloaded from our website, [NewmarketSoapboxDerby.org.uk](http://NewmarketSoapboxDerby.org.uk), or requested by post to The Newmarket Town Council with a cheque made out to Newmarket Town Council for £50 per entry.

### Completed Forms

When you have completed your Entry Form, please return by email to [soapbox@newmarket.gov.uk](mailto:soapbox@newmarket.gov.uk) or by post to:

Newmarket Town Council  
The King Edward VII Memorial Hall  
High Street, Newmarket  
Suffolk. CB8 8JP

**Closing date for entries is published on our website: [NewmarketSoapboxDerby.org.uk](http://NewmarketSoapboxDerby.org.uk)**

# RULES

## Soapbox Specification

1. Should not exceed 100kg in weight (not including driver).
2. Should not exceed 1.5m in width.
3. Chassis clearance should not be higher than 30cm from the ground.
4. Wheelbase from front axle to back axle should not exceed 2.5m.
5. Wheel's diameter should not exceed 67cm.
6. Should not have any mechanical parts to increase its speed (no catapults, pedals, jet or any other engines).
7. Must have a rigid steering system (no ropes).
8. Must have a rear wheel(s) braking system as a minimum.
9. Must have a minimum of three wheels.
10. Must not have any design elements to endanger themselves or the public (i.e. no sharp metal objects, mirrors or glass).
11. The soapbox must have a solid floor.
12. No part of the soapbox must extend beyond the width of the soapbox (no dangerous projections).
13. A soapbox derived from an existing chassis is permitted provided that it complies with the rules.
14. A soapbox not complying with the above specifications may be allowed to run if it complies with the safety regulations, but it will not be eligible for any of the prizes.

## Soapbox Race

1. Scrutineering will take place approximately one month before the race. Full details will be given closer to the time.
2. The Soapbox runs will start at Warren Hill, Moulton Road at 2:00pm.
3. Timing will be electronic (penalties: 5 seconds for each jump missed).
4. Teams must assemble in the pits at Moulton Road 12:30pm. This will be followed by the Drivers' Briefing at 1:00pm.
5. Entry fee will be £50 with recommendation to raise at least £100 for a variety of Newmarket charities.
6. The race is open to all homemade soapboxes, all of which will race against the clock, one at a time. A start ramp will be in use. Once the soapbox has been removed from the circuit the next soapbox competitor will start.
7. The fastest overall soapbox in the timed runs will win an additional £200 cash prize and trophy.
8. All racers will be scored on overall spectacle and performance in their category.
9. The soapbox and all remains must be removed immediately after the soapbox run.
10. Your fastest time will be your result.

By taking part in the **Newmarket Soap Box Derby** you will be required to comply with, and be bound by the rules and regulations of the event at all times (rules are available to download from the website), and in particular:

- Ensure that your soapbox is in good working order before attending the event (even if it isn't by the finish!).
- You will accept that by taking part in the event you will understand that soapbox racing can contain certain inherent risks. You will participate entirely at your own risk and accept that the event organisers are not liable for any loss, damage, claim, expense, injury or accidents which may arise as a consequence of negligence. You will remain responsible for your own property and actions.

We recommend that participants have appropriate sports insurance cover in place. If you do happen to hurt yourself personal sports cover will help cover medical costs and associated costs.