

# RULES



Each team member will be required to sign a disclaimer before racing.

Event organisers shall be allowed to impose any further restrictions and to permit deviations from any of these specifications. Any deviations from this specification are left to the discretion of the event organisers.

No expressed or implied warranty of safety shall result from any such deviation from this specification.

## General Conditions:

1. Up to six (6) persons are allowed per team, with one driving the soapbox at any one time. One passenger is allowed per soapbox, but they must be part of the team and dressed accordingly.
2. Team members can be of any age, however the driver must be 16 years old or above. Any participant aged under 18 must have the above disclaimer countersigned by a parent or guardian.
3. Only one of the maximum six team members are permitted to be a driver on the race day. The purpose of the practice run is to enable the driver to get the feel of the course and their soapbox. The run will not count in the timed competition.
4. For the safety of drivers and spectators, converted ride-on mowers and "quad" type vehicles will not be allowed to compete.
5. Registration will commence at 10.00 am on Race Day.
6. The Organiser's reserve the right to refuse entry to any team without explanation. Their decision will be final.
7. Soapboxes will be checked for safety at the top of the hill after registration. Please make sure your soapbox complies with our rules and regulations as it would be disappointing to get this far and be told you can't race.
8. We encourage fancy dress, and well decorated soapboxes. Make yourself noticed! However, please do not use 'bare frames' as these will be considered dangerous.

## SoapBox Regulations:

1. Your soapbox can have a maximum width of 1500mm to its extreme edges.
2. Maximum length is 2400mm.
3. We need to try and make sure you don't go face first into the hay bales or the kerbs, neck height of the driver must be a minimum of 600mm from the ground when seated.
4. There must be no sharp edges inside or outside your vehicle, or anything that could cause damage to spectators or marshals in the case of a crash. This means NO GLASS or PERSPEX that can shatter.
5. Drivers must remain seated at all times.

6. There must be 3 or 4 load bearing wheels fitted with two brakes on the same axle. This is important. Your vehicle must be able to hold itself stationary on the start line incline.
7. The driver's seat must be secured to the chassis of the soapbox.
8. Soapboxes must be designed to carry a driver in a feet-first direction. One passenger can be carried, also in a feet first position.
9. Any instrument within the soapbox must be designed with safety in mind. You don't want to impale yourself if you crash.
10. Your soapbox must have a firmly attached towing eye fitted to the front. This is to allow it to be pulled back to the top of the hill when your run is over.
11. Please consider fitting a REAR tow eye. This will aid towing multiple vehicles at time.
12. The soapbox must be family friendly in design. If it is deemed inappropriate, you will not be allowed to race.

## Build Quality Control:

1. "Feet on the front axle" steering is not allowed.
2. "Lean" steering (e.g. skateboard) is not allowed.
3. Skid steering is not allowed.
4. Steering must not have excessive play when controlling the axle.
5. The driver must be able to enter and exit the soapbox without the need to remove bodywork.
6. Soapboxes are designed to run on gravity only. No motors or pedal power allowed.
7. No flywheel or kinetic energy recovery (KERS) systems are allowed to be used.
8. Consider a seatbelt.

## Safety Regulations:

1. The purpose of the event is to have fun, but the safety of the team, supporters and spectators is paramount throughout the day.
2. Accordingly, the Organiser's reserve the right to amend these rules or go above and beyond their guidance.
3. All members of the team will be required to sign a disclaimer as part of the entry form, and these will be checked to ensure all team members present on the race day have signed.
4. All drivers must walk the course.
5. Teams are responsible for the ongoing risk assessments on their soapbox during the event and are obliged to report any change they make to their soapbox before racing.
6. The use of Pyrotechnics are allowed however they must not 'fire' from the car. Smoke or small silver jets (gerbs) are allowed but must be attached to the vehicle somewhere that will withstand the heat of the Pyro. All pyrotechnics must be inspected by the race organiser before they are used.

## **Team clothing:**

1. The driver's (and passenger) body and limbs must be fully covered by suitable clothing such as; heavy duty overalls, a karting suit, motorcycle leathers or similar. Sturdy footwear and abrasion resistant gloves must be worn.
2. Fancy dress is encouraged, just make sure you have the correct clothes on underneath.
3. A properly fitted neck support is advised at all times.
4. The driver must wear a EU certified safety helmet at all times when competing. This can be a cycle helmet, a motorbike helmet or a motocross helmet, but not a metal colander.

## **Terms and Conditions:**

Team bookings can be cancelled up until 12 weeks before the event takes place.

Between 16 weeks and 12 weeks, a 50% refund will be returned to you, minus £30 booking and setup fee.

Earlier than 16 weeks, 100% of your booking will be refunded minus £30 booking and setup fee.

You may also transfer your team booking to another person if you wish. Please get in touch to arrange this.

Note: The Organisers reserve the right to cancel or postpone the event at any given point for any reason implied by them or an external force.

In which case a full refund will be given to you or an alternative date for the event organised.

## **Disclaimer:**

No expressed or implied warranty of safety shall result from publication of or compliance with these rules and regulations. This is not a guarantee against injury or death to any participant, spectator or official.

The organiser's reserve the right to refuse entry. Their decision will be final.