

Waitakere City Rotary Soapbox Derby 2011 Safety Brief

WELCOME

Roll Call

- As the scrutineers check the cars a roll call will be taken
- Team Managers must ensure any driver who was unable to attend the Safety Briefing fully understands the rules.
- A copy of this Safety Brief is on our website www.soapboxderby.co.nz

PARKING AND TOILETS

Parking

- No parking at Placemakers or Library
- No parking at Salvation Army
(They have now leased their paddock to horses and need their car park for their congregation)
- Parking available:
 - Gold Coin donation for monitored parking:
 - Total Span Car park - 567 Don Buck Road
(old Stevensons/Bunning carpark)
 - Free:
 - Cabernet Close
 - Bottom end of track – well clear of kids who can't brake!

Restricted Area

- The Leisure Centre grass area and car park is out of bounds
- If you have to cross open driveways – watch out for cars

Toilets

- Portaloos will be available on site
- Please do **NOT** use the Library or Leisure Centre toilets

SAFETY BRIEF:

Car WOF

- If you have failed your safety check and the scrutineers have asked for a recheck please ring Lyn on 021 251 5490 to arrange a time for you to take the car to Swanson Road for a re-check
- If a recheck is required then this **MUST** be done **prior** to Race Day or the car **will not be able to race**

Race Day Check

- All cars will be rechecked again on Race Day prior to racing.
- These checks will start at 8am – preferably in race draw order
- If the car fails this check teams will be given a maximum time of 30 minutes to carry out repairs

Parts and Repairs:

- Spares still available and last minute body repairs

Car Check

- All cars will be checked
- Explain check sheet

Weights

- You should know which weights apply to which driver
- 2 sets of scales
 - One in pit crew area for checking and adjusting weights
 - One at start to confirm weights
- Not more than 3 minutes at start to alter weights so please get these accurate on the pit crew scales
- Max 104kg

School Pit Area

- All cars to be rechecked – including brakes and brake pad bolts - in pit area
- All repairs to be carried out in pit area
- Teams must be able to do own repairs but help will be available if required

- Final check of brakes and steering- brake pads should always have the bolt heads inside the rubber
- When the bolts start rubbing on the road brakes will be ineffective

- If you car hits a kerb or other obstacle - advise your team so steering gear can be checked thoroughly. The Marshalls will also put a sticker on the car so that both the team and scrutineers are aware there has been a problem
- Check that the axles are not bent

Clothing:

- Drivers are to wear long sleeved shirts and long trousers (to prevent grazes in an accident). Overly long baggy trousers can get tangled in gear so make them well fitting
- Drivers must wear tight fitting sandshoes or sneakers. “Big” sneakers can get tangled in gear
- AASBD helmets must be worn
- No caps are to be worn under the helmets
- Long hair must be tied back

Races

- RACE EVERY 2 MINUTES
- Only experienced drivers who have been at practices may take part

- Race times are a guide only. Times may vary due to delays.

- Drivers must be ready for their race –see draw- but be ready 15 minutes early listen up for cars you know are ahead of you – don't go wandering off – have your helmet on and adjusted –do not wear a cap under your helmet
- Sometimes if a team is not ready or a car is damaged your start time may be brought forward so be ready

Race Draw

- We endeavor to run ALL cars in Race Draw order to prevent data entry errors.
- Alterations to the race draw due to delays or accidents are therefore at the Race Director's discretion

Start Area

- The start area will be a **restricted area** with barriers.
- 2 crew plus the driver will be allowed access to this area
- Line up on ramps
- Crew keep well clear of starting levers
- Once you and the car have been weighed – stay in the car
- Any driver found with extra weights in their pockets after weighing will be disqualified
- As soon as car goes – crew members go back to pits
- Keep way clear for library cars, YMCA cars etc

During race:

- Slow down and stop if red flag waved in front of you or red light is flashing –race will be run again
- If there is a false start –brake immediately –we may be able to push you back to start if you are not too far down the track
- Don't scrape along barriers and avoid cones and hay bales
- Do not cut off the other driver –keep to your side of the track
- Any driver hitting another car is disqualified
- When you go past the finish line (banner above) count one second and then hit the brakes. A sign will be held up for you to brake now!
- There are hay bales in place to be used only in an emergency .If you hit the bales you are likely to damage the car.
- Slow right down and follow instructions of crew at the traffic island cruise to a stop at loading area

- Stop just before the truck and get out ready to help load car
- Make your way back up the course on foot unless instructed otherwise.
- Listen to the announcer for extra instructions

Emergencies:

- Radio Telephones are at the start and the end of the course
- In an emergency go to either of these positions so announcements can be made over loud speakers
- An Ambulance will be on duty just below the finish line. Try not to hit it.

Behaviour:

- STAY OFF THE TRACK
- DO NOT dangle legs over the barricades
- DO NOT allow anyone else to dangle their legs over barriers – including small children. If you see anyone doing this – stop them!
- Do not make a nuisance of yourselves in the library or the gym between races
- Do not wander away before your race
- Do not hassle race coordinators for results – will post up as soon as known
- Keep off track during lunch break - displays in action.
- Queue up for amusement rides – make sure you are back in time for your race.
- Pay attention to results at end of first session
- 10 finalists at that stage are through to our local finals in the afternoon where each driver will compete in a further pair of races. The top 6 of these drivers will qualify to race in the NZ finals

Cancellation:

- Cancellation will be done by email and Newstalk ZB Cancellation Service
- Rain date 2nd April at Glenfield

Finals:

- 4 to 6 drivers will qualify to race at the National finals to be held on Sunday April 10th at Whangaparaoa
- If unable to attend next fastest overall will take a drivers place