

Waitakere City Rotary Soapbox Derby 2010 Safety Brief

WELCOME

Parts and Repairs:

- Spares still available and last minute body repairs

Safety Brief:

Parking

- No parking at Placemakers or Library
- Parking available:
 - Gold Coin donation for monitored parking:
 - Salvation Army car park (Sallys)
 - Free:
 - Cabernet Close
 - Bottom end of track – well clear of kids who can't brake

Car Check

- All cars will be checked
- Explain check sheet

Weights

- You should know which weights apply to which driver
- 2 sets of scales
- Not more than 3 minutes to check weights
- 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 your car hits a kerb or other obstacle advise your team so steering gear can be checked thoroughly
- Check that the axles are not bent

Clothing:

- Drivers are advised to wear long sleeved shirts, long trousers and sneakers or sandshoes.
- DO NOT wear “big” sneakers they will get tangled in gear
- AASBD helmets are essential

- Long hair should 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
- Sometimes if a team is not ready or a car is damaged your start time may be brought forward so be ready
- Line up on ramps
- 2 crew at a time plus driver on ramp – everyone else back in pit area
- 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 4 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 27th March at Whangaparaoa

Finals:

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